February 27, 2017

Dear Prospective Junior Volunteer,

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at the Florida Museum of Natural History this summer. The Junior Volunteer program offers a variety of service opportunities for 12 to 17 year-olds, all of which are designed to be educational and fun while enhancing the experiences of our visitors and/or supporting research.

Qualifications for the program include interest in or experience with science, history, nature, service, and/or working with children. New applicants are required to interview. Consideration is given to the maturity of the participant and his/her ability to confidently interact with the public and staff. Multiple behavior issues may result in immediate dismissal from the program, so applicants must be prepared to follow directions and cooperate at all times.

The program is very popular. Unfortunately, all applicants cannot be accepted. To be considered for acceptance into the program, please submit the entire application, which must be postmarked or hand-delivered by Friday, March 24, 2017 before 5 p.m. Everyone, even former and current volunteers, must submit the 2017 application to be considered for the summer program.

Please note that there is a program fee for all participants accepted into the Junior Volunteer program. The program fee is $25 for Museum members and $30 for non-members. The program fee is only for individuals that have been accepted into the program and therefore does NOT need to accompany your completed application. If accepted, methods of payment will be noted in your acceptance letter and will need to be paid before the June 4 orientation. Scholarships are available.

Important Dates:
- March 24 - Deadline for submission of all applications
- April 8 - Interviews for all new applicants
- May 1-5 - Acceptance letters and placement/schedules mailed
- June 4 - Mandatory orientation for all junior volunteers
- June 12 - Program begins (individual start dates will vary)
- August 4 - Party/Awards, 5:30-7:30 pm

Email confirmation of receipt of your application and an interview appointment will be sent no later than March 31. Questions? Please contact me at ahester@flmnh.ufl.edu or 352-273-2055.

Sincerely,

Amy D. Hester
Volunteer Coordinator