



Mrs. Kelly Hartman
8th Grade E.E. Program Coordinator
WekivaEE@gmail.com
352.514.4760



F.F.G.C. Wekiva Youth Camp 8th Grade Environmental Education Program Application Information 2019

Dear Wekiva Families,

Due to the overwhelming demand for our 8th Grade Environmental Education (E.E.) Program, the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs (F.F.G.C.) Wekiva Youth Camp Committee has agreed to an invitation process for the E.E. Program, beginning with participants in 2019.

The E.E. Program is a path to future leadership roles at F.F.G.C. Wekiva Youth Camp. The E.E. Program is structured on teambuilding, communication, leadership, canoeing, and environmental studies - with a focus on water resources. Campers are evaluated during their time in the E.E. Program in order to be considered for positions in the 9th Grade Leaders-in-Training (L.I.T.) Program the following summer. The campers are made aware of the evaluation process and criteria at the beginning of the week and evaluations are conducted at the end of the week by their Volunteers and Counselors. Invitations to the L.I.T. Program are based on these recommendations from the E.E. Program. It is from the L.I.T. Program that staff recommendations are provided to our Director for the following summer.

For safety on the river, equipment availability, and the integrity of the Program, the E.E. Program is limited to one week of sixteen 8th grade boys and two weeks, for thirty-two 8th grade girls.

This application, attached, was developed with an emphasis on returning campers. Applications will be reviewed by a rotating panel of three Volunteers and will take into consideration the applicant's responses and time at Wekiva. The purpose of the application process is to select those campers with the greatest focus and interest in the topics discussed. **One personal letter of recommendation (for example, a teacher, coach, pastor, Garden Club member, etc. – not a family member) may be submitted with your application.**

If you are selected for the 2019 E.E. Program, you will receive correspondence including a link to the online application **no later than March 31st** in order to register. Registration will proceed as in previous summers with the assistance of the Camp Registrar.

If you are not selected for the E.E. Program, please do not consider this the end of your time at Wekiva. Applications may be submitted for Staff positions during the junior year of high school. The F.F.G.C. also offers environmental studies through the Saving Earth's Environment through Knowledge (S.E.E.K.) Program, which takes place in June or July each summer and is available for 9th, 10th, and 11th graders.

Applications and your Letter of Recommendation, if you choose to submit one, will be due by no later than February 14, 2019. Should you have any questions regarding the application or the 8th Grade E.E. Program, please feel free to contact me at WekivaEE@gmail.com or 352-514-4760.

Sincerely,

Kelly Hartman
8th Grade E.E. Program Coordinator

2019 8th Grade E.E. Program Application
F.F.G.C. Wekiva Youth Camp

Responses may be handwritten in black or blue ink or typed. Please submit your OWN work.
Please scan and email completed form to WekivaEE@gmail.com or mail to 14444 86th Avenue, Seminole, FL 33776

Please **circle** week of interest: Boys Week 1 (6/16 - 6/22), Girls Week 1 (7/7 - 7/13), Girls Week 2 (7/14 - 7/20)

If you are able to attend either Girls Week, please circle both weeks

Camper's Full Name: _____ # of Years at Camp: _____

Camper's Email Address: _____ Parent Email: _____

(if applicable)

Camper's Phone Number: _____ Parent Phone: _____

(if applicable)

Please write responses in the below provided spaces or attach additional pages.

#1: Describe where your drinking water comes from. Bonus: Where does your wastewater go? Cite your sources.

#2: Please share why you would like to be considered for the E.E. Program.

#3: For fun, if you could be a character from a Camp Wekiva song, what character would it be and why?

*****If you are including a Letter of Recommendation, please submit it with your application*****