



OREGON NATIONAL  
PRIMATE  
Research Center

**5<sup>th</sup> grader MENTEE Application for the Science Ambassadors Program  
2022-2023 School Year**

**Deadline for application: 11:59 p.m., November 2, 2022**

Return all application materials to:  
Diana Gordon, Oregon National Primate Research Center  
505 NW 185<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Beaverton, OR 97006  
[gordondi@ohsu.edu](mailto:gordondi@ohsu.edu)

**Remember to ask your teacher to complete the 5<sup>th</sup> Grader Teacher Recommendation Form  
and include it with your application!**

*We are happy that your child is interested in the Science Ambassadors Program at ONPRC! The program is entering its 17<sup>th</sup> year of providing excellent after-school hands-on activities for both high school students and their 5<sup>th</sup> grader “mentees.” High School students will meet weekly throughout the year to develop and test lessons and hands-on lab experiences for their mentees. Mentees will meet at the Oregon National Primate Research Center from 4-6:00 p.m. on selected Wednesdays (with the exception of the first and last meetings). (See meeting schedule at the end of this application.)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex:    Male                      Female                      Prefer Not to Say

Pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent e-mail address that will be checked regularly: \_\_\_\_\_

Mentee e-mail address (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you learn about *Science Ambassadors*?**

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|--|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> former/current Science Ambassador | <input type="checkbox"/> teacher     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> friend                            | <input type="checkbox"/> website     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> parent                            | <input type="checkbox"/> 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 (in this or previous years)?

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

Quiet

Funny

Patient

Talkative

Independent

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...

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a gender preference for your mentor? Yes No (circle one)

If yes, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

(We will do our best to honor this request, but cannot guarantee our ability to do so.)

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?

11. The first “mentee” meeting (with parents) will be held on Saturday, November 19:

10:00 a.m. – 12 noon **Mentees ONLY!**  
12:00 noon – 2:45 p.m. Parents join for lunch and activities

***This is a mandatory meeting. If you and your parents 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 2022-2023 school year is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. ***This is a mandatory meeting, which will include a graduation ceremony followed by an ice-cream social event. Please initial below to indicate that you and your child will attend this meeting.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Initials

12. During the month of **April 2023** we will be studying the brain. One of the activities we conduct in this unit is a sheep brain dissection/observation. These tissues were initially fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde in a phosphate buffer solution (PBS), and then transferred into a PBS containing sodium azide to prevent mold. This method of preservation presents a very minor risk: Gloves and goggles will be provided for each student. Please have your parent/guardian sign below to indicate that you have their permission to participate in this activity.

My child has my permission to participate in the sheep brain dissection/observation activity.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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](mailto:gordondi@ohsu.edu).

**The Beaverton School District does not sponsor or endorse the Science Ambassadors Program at the Oregon National Primate Research Center.**

**OREGON NATIONAL PRIMATE RESEARCH CENTER**  
**Science Ambassadors Program**  
**MENTEE Meeting Schedule (and other important dates)**  
**2022-2023**

Science Ambassador 5<sup>th</sup> graders (“mentees”) generally meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month, unless otherwise indicated on the schedule (below). Meetings during the 2022-2023 school year will be held in person at the Oregon National Primate Research Center from 4-6:00 p.m.

November 2	Mentee Applications <i>AND</i> Teacher Recommendation forms <b>due by 11:59 p.m.</b>
November 7/8	Applicants notified of their acceptance status (by email)
November 19	<b>Mentee Meeting:</b> Introduction Activities and Virtual Tour of the Center (10:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.) <b>MANDATORY for parents and mentees!</b> (10:00 a.m. – 12 noon <b>MENTEES ONLY</b> ; Parents join for lunch and activities 12:00 noon – 2:45 p.m.)
December 14	<b>Mentee Meeting:</b> <i>Caring for our Animals: Enrichment for Monkeys</i>
December 21	<b>NO MEETING: Winter Break</b>
January 18	<b>Mentee Meeting:</b> <i>Cells, Part 1</i>
January 25	<b>Mentee Meeting:</b> <i>Cells, Part 2</i>
February 15	<b>Mentee Meeting:</b> <i>Genetics, Part 1</i>
February 22	<b>Mentee Meeting:</b> <i>Genetics, Part 2</i>
March 15	<b>Mentee Meeting:</b> <i>Circulatory and Respiratory Systems, Part 1</i>
March 22	<b>NO MEETING: Spring Break</b>
March 29	<b>Mentee Meeting:</b> <i>Circulatory and Respiratory Systems, Part 2</i>
April 19	<b>Mentee Meeting:</b> <i>The Brain, Part 1</i>
April 26	<b>Mentee Meeting:</b> <i>The Brain, Part 2</i>
May 17	<b>Mentee Meeting:</b> Final Ceremony and Year-End Celebration (6:30-8:30 p.m., families/teachers/etc. invited to presentation and ice cream social that follows) <b>MANDATORY for parents and mentees!</b>