

Summer Camp Counselor Application 2012

Due April 9



Make a Difference! Make new Friends!

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER-COVERDALE FARM-DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Help children discover the magic of the natural world as you assist with summer camp. Become part of our teaching team as you work with teachers, assist teaching programs, maintain program areas, help with snack and recreation periods, and work with live animals.

- Excellent training in nature study, working with children, first aid/CPR certification, animal handling, environmental study equipment, leadership, outdoor recreation, and outdoor games.
- Enjoy fun, friends, adventure, and animals.
- Flexible work weeks to accommodate vacations
- Excellent experience for high school volunteering requirements, future jobs and college applications
- Counselor party on Thursday, August 16, 5-8pm

Dates of Summer Camp: June 18 to August 24

Requirements:

1. You must be between the ages of 14 and 17 and be enthusiastic about working outdoors with children ages 3-8. **A Household membership in the Delaware Nature Society is required. If you are not an active member through summer 2012, a completed Household level membership application and payment must accompany this form.**
2. **A \$100 fee is required for counselor training and also must accompany this application. (Training fee covers CPR/First Aid certification and other options)**
3. You must volunteer for a minimum of 3 weeks, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Weeks do not need to be contiguous.
4. Applications are due by April 9. New Counselors will be called to schedule an interview and returning Counselor applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Answer the following:

1. Which age group do you prefer working with?
 preschool ages 5-6 ages 7-8
Why?

2. Which location would you like to be a counselor?
 Ashland Nature Center - Hockessin Coverdale Farm - Centerville

 DuPont Environmental Education Center – Wilmington Any Location

3. I would like to volunteer the following 3 weeks of the summer (hours are 8:00am – 3:30pm daily): (we will consider additional weeks as well)

4. My special interests are:
 aquatic life birds reptiles fishing crafts

 geology camping taking care of animals gardening

 other, please specify: _____

6. Why do you want to be a counselor? (please use separate sheet)

Enclosed is:

_____ \$100 to be registered the Counselor training program.

_____ I do not need a Delaware Nature Society membership because my family has at least a household membership good through August of 2012.

_____ My family does not have a membership with the Delaware Nature Society good through August 2012. Below is our choice of membership level:

- Household - \$55 Household Plus - \$85 Protector \$150
 Patron - \$500 Guardian - \$1000+

Total Payment Due: _____ Please make checks out to Delaware Nature Society OR

Visa Mastercard Discover AMEX Card #: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Signature: _____

Counselor Training Schedule – 2012

As a counselor, you must attend the Primary Training Day on June 15, 4:30pm to 8:30pm, plus choose 3 of the 12 training choices below.

Choose 3 of the 12 training options

- Bird Identification – Friday, May 18, 3:30pm to 5:30pm with Joe Sebastiani
- Ecosystems Training – Thursday, May 3, 6:00-8:30pm with Joe Sebastiani
- Reptiles and Amphibians Training – Wednesday, May 16, 6:00-8:30pm with Jim White
- Outdoor Games Training – Wednesday, May 30, 4:30-6:30pm with Kelly Schaeffer and Austin Conley
- Coverdale Farm Camp Training for counselors interested in being a counselor at the farm - Wednesday, June 13, 4:30-6pm with Michele Wales
- Animal Handling Training – Monday, June 11, 4:30-6:30pm with Sheila Vincent
**This is only offered to returning counselors. Animal handling counselors will be chosen at a later date.*
- First Aid/CPR Certification – June 12, 9:30am-2pm **OR**
- First Aid/CPR Certification – June 12, 4-8pm
- DuPont Environmental Education Center training for counselors interested in this location - Thursday, June 14, 4:30-6:30pm with Lesley Bensinger
- Interpreting Outdoor Signs – Thursday, June 7, 6-8pm with Derek Stoner
- Working with Children and Getting to Know Nature the FUN way – Monday, June 4, 4-7pm with Helen Fischel and Joe Sebastiani
- I currently attend prefect training for the Wizards and Lizards camp

Return to: Seasonal Program Team Leader
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Thank you for applying to be a volunteer counselor with the