

# TSS: Teen Sustainability Summit

## Student Application Form

### June 26 – 30, 2023

### Application Deadline is May 5, 2023



Students applying for the TSS program need to be going into 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2023. Space is limited to 10 students. This form must be completed and returned with appropriate documentation prior to the start of program. No students will be allowed to participate in activities without the requested forms on file. Once your application is received, you have completed a brief interview, and you are accepted into the camp, you will receive additional paperwork.

#### Student Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level Fall 2023 \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/ Day/ Year

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School District Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_

Is your school a Title One school (Do they offer free and/or reduced lunch)?  Yes  No

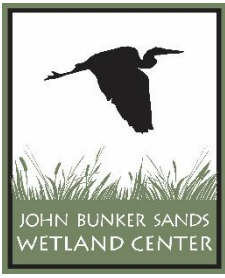
Why are you interested in attending the TSS program? (If you need more room to write, write see attachment and send your responses separately)

What are your plans after graduation?

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Print Name

Gives permission for son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the JBS Wetland Center  
Print Name

Teen Sustainability Summit. TSS will be held at the John Bunker Sands Wetland Center. I also give permission for my child to attend all field trips that will take place throughout the week.



John Bunker Sands Wetland Center  
TSS: Teen Sustainability Summit  
**Letter of Consent for Minors**



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**Dear JBS Wetland Center TSS 2023 Participant:**

We are Carol Garrison and Nicole Ujita, Education Coordinators at the Wetland Center, and we are excited to be offering the TSS camp to high school students this summer. The goals of this camp are:

1. For the students to become aware of how sustainability can fit into their own lives as they work on a personal sustainability plan based on what they learn at different sustainable venues and through discussion and dialogue.
2. To expose students to the natural resources in Texas, fostering an attitude of stewardship toward these resources, their importance to the environment and the need for conservation.
3. To foster an appreciation for the conservation of natural resources and possible careers in the natural resource sector through firsthand, carefully selected Teen learning experiences.

You will have an immersive experience during your week at the Wetland Center. Staying at the Center for the entire week, you will take day trips to various sustainable venues located in Texas, the furthest being 2 hours away. Through these trips, you will become familiar with natural resources, societal impact on those resources and how they can support sustainable practices in your own life and take the information you learn and apply it to a project you will be working on during the week. You will be involved in discussion and dialogue with your peers regarding topics related to sustainability. At the end of the week, we will invite your parents to the Center to join us for lunch and observe a discussion based on all that you have been learned throughout the week.

The TSS: Teen Sustainability Summit summer program is an academic program, and you are expected to participate in all educational endeavors, including the discussion on Friday.

You will be spending the night at the Wetland Center, Monday – Thursday. While at the Center, all meals will be provided, starting with lunch on Monday through lunch on Friday, as well as snacks during the day. You will be asked to help with food preparation, loading and unloading the van before and after field trips, putting away supplies and thank you notes to be sent to all presenters. *Those who choose not to participate in the activities taking place throughout the week will be asked to call their parents to come and pick them up.*

It is going to be an exciting week, traveling to new locations in Texas, learning cool new things and having some fun as well – fishing, astronomy, night hikes, campfires and so much more! If you have any questions, please email us at [cgarrison@wetlandcenter.com](mailto:cgarrison@wetlandcenter.com)/[nujita@wetlandcenter.com](mailto:nujita@wetlandcenter.com) or give us a call at 972-474-9100..

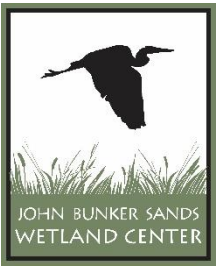
**JBS TSS Teen Sustainability Summit Student Letter of Agreement– Return with Application**

I \_\_\_\_\_ (name of student) agree to follow the outlined expectations mentioned above. I understand that if I don't follow program guidelines, I will be asked to leave the program. I understand that pictures/videos or statements associated with this project may be taken and I give my release for use of such images or statements for this project.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Minor's Name (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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**Parent/Guardian Letter of Consent for Minors**



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**Dear JBS Wetland Center TSS 2023 Parent/Guardian of Minors:**

We are Carol Garrison and Nicole Ujita, Education Coordinators at the Wetland Center, and we are excited to be offering the TSS camp to high school students this summer. The goals of this camp are:

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2. To expose students to the natural resources in Texas, fostering an attitude of stewardship toward these resources, their importance to the environment and the need for conservation.
3. To foster an appreciation for the conservation of natural resources and possible careers in the natural resource sector through firsthand, carefully selected environmental learning experiences.

The students will have an immersive experience during their week of camp. Staying at the Center for the entire week, students will take day trips to various natural resource venues located in Texas, the furthest being 2 hours away. Through these trips, the students will become familiar with natural resources, societal impact on those resources and how they can support sustainable practices in their own life. Taking the information learned throughout the week, students will apply it to a project they will be working on during the week. At the end of the week, we invite all the parents to the Center as the students present the project they have been studying and for lunch afterwards.

Students attending the TSS summer program should know this is an academic program and they are expected to participate in all educational endeavors, including project presentations on Friday.

Students will be spending the night at the Wetland Center, Monday – Thursday. While at the Center, all meals will be provided for them, starting with lunch on Monday through lunch on Friday, as well as snacks during the day. Students will be expected to help with food preparation, loading and unloading the van before and after field trips, putting away supplies and thank you notes to be sent to all presenters. *Students who choose to not participate in the activities taking place throughout the week, will be asked to call their parents, and be picked up at the Center.*

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**JBS TSS: Teen Sustainability Summit, 2023 Parental Consent for Minors – Return with Application**

I give consent for my child \_\_\_\_\_ (name of child) to participate in the above program. I understand that if expectations are not met on the part of my child, I will be responsible for coming and picking up my child. I understand pictures/videos or statements associated with this program may be taken and I give my release for use of such images or statements for this project.

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Parent of Minor Name (Print)	Signature	Date
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Minor’s Name (Print)	Signature	Date