



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 15th-August 21st)
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: _____

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)?

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

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: _____

As parent/legal guardian, I give permission for this under-aged individual to volunteer with Irvine Nature Center and comply with the above Waiver of Liability.

Signed: _____

Print name: _____



Student Service Contract

Before beginning your work with Irvine, we ask that you read and understand the following statements, and sign in agreement with them.

- 1) I will respect the grounds of Irvine Nature Center and its students.
- 2) I will not use drugs or alcohol while on the grounds of the Center.
- 3) I will work to help the staff provide an atmosphere for education, and do what I can to preserve the beauty of our surroundings here so that others can enjoy them. Although the staff will work to provide a safe, clean work environment for me, I will act responsibly and notify a staff member at once if problems or unsafe conditions occur.
- 4) When scheduled to volunteer I will do my absolute best to be here. If for some reason I cannot come to Irvine when scheduled, I will notify the Center as soon as possible to that someone else can be called upon to work.
- 5) I understand that it is necessary for me to sign in and out of the Volunteer Log Book every time I volunteer. This log book will be the record of my volunteer hours, which is later entered in a computer file. It is my responsibility to complete any necessary paperwork for school credit for these hours. Any forms that need to be signed will be given to the staff with adequate time for completion.
- 6) I will not bring friends with me when I come to volunteer at Irvine. If my friends are interested in volunteering, they must contact the Volunteer Coordinator directly.
- 7) I understand that volunteering at Irvine Nature Center is a privilege. Any instances of disrespect I show for the rules, staff, equipment, or grounds will be treated in the following manner: one warning, call to parent or guardian, expulsion. Should this occur, I understand that I will not receive credit for hours served.

Student signature

Date

Parent/guardian signature

Date

Thank you, and welcome to Irvine!