

Nature Day Camp

Teen Volunteer Positions

Crew Leader

Summer 2023



Inspire children to build a lifelong, meaningful relationship with the natural world as you help them to catch frogs at the pond, create a miniature homestead village in the woods or learn how to paddle on a river.

Volunteer Job Summary:

Join a team of creative, energetic professionals who work together to connect children with nature through educational, recreational, and cultural experiences. CNC is in search of Teen Volunteer Crew Leaders with a passion for making a difference in the lives of children by providing powerful, dynamic programs in the outdoors. Crew Leaders will assist with creating engaging lunchtime activities with a celebration on Friday. Crew Leaders also assist with creating dynamic flagpoles for campers and families. If needed, Crew Leaders will step into camps that need extra support with day campers from preschool to 9th grade, including children with special needs. Crew Leaders delegates tasks, and provides support and guidance to other Teen Volunteers who are volunteering that week, working directly with the week's Activity Crew Members. Campers attend programs from 9:30 am until 3:30 pm Monday through Friday.

Position Objective:

To bring dynamic and engaging programming to camper's free choice and flagpole time, while also offering support to day campers and other Teen Volunteers.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Supervise campers, ensuring their safety and well-being
- Help the Activity Crew team plan and teach daily experiences for lunchtime free-choice
- Follow and enforce all camp policies, rules and regulations
- Communicate regularly with the Leadership Team
- Help organize and direct parents and campers on the first day of camp
- Provide a Monday orientation for middle and high school volunteers (Teen Volunteers), organize and supervise Teen Volunteers during lunchtime activities, including recycling and games
- Participate in pre-camp and ongoing trainings
- Other duties as assigned by the Camp Director or Assistant Director

Required Qualifications

- Experience working with children in a formal setting (camp, after-school programs, scouts, sports, etc.)
- Experience and desire to work in an outdoor setting

Preferred Qualifications

- Natural science knowledge
- Experience teaching in an outdoor setting

Schedule

Two weeks of volunteering during the camp session. Camp sessions run June 7-August 11, with no camp July 3-7.

Monday 8:15 am-4:30 pm,
Tuesday-Friday 8:30 am-4 pm.

Camp runs from June 7 through August 11, and NDC Teen Volunteers are asked to commit to at least two weeks of volunteer work.

What Training Do NDC Teen Volunteers Receive?

Orientation Meeting for New NDC Teen Volunteers

Sat, April 29 • 9-11 am

This meeting will cover expectations and general information so new Teen Volunteers will have the background they need to effectively participate in Teen Volunteer training. It is also an important opportunity to get to meet the leadership team at Nature Day Camp.

NDC Teen Volunteer Training

Sat, May 20 • 9 am-12:30 pm

This mandatory training prepares our Teen Volunteers for a great summer. We will get to know each other, learn important safety information, practice the games we'll play with campers, become familiar with the day camp setting and receive the Teen Volunteer Manual.

Who can be a Teen Volunteer?

Teen Volunteers must be between the ages of 13 and 17, be comfortable in the outdoors, enjoy working with children, and demonstrate responsibility, self-control, and a positive attitude. We have a limited number of spaces for volunteers, so it is important to fill out your application completely and in a timely manner. Preference will be given to individuals who have been a volunteer during previous summers, as well as those who have participated in the Leaders-in-Training program.

How do I apply?

Complete a Teen Volunteer application electronically at www.chippewanaturecenter.org/nature-day-camp. If you are new to being a Teen Volunteer, ask three references to complete the online reference forms. ***Applications are due by Monday, April 10.**

What is Chippewa Nature Center?

CNC is a nonprofit, environmental education organization offering programs for children, teens, adults and families on a variety of natural and historical topics. Its mission is to connect all people to nature through educational, recreational and cultural experiences. The 1,500-acre property includes woodlands, fields, ponds and rivers. CNC's facilities consist of a Visitor Center with Ecosystem Gallery, classrooms and Nature Center store; an 1870s Homestead Farm complex; Nature Preschool; an arboretum and over 19 miles of nature trails. See www.chippewanaturecenter.org for more information.

Questions?

Contact Steve Frisbee, Camp Director or Allie Elliott, Assistant Camp Director at camp@chippewanaturecenter.org or 989.631.0830.

