

# Nearby Nature Summer 2019

## Outdoor Leader

## Volunteer Job Description



Welcome to Nearby Nature's teen Outdoor Leader Program! Nearby Nature's Outdoor Leaders help paid staff instruct Summer Daycamps for children ages 3-4, 4-5, 6-8, 8-11, or 11-13. Daycamp activities include games, nature study, crafts, outdoor adventures, storytelling, gardening, and scientific discovery. Outdoor Leaders must complete **eight hours of leadership training on June 8th and 9th, from 10 am-2pm.**

**Qualifications:** Outdoor Leaders should be **between 13 and 18 years old**, and should be at least two years older than the top of the age range of their particular camps. Outdoor Leaders must enjoy being outdoors and be **interested in nature, care about the environment**, be enthusiastic and responsible, and have keen observation skills. **No specific knowledge or background in nature studies is required.** Outdoor Leaders must also enjoy working and playing with younger children. **No specific experience with younger children is required.** Most importantly, applicants must want to be Outdoor Leaders! Once you commit to being an Outdoor Leader, Nearby Nature and the kids we serve will be depending on you. **Please do not volunteer because your parents want you to, or because a friend is helping us; volunteer because YOU to want to be part of our team!**

**Benefits:** Participation in the Outdoor Leader program will help you learn important skills and gain valuable work experience. Many young adults who have volunteered for Nearby Nature have found that their **experience helped them find paid employment and provided them with a competitive edge when applying to college.** Many of our leaders have gained community service credit hours that can be applied toward high school graduation requirements. All Outdoor Leaders get a free Nearby Nature T-shirt. Outdoor Leaders are volunteers. You do not get paid to be an Outdoor Leader and you are not required to pay us.

**Dates and Times:** Nearby Nature Summer Daycamps run in weekly sessions from June 17-August 30. Each camp session is one week long and has its own unique theme. Many camps run for three hours per day, 9 am-noon or 1-4 pm. We also have camps sessions that run all day from 9 am-4 pm. (See [nearbynature.org/daycamps](http://nearbynature.org/daycamps) for details.) Preference will go to applicants who can volunteer for at least four weeks.

**Application Process:** The application process is ongoing throughout the spring, but please apply as soon as possible. We will accept applications until all positions are filled. Applications are available at [nearbynature.org/volunteer/summer-daycamp-assistants](http://nearbynature.org/volunteer/summer-daycamp-assistants). Email completed applications to [programs@nearbynature.org](mailto:programs@nearbynature.org) or mail to Nearby Nature, P.O. Box 3678, Eugene, OR 97403. Once we receive your application, we will contact you to set up an interview.

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