5th grader MENTEE Application for the Science Ambassadors Program
2019-2020 School Year

Deadline for application: 11:59 p.m., October 29, 2019

Return all application materials to:
Diana Gordon, Oregon National Primate Research Center
505 NW 185th Avenue, Beaverton, OR 97006
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Remember to ask your teacher to complete the 5th Grader Teacher Recommendation Form and include it with your application!

We are happy that your son/daughter is interested in the Science Ambassadors Program at ONPRC! The program is entering its 14th year of providing excellent after-school hands-on activities for both high school students and their 5th grader “mentees.” High School students meet weekly throughout the year to develop and test lessons and hands-on lab experiences for their mentees. Mentees meet from 4-6 p.m. on selected Wednesdays (with the exception of the first and last meetings, which are scheduled as indicated at the end of this application) at the Oregon National Primate Research Center. (See meeting schedule at the end of this application.)

Name: ___________________________ Preferred Nickname: __________________

Sex: Male Female Other

Address: ________________________________________________________________

City/State/Zip: ____________________________________________________________

Telephone: ______________________________________________________________

Parent e-mail address that will be checked regularly: __________________________

School: __________________________________________________________________

Teacher: __________________________________________________________________
How did you learn about *Science Ambassadors*?

☐ former/current Science Ambassador ☐ teacher

☐ friend ☐ website

☐ parent ☐ Other __________________________

To help us match you with an appropriate high school mentor, please thoughtfully answer the questions on the following pages.

1. Describe a memorable science experience you have had in the past (ie., at OMSI or the Zoo, on a family vacation, at camp, at school, etc.) What did you especially like about it?

2. What are your hobbies?

3. What is the most interesting or exciting thing you have learned in your science classes at school?

4. Which of the following would describe you? (Circle all that apply, and add two descriptive words of your own choosing.)

   Quiet           Shy           Patient

   Talkative       Outgoing      Hard Worker

   Artistic        Athletic      Energetic

________________________    ______________________
5. Describe your ideal mentor by filling in the blanks below (Your mentor is the high school student with whom you will be matched for the year)

My ideal mentor would be more...

___________________  ___________________  ___________________

My ideal mentor would be less...

___________________  ___________________  ___________________

6. Why do you want to participate in the Science Ambassadors program?

7. What special traits, qualities, or abilities do you possess that you think would make you a good Science Ambassador?

8. Describe your approach to trying something new, especially when it is difficult for you.

9. If something is not particularly interesting to you, how do you respond?

10. What other after-school activities will you participate in this year, and how will you prioritize these so that you are able to attend Science Ambassadors meetings?
Please discuss the following questions with your parents!!!

11. The first “mentee” meeting will be held Saturday, November 23:

10:00 a.m. Arrival, check-in, meet your mentor
10:10 Parents depart
10:10 – 12:00 noon Introductory Activities (social and science!)
12:00 – 12:45 Parents Return/Pizza Lunch (provided for students AND parents!)
12:45 – 2:45 p.m. Presentation/Tour of the Primate Center
3:00 p.m. Departure

*This is a mandatory meeting. If you cannot attend this meeting, please do not apply!* 

Please have your parent/guardian sign below to indicate that they will be able to arrange their schedules so that you can attend this meeting:

__________________________________________________________________________
Printed Parent/Guardian Name

__________________________________________________________________________
Parent/Guardian Signature

The final meeting of the 2019-2020 school year will be held on Wednesday, May 20. *This is a mandatory meeting*. Please initial below to indicate that your child will attend this meeting.

__________________________
Parent/Guardian Initials

12. During the month of **April 2020**, we will be studying the brain. One of the activities we have planned is the dissection of a sheep’s brain. Please have your parent/guardian sign below to indicate that you have their permission to participate in this activity.

My son/daughter has my permission to participate in the sheep brain dissection at the Oregon National Primate Research Center.

__________________________________________________________________________
Printed Name

__________________________________________________________________________
Signature

13. All participants will receive a tee-shirt. Please mark your tee-shirt size:

Child’s Sizes: S M L XL

- OR -

Adult Sizes: S M L XL

If you have any questions, or need further information about the *Science Ambassadors* Program, please contact Diana Gordon at (503) 346-5055 or gordondi@ohsu.edu.

*The Beaverton School District does not sponsor or endorse the Science Ambassadors Program at the Oregon National Primate Research Center.*
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Science Ambassadors Program
MENTEES Meeting Schedule, 2019-2020

Science Ambassador 5th graders (“mentees”) generally meet on the 3rd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, unless otherwise indicated on the schedule (below). Meetings are held from 4-6 p.m. in the Montagna Auditorium Building on the campus of the Oregon National Primate Research Center.

October 29  Mentee Applications AND Teacher Recommendation forms due by 11:59 p.m.

November 1  Applicants notified of their acceptance status (by email)

November 23  Mentee Meeting: Introduction Activities and Tour of the Center (10:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.*) DRESS WARMLY!!! We will be going outside!!!

Scientist Presentation: Kristine Coleman, PhD
“Caring for our Animals: The ONPRC Primate Behavior Unit”

(*Students only, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon; Parents join from 12:00 noon – 2:45 p.m.)

December 18  Mentee Meeting: Caring for our Animals: Enrichment for Monkeys Presentation by Behavioral Services Unit

December 25  NO MEETING: Winter Break

January 22  Mentee Meeting: Cells, Part 1

January 29  Mentee Meeting: Cells, Part 2

February 19  Mentee Meeting: Genetics, Part 1

February 26  Mentee Meeting: Genetics, Part 2

March 18  Mentee Meeting: Veterinary Studies, Part 1

March 25  NO MEETING: Spring Break

April 1  Mentee Meeting: Veterinary Studies, Part 2

April 22  Mentee Meeting: The Brain, Part 1

April 29  Mentee Meeting: The Brain, Part 2

May 20  Mentee Meeting: Final Ceremony and Year-End Celebration (6:30-8:30 p.m., families/teachers/etc. invited to presentation and ice cream social that follows)