

WMHS Tadpoles Info Sheet



The West Monroe High School Tadpoles is a "junior biology club" dedicated to serving our area through hands-on volunteering and collections **related to SCIENCE!** Students are given the opportunity to experience gratifying service while getting to know others by participating in various activities throughout the school year. After a successful year in Tadpoles, **members will be eligible for the WMHS Biology Club.**

We are looking for **HARD WORKING, RESPONSIBLE, and DEDICATED** students with **GOOD CHARACTER** and a **HEART FOR SERVICE!**

Examples of activities:

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ARE SCIENCE RELATED (ENVIRONMENTAL, MEDICAL, HEALTH, ETC)

- Volunteering for local organizations, such as MedCamps
- Participating in raising funds and awareness for various organizations, such as St. Jude
- Collecting items to be donated to the local animal shelters and food banks
- Participating in community efforts to care for and protect the environment (Ouachita Green, Keep America Beautiful, Black Bayou, etc)

Requirements:

- Students must have earned a Biology credit or currently be enrolled in Biology
- Students must have a reputation among teachers and peers as having good character (no behavior referrals or excessive absences) and exhibit good character at any event while representing Tadpoles
- \$20 fee (includes club t-shirt) and attending mandatory meetings and special events
- Students must complete 10 hours of community service from at least 5 distinct "events"

How to Join Tadpoles:

1. Submit the **Membership Form** online at bit.ly/wmhstadpoles OR scan this code----->
2. Turn in the **Signatures Form & COVID form** attached to this packet.
3. Add yourself to the **Tadpole Google Classroom** for access to Forms, etc, with the code n3vv7p4.
4. Pay the **\$20 club fee** by the deadline posted outside room 3204. **PAY ONLINE** at opsb.net using the money icon! (2% online fee)



FAQs

Q: How many hours do I have to earn?

A: You must earn a total of 10 services hours from at least 5 different activities during the 2020-2021 school year (the cut off will be sometime in *early* May). It is recommended that you complete half by midterm.

Q: How do I know what opportunities are available?

A: Some opportunities will be posted on the Tadpole Google Classroom page. Otherwise, you will be responsible for finding your own service opportunities. Starting this year, **service must be science related**.

Q: How do I get to the activities?

A: All transportation is up to you.

Q: How do I check my hours/make sure you know that I completed them?

A: Make sure you have submitted the **online Service Form**. TAKE A PICTURE OF YOU SERVING to submit with the form!* Periodically, service hours will be posted outside Room 3204, but you can request this info by emailing a sponsor at any time (see below).

Q: How can my parents contact a sponsor?

A: Email dcavin@opsb.net, macytaylor@opsb.net, or tatumhatch@opsb.net

*If you do not have a cell phone or internet available to access the Service Form online, you must speak with a sponsor to get the necessary paperwork BEFORE the activity.

Enter Service Hours here 



or go to bit.ly/tadpoleservice

(Detach and Return this Form)

WMHS TADPOLES Signatures Form

Published Student Information Release

Student Name _____

I give permission for the above named student's full name, photograph, and works (art, written papers, voice, verbal statements, etc.) to appear on the club, school or school district's website. I understand that these pictures or works may or may not personally identify the student.

Parent/Legal Guardian (please print) _____

Signature _____

Date _____

OUACHITA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD EMPLOYEE REQUEST FORM TO CONTACT STUDENTS THROUGH THE USE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND/OR WIRELESS INTERNET

Adapted from Form B – Parent Permission

To the Parent:

You are being asked to approve a request by ___Denise Cavin, Macy Taylor, and Tatum Hatch_____ to contact your student through the use of telecommunication and/or wireless internet.* He/she and the approving supervisor have agreed that there is a legitimate need for this request. Your signature, indicating your approval, is **required** for this request to be finalized. Should you have any questions in regard to this matter, please feel free to contact the approving school supervisor.

Parent approval is granted: () YES () NO

(student name)

(student signature)

(parent/guardian name)

(parent/guardian signature)

Date: _____

If at any time, a parent wishes to rescind approval of this agreement, the parent must contact both the approving supervisor and employee in order to void this agreement. The request to do so will be documented by the Supervisor on the original Form B

authorization.

**COVID-19 RELEASE AND WAIVER FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
IMPORTANT LEGAL DOCUMENT: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

In consideration of the undersigned Student being allowed to participate in the Ouachita Parish School Board’s extracurricular programs, clubs, events, and/or activities, (“Extracurricular Activity” or “Extracurricular Activities”) the undersigned parent/guardian, on his/her own behalf, and that of the Student in his/her legal custody, or Student, if a major, acknowledges and agrees that:

The Student’s participation in any of the school district’s Extracurricular Activities is not mandated by the school, and the Student’s participation is purely voluntary. I understand that I may withdraw the Student from participation in any Extracurricular Activity at any time. The Student’s participation in an Extracurricular Activity may increase the likelihood that the Student, myself, or a members of my family could be exposed to the COVID-19 virus;

I, for myself, and on behalf of the Student, my heirs, assigns, personal representatives, and next of kin, **HEREBY KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS RELATED TO COVID-19 AND RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS THE OUACHITA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**, its officers, officials, agents and/or employees, insurers, competitors, other participants, competing schools/school districts, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of the premises used to conduct the event (“Released Parties”), **WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, ILLNESS, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property in any way related to COVID-19, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE;** and

I also agree to indemnify the Released Parties from any and all COVID-19 related claims, liabilities, judgments, attorney fees, and costs incurred as a result of or incident to Student’s involvement or participation in these Extracurricular Activities as provided above **EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE;** and

I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT, BEFORE SIGNING BELOW, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY AGREEING TO IT ON MY OWN BEHALF OR ON BEHALF OF THE STUDENT, AND I SIGN IT KNOWINGLY, FREELY, AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY PROMISE OR INDUCEMENT.

STUDENT NAME

STUDENT SIGNATURE

SCHOOL

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

Illustrative listing of Extracurricular Activities:

Football
Soccer
Golf
Basketball
Cross Country
Equestrian
Baseball
Swim
Bowling

Softball
Volleyball
Archery
Track/Field
Cheerleading/Dance/Pep Squad
E-Sports
Wrestling
Fishing
Volleyball

Band/Choir
Powerlifting
Clubs
Tennis
Gymnastics
Spirit
ROTC
Ag
Competition Team

