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## **2020 Volunteer Camp Assistant Application**

**\*\*Please Print Clearly\*\***

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

Phone Numbers: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

School you attend: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade you will enter Fall 2021: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been a Camp Assistant at Asbury Woods before? Yes, (year) \_\_\_\_\_ No

Why are you interested in becoming a Camp Assistant?

What experience (volunteer or paid) do you have working with children? If applicable, list organization, description of responsibilities, and the age of children you have worked with.

Have you ever worked in a team or group setting before? Yes No

If yes, where was that experience and did you enjoy working in that setting? Why or why not?

What are three qualities/characteristics you think are most important for a Camp Assistant to have and why?

*Please attach two letters of reference from adults (not your parents) who have overseen you in a volunteer or paid position working with children, in a team or group setting, or assisting a community organization.*

## Availability

How many weeks would you like to volunteer for in total? \_\_\_\_\_

On the table below, please circle or highlight **ALL** the camps you are available to volunteer. You will only be assigned to the total number of camps you indicated at the start of this section, but circling all of the camps you are available to volunteer will help Asbury Woods staff ensure we have enough assistants each week.

**Nature and Art Camp Assistants must be available each day (Monday - Friday) of the selected camp from 8:30 am until 4:00 pm.** When selecting your availability please discuss your summer schedule with your family to avoid any conflicts.

Please Note: The Middle School Nature Camp "Trail Blazers" requires Camp Assistants to bring their own bike (suitable for trail riding) and helmet. Bike Technicians from Competitive Gear will provide a bike safety orientation and skills class.

Date	Nature Camp (Grades 1 – 5)	Middle School Camp (Grades 6 – 8)	Art Camp (Grades listed)
June 22 - 26	Nature Explorers/ Earth Power		
June 29 – Jul 3	Hands on Habitats/ Child vs. Wild		
July 6 - 10	Watch Me Grow/ Jr. Naturalist	Trail Blazers *Bike & Helmet Required	Ooey-Gooey Art (Grades 3 – 5)
July 13 - 17	Nature Explorers/ Child vs. Wild		Art in Motion (Grades 3 – 5)
July 20 - 24	Hands on Habitats/ Child vs. Wild		
July 27 - 31	Watch Me Grow/ Jr. Naturalist		
Aug 3 - 7	Nature Explorers/ Earth Power		
Aug 10 - 14	Hands on Habitats/ Child vs. Wild		

Due to COVID-19, we will be conducting Camp Assistant training over Zoom this year. Please select (circle) a date that you will attend the meeting. Login information will be emailed to the contact listed above. **The date you attend training must be prior to your first day of volunteering as a Camp Assistant.**

June 11, 2020, 11:00A - 12:30P

June 16, 2020, 4:00P – 5:30P

June 21, 2020, 1:30P – 3:00P

June 27, 2020, 7:00P – 8:30P

July 13, 2020, 5:00P – 6:30P

July 28, 2020, 5:00P – 6:30P

### **What is a Camp Assistant?**

Camp Assistants are volunteers who aid Camp Educators during summer camps offered by Asbury Woods. This position is an opportunity for those who are selected to gain practical experience working with children, develop teambuilding skills, meet new people, learn about nature, and earn service hours.

**Who can be a Camp Assistant?** Any student that is entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade - college and is age 14+.

*Please note: We do not accept those completing court ordered service for our Camp Assistant positions.*

### **What are the commitments and responsibilities of a Camp Assistant?**

- Submit a complete application, including references, on time
  - Late applications will only be reviewed if positions are still open
- Attend a training workshop.
- Show up on time for every day of the camp that you are assigned.
- Assist the Asbury Woods staff with duties such as: helping the campers with their crafts, assisting with activities, escorting campers to the bathroom, preparing craft materials, cleaning up, modeling positive behaviors and excitement for nature, sweeping, and any additional jobs assigned by the camp staff.
  - Camp Assistants will not be responsible for teaching lessons, leading groups, or disciplining campers.
- Camp Assistants are expected to demonstrate professional behavior at all times in regard to cell phone use, dress, punctuality, following directions, and interactions with campers.
  - All Camp Assistants are expected to dress for daily outdoor activity, including appropriate walking/hiking footwear.
  - All Camp Assistants will be expected to sign a professional behavior agreement.
  - Camp Assistants who will be over the age of 18 while volunteering are required to obtain federal and state child abuse clearances. Information on that process provided upon selection.

**I have read the information above and feel I can fulfill the commitments and requirements of a Camp Assistant. I understand that if I am selected, once the schedule has been made I am expected to attend on the assigned dates and times and will have transportation available to and from Asbury Woods.**

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **If under 18 years of age:**

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **To submit your application:**

**Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis due for summer 2020.** Available dates filled on first come, first serve basis.

Email your application to [Slewis@asburywoods.org](mailto:Slewis@asburywoods.org)

**Drop off** your application at the Andrew J. Conner Nature Center at Asbury Woods

**Mail** your application to: Asbury Woods c/o Sarah Lewis, 4105 Asbury Road, Erie, PA 16506

If you have any questions please contact Sarah Lewis at [Slewis@asburywoods.org](mailto:Slewis@asburywoods.org) or at (814) 835-5356.