



YOUTH VOLUNTEER INFORMATION 2010

Ages 13+

YOUTH VOLUNTEER TASKS:

- Arrive 30 minutes before program and stay to 30 minutes afterwards to clean up.
- Set up arts/craft projects as directed by Naturalist staff.
- Assist younger children with craft projects (gluing, cutting/using scissors, tying knots, etc)
- Read stories and assist staff during extended day times and lunchtime story hour.
- Help with puppet shows and other dramatic roles as needed (swamp monster, Marsha Muskrat, etc) ☺
- Assist with camper snack time (mix up lemonade, pour drinks, hand out napkins, wash cups)
- Wash and sanitize dishes after camp if needed (butter churns, snack bowls, bread/biscuit making)
- Assist Naturalists with tasks as needed and as asked.
- Serve as an extra pair of ears, hands and eyes with our younger campers.

EXPECTATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUTH VOLUNTEERS:

- Youth volunteers must show interest in nature, camp activities and have a love of being outdoors and working with children. Your child will serve an important role as an ambassador to younger children and their behavior should reflect this responsibility.
- Youth Volunteers must sign-in and out at Registration Table.
- ALNC must have both a completed Volunteer Application Form and Medical Form before your child is eligible to volunteer. (A parent/guardian signature is required on both of these documents if your child is under 18 years of age). The Volunteer Application form may be downloaded from the "Get Involved" Tab on the ALNC web page; a Medical Form can be downloaded from Summer Camp page under the "Family and Community" Tab.
- Your child will be under the supervision and direction of ALNC Naturalists and staff at all times during their volunteer time commitment.
- Youth volunteers are expected to be an extra pair of ears, hands and eyes.
- One youth volunteer per naturalist for each camp. Each naturalist will have a maximum of 10 campers (ages 2-11) in their group. Maximum number of campers varies per camp, but is generally between 20-30 children.
- In general and unless special request is made, youth volunteers will not be assigned to a group that includes a younger sibling.
- ALNC Naturalists will not leave campers unattended with any youth volunteers.
- ALNC Naturalists, Program Coordinator, and/or Nature Center Director will give volunteers and parents constructive feedback on your child's assistance at camps. If your child's interests and skills are not the right match for our programs or your child is not meeting above expectations, ALNC reserves the right to relieve volunteers of their assistance.