

Nearby Nature Summer 2026

Outdoor Leader

Volunteer Job Description



Welcome to Nearby Nature's teen Outdoor Leader Program! Nearby Nature's volunteer Outdoor Leaders help paid staff instruct Summer Daycamps for children ages 3-4, 4-5, 6-8, or 8-11. Daycamp activities include games, nature study, crafts, outdoor adventures, storytelling, gardening, and scientific discovery. Outdoor Leaders must attend a **training on Saturday, June 13th at our Learnscape in Alton Baker Park.**

Qualifications:

- Should be **between 13 and 18 years old.**
- Must enjoy being outdoors in all kinds of weather, be interested in nature, be enthusiastic and responsible, and have keen observation skills. **No specific knowledge or background in nature studies is required.**
- Must enjoy spending time 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 want to be part of our team!

Benefits: Participation in the Outdoor Leaders 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 **time with us helped them find paid employment and provided them with a competitive edge when applying to college.** Many of our Outdoor Leaders also get community service credits that can be applied toward high school graduation requirements. A small stipend is available to Outdoor Leaders who participate in this program for the equivalent of four weeks or more total.

Dates and Times: Nearby Nature Summer Daycamps run in weekly sessions from June 22-Aug 28. Each camp session is one week long and has its own unique theme. Some camps run for three hours per day, from 9 am-noon or 1-4 pm. Others run all day, from 9 am-4 pm. (See 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. You can fill out an application online at nearbynature.org/volunteer/outdoor-leaders. Once we receive your application, we will contact you to set up an interview.

Questions/Contact: 541-687-9699 or programs@nearbynature.org