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2019 Volunteer Camp Assistant Application

****Please Print Clearly****

Name: _____

Phone Numbers: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Best way to contact you (circle one): Home phone Cell phone

Gender: Male Female Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

School you attend: _____ Grade you will enter Fall 2019: _____

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

What is your availability over the summer? Please circle or highlight **ALL** the camps you would want to volunteer at. You will not necessarily work all of the camps you mark, but checking all of the camps you are available to work will help Asbury Woods staff ensure we have enough assistants each week.

In order to work a camp, **Nature and Art Camp Assistants must be available each day (Monday - Friday) of the selected camp from 8:30 am until 4:00 pm. Preschool Camp hours are Monday – Wednesday, 8:30 am until 12:30pm.** When selecting your availability please discuss your schedule with your parents and keep in mind any family vacations, sport events, and other activities.

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	Preschool (4 – 6 yo)	Nature Camp (Grades 1 – 5)	Middle School Nature Camp (Grades 6 – 8)	Art Camp (Grades listed)
June 10 – 14	Session 1 (6/10 – 6/12)	Hands on Habitats/ Child vs. Wild		
June 17 – 21	Session 2 (6/17 – 6/19)	Watch Me Grow/ Jr. Naturalist		
June 24 – 28	Session 3 (6/24 – 6/26)	Nature Explorers/ Earth Power		
July 1 - 5	NO CAMPS THIS WEEK			
July 8 – 12		Hands on Habitats/ Child vs. Wild	Trail Blazers *Bike & Helmet Required	Nature Art (Grades 1 – 2)
July 15 – 19		Watch Me Grow/ Jr. Naturalist		Ooey–Gooney Art (Grades 3 – 5)
July 22 – 26		Nature Explorers/ Earth Power	STEM Camp	3D Art (Grades 6 – 8)
July 29 – Aug 2		Hands on Habitats/ Child vs. Wild		Nature Art (Grades 1 – 2)
Aug 5 – 9		Watch Me Grow/ Jr. Naturalist		Art in Motion (Grades 3 – 5)
Aug 12 - 16		Nature Explorers/ Earth Power		Mixed Media Mania (Grades 6 – 8)

A **mandatory** Camp Assistant Training will be held on **May 25, 2019** from **1 pm – 3 pm**.

If selected to be a Camp Assistant, would you be able to attend this training? Yes No

If no, please circle two specific dates and times that you would be able to attend a training:

May 25, 4 - 6 pm June 1, 4 – 6 pm June 7, 1 – 3 pm June 8, 1 – 3 pm

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 9th 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:

Completed applications are due by May 14, 2019. Available dates filled on first come, first serve basis.

Email your application to 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 or at (814) 835-5356.