

Summer 2022



What is a Counselor-in-Training (CIT)?

CITs are volunteers who work alongside Nature Day Camp staff to help campers have a fantastic day camp experience. CITs assist with crafts, keep track of campers on hikes, sing songs, play games, watch out for camper safety and help with setting up and clean up before and after camp. Campers range in age from 3 to 15 years old. CITs arrive at 8:30 am and finish the day around 4 pm (except on Monday when we ask them to arrive at 8:15 am and attend a Team Meeting until 4:30 pm).

What is an Activity Crew Member?

NEW!

Activity Crew Members are volunteers who work alongside Nature Day Camp staff to help campers have a fantastic day camp experience. Activity Crew members have flexibility with their day-to-day tasks. Tasks they may help with include Before and After Care programming, assisting the Leadership Team with check-in and out each day, managing lunchtime activities and managing pre- and post-flagpole playtime.

What is a Teen Volunteer Crew Leader?

NEW!

Crew Leaders are teen volunteers who want to step up to the next level. These individuals will help manage the Teen Volunteer program, assist with training other teen volunteers, support counselors with their programming and help with campers. They'll get first-hand experience and a unique perspective as to what it takes to be a Nature Day Camp Counselor.

Camp runs from June 8 through August 12, 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 30 • 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 21 • 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 11.**

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 Robb, Assistant Camp Director at camp@chippewanaturecenter.org or 989.631.0830.

