



# ***YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING***

**Spaces limited! Application Deadline is May 15, 2015.**

Do you like to spend your time outdoors, enjoy working with kids, or have an affinity for animals? Irvine Nature Center is seeking responsible youth leaders to volunteer for our Summer Nature Camp. Spend your time helping counselors deliver nature lessons, lead kids on hikes, and play fun games. The purpose of the training program is to provide leadership training for youth who love working with children in a camp environment and who are interested in future camp counseling. The program will provide youth leaders with hands on experience working with young campers and the opportunity to cultivate their skills & knowledge in the day camp setting and have a close involvement with the natural environment.

## **QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. Must be at least 14 years of age by the start of camp.
2. Some camp experience in a day camp setting and working with children, ages 2-9 preferred.

## **TIME COMMITMENT:**

1. Must commit to at least four consecutive camp sessions. (June 15<sup>th</sup>-August 21<sup>st</sup>)
2. Monday- Friday, **Half day option** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. or **Full day option** 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Attend camp training prior to opening of camp and any in-service training throughout the summer.
2. Assist counselors in all planned activities within assigned group.
3. Have reliable transportation.
4. Maintain program areas in a clean & neat manner.
5. Communicate any problems or questions to counselor or Camp Director.
6. Actively participate in all of the camp activities.
7. Follow all the appropriate guidelines established by Irvine Nature Center
8. Be alert at all times, keeping in mind that the safety of the program participants is your responsibility.
9. Develop a good working relationship with camp and Irvine staff.
10. Other related duties as assigned.

## **COMPENSATION:**

1. This is a volunteer position. Community service hours/internship hours given.
2. Valuable training for future camp, environmental and education-related employment.
3. Returning youth leaders are eligible to apply for the paid junior counselor position.

**Contact Irvine's Volunteer Coordinator for more information:**

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## Youth Program Leader Application

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Youth Program Leader!  
Please take a moment to fill out this questionnaire.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(P.O. or Street) (City) (Zip)

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred form of contact:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Valid Driver's License:** \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
(Please provide a copy of your license)

**Social Security Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Previous work experience:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Previous volunteer experience:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Education:** \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_ Some College \_\_\_\_\_ College Degree in \_\_\_\_\_

**Where do you go to school?** \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you hear about Irvine Nature Center?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Why are you interested in becoming a Youth Program Leader (YPL)?**

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Irvine's Nature Camps run for 10 weeks between June 8<sup>th</sup> and August 21<sup>st</sup> (there is no camp the week of June 29<sup>th</sup>-July 3<sup>rd</sup>). We request each YPL commit to 4 consecutive weeks of camp during the summer. What is your availability during this period?

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**Do you have a preferred age group to work with? Circle all that apply.**

2-3 years old              3-4 years old              5-6 years old              7-9 years old

**Do you have any physical limitations?** \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have any medical limitations?** \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that by registering with Irvine Nature Center, I may choose among the volunteer jobs referred to me and I am under no obligation to accept any placement unless I choose to do so. I am also aware that I will not receive any compensation for my services. I also understand that I am not covered for medical benefits under workers' compensation insurance.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Irvine Nature Center- Volunteer Waiver of Liability

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CONTACT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **RELATIONSHIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

Irvine Nature Center and its staff do their absolute best to assure the safety and security of all participants in programs and volunteer activities. However there is a certain amount of risk inherent in participating in any outdoor activity.

I agree not to hold Irvine Nature Center and its employees responsible for any liability resulting from negligence on my part or others not employed by or representing Irvine. Furthermore, I agree not to hold Irvine Nature Center responsible for any expenses, claims, or losses over and above its equitable share of liability or for any amount in excess of actual economic damage.

I also confirm that I have no reason due to health or other conditions that would negatively impact my ability to participate in this program and accept as my personal risk the hazards of participating in this program and its corresponding activities.

I am aware that I will not receive any compensation for my services. I also understand that I am not covered for medical benefits under workers' compensation insurance.

I accept these conditions.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Irvine Nature Center- Background Check Form

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It is the policy of Irvine Nature Center to require any volunteer or staff person (especially those who will have any possible access to children, developmentally disabled persons, or vulnerable adults while at Irvine) to complete this disclosure form.

Volunteers and staff will also be checked on the Maryland Court Case Database and Criminal History Background Check files. Criminal history listed on this Background Check is for crimes against persons and personal property, of the kind listed below. This is the same procedure as used by the public schools.

**All information below and information received is held in strictest confidence.**

Please check the appropriate blocks and provide additional information, if applicable. Please complete both sides of this form.

**Have you been:**

1. Convicted of any crime against children or other persons? "Crime against children or other persons" means a conviction of any of the following offenses: Aggravated murder; first or second degree murder; first or second degree kidnaping; first, second or third degree assault; first, second or third degree assault of a child; first, second or third degree rape; first, second or third degree rape of a child; first or second degree robbery; first degree arson; first degree burglary; first or second degree manslaughter; first or second degree extortion; indecent liberties; incest; vehicular homicide; first degree promoting prostitution; communication with a minor; unlawful imprisonment; simple assault; sexual exploitation of minors; first or second degree criminal mistreatment; child abuse or neglect as defined in RCW 26.44.020; first or second degree custodial interference; malicious harassment; first, second or third degree child molestation; first or second degree sexual misconduct with a minor; first or second degree rape of a child; patronizing a juvenile prostitute; child abandonment; promoting pornography; selling or distributing erotic material to a minor; custodial assault; violation of child abuse restraining order; child buying or selling; prostitution; felony indecent exposure; or any of these crimes as they may be renamed in the future.

No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

2. Convicted of crimes relating to financial exploitation if the victim was a vulnerable adult?"Crimes relating to financial exploitation" means a conviction for first, second or third degree extortion; first, second or third degree theft; first or second degree robbery; forgery; or any of these crimes as they may be renamed in the future.

No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

3. Found in any dependency action under RCW 13.34.040 to have sexually assaulted or exploited any minor or to have physically abused any minor?

No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

4. Found by a court in a domestic relations proceeding under Title 26 RCW to have sexually abused or exploited any minor or to have physically abused any minor?

**No** \_\_\_\_\_ **Yes** \_\_\_\_\_

5. Found in any disciplinary board final decision to have sexually or physically abused or exploited any minor or developmentally disabled person or to have abused or financially exploited any vulnerable adult?

**No** \_\_\_\_\_ **Yes** \_\_\_\_\_

6. Found by a court in a protection proceeding under chapter 74.34 RCW, to have abused or financially exploited a vulnerable adult?

**No** \_\_\_\_\_ **Yes** \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the information stated above and I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Maryland that the foregoing is true and correct. I authorize Irvine Nature Center to make such investigations and inquiries as may be necessary in arriving at a volunteer or staff assignment decision. I hereby release employers, schools or persons from all liability in responding to inquiries in connection with my application. In the event of volunteer or staff assignment, I understand that false or misleading information given in my application or interview(s) may result in discharge. I understand that I am required to abide by all policies, procedures and regulations of Irvine.

**Full Name** (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ OR **SSN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_