



Youth Investigate Wildlife

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What is 'Youth Investigate Wildlife'?**
 - A project-based learning program utilizing citizen science projects to engage students in outdoor exploration centered around North Carolina wildlife.
2. **Who is the target audience?**
 - Title I public and charter schools and informal learning organizations (e.g., Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCA, grassroots science centers) in the following counties: Edgecombe, Franklin, Harnett, Hoke, Lee, Nash, Vance, and Wilson counties.
3. **What are my students learning?**
 - Students ask questions about local wildlife, gather data to answer those questions, and design products to share the information learned.
4. **How many students can participate?**
 - Ideal group size is 15-20 people, however, if your group is larger submit more than one application.
5. **How do I apply and what is the deadline?**
 - Download and submit your application via [email](#) by the deadline of **September 17, 2018** close of business. If you have trouble with the fillable PDF [email](#) for an alternative application format.
6. **What is the time commitment?**
 - Eight weeks in the Spring 2019 with two-hour sessions once per week. Depending on your group's objectives, you may wish to spend additional time in between Commission-led sessions on these projects and lessons. All project teaching will conclude by May 31, 2019.
7. **What is provided by the Commission?**
 - Educators receive support from wildlife educators including on-site visits and distance learning support, (i.e., interactive webinars).
 - Field equipment, (i.e., field guides, binoculars, insect nets, etc.)
 - Data collection sheets and background information on the citizen science projects.
 - Additional resources and references for projects.
 - Support on how to adopt the citizen science programs to meet N.C. Standard Course of Study and/or other program objectives (i.e., for nonformal educators).
8. **What does the applicant group need to provide?**
 - Minimum of two educators committed to the program, not chaperones, although they are welcome.
 - Technology used for data collection by the students (i.e., tablets, laptops, or computers).
 - Transportation to the outdoor sites, if not being held onsite.
 - Appropriate clothing (i.e. close-toed shoes) for any time outdoors.
9. **I submitted an application, what happens next?**
 - Selected applicants will be notified by September 27, 2018. Groups selected will meet with Commission staff to determine citizen science projects and create a calendar for Spring 2019.
10. **What if I have more questions?**
 - Submit additional questions to wrceducation@ncwildlife.org.