

Youth Naturalist Program Application

Summer 2026

Application deadline: May 1, 2026



Name: _____

Current Grade Level (circle one) 6 7 8
(current 2025-2026 school year)

Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone(s) _____

E-mail _____

Registration fee: \$175 (Please include a check with this application)

Optional T-shirts: \$20

Circle your size (adult sizes): S M L XL Other

Total amount enclosed (Registration + T-shirt): \$ _____

(Checks payable to: Prairie Plains Resource Institute)

Financial assistance is available - See backside of this form for more information

Medical considerations - allergies, asthma, medications, etc.:

Attention Students: You must complete the “Statement of Interest” below telling us why you are interested in being a part of the Youth Naturalist Program. We will accept up to 20 students. In most cases we have been able to accept all students who apply, however if there are more applicants than we have space for in the program, we will review the “Statement of Interest” and select students based on their expressed interest in participating in the program.

Statement of Interest:

Please tell us why you are interested in being a part of the Youth Naturalist Program. **(Please limit your response to one paragraph only.** You may attach this statement on a separate sheet of paper. Responses can be typed or neatly hand-written.)

For Parents/Guardians:

I hereby give my child permission to participate in the Youth Naturalist Program and release the program, its supporters, sponsors, volunteers and staff from liability for any injury sustained by my child while a participant in this program. I also give the Youth Naturalist Program staff permission to seek emergency medical treatment for any injury that might be sustained by my child while in the Youth Naturalist Program.

Signature of parent or guardian:

X _____

If necessary, may we give your child Advil or Tylenol? **Yes** **No**
(Circle one)

Also please note: Prairie Plains may wish to use photos of Youth Naturalist Program students in its publications, social media pages and for its website. Your child will **not** be identified on social media or the website.

Please SIGN HERE to indicate your permission to publish or post any photo from the Youth Naturalist Program that might include your child:

X _____
signature of parent or guardian

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All student applications should be mailed to the following address:

Deadline for receiving applications: May 1, 2026

Prairie Plains Resource Institute c/o Sarah Bailey
1307 L St.
Aurora, NE 68818

Please email or call with any questions you may have about the program or applying

Youth Naturalist Program Coordinator - Sarah Bailey

Email: sarah@prairieplains.org

Phone: (402) 694-5535

Financial Assistance: Student Scholarships Available

Financial assistance is available to students that qualify. Scholarships can help cover the registration fee of the program and are based on expressed financial need. If you feel you may qualify for financial assistance, please contact the Youth Naturalist Program coordinator, Sarah Bailey, and request a scholarship application (see email and phone number above). Note that scholarship forms are kept completely confidential and are for Prairie Plains Resource Institute office use ONLY. If you believe you qualify and plan to apply for a scholarship, you do not need to send a check with this application (please make note of this on the application). Prairie Plains will review scholarship forms and notify students and their families about scholarship awards. Please do not hesitate to contact the Youth Naturalist Program coordinator with any further questions about applying for a scholarship.

