

WildQuest Camp Junior Counselor (JC) Application

About WildQuest Camp: Since 1999, Prescott Farm's environmentally-focused WildQuest Camps have offered youth ages 5-17 the opportunity to explore, learn, and grow in nature. During the New Hampshire school vacation weeks in late February and April and during nine nature-themed weeks each summer, WildQuest campers develop ecological awareness through our enriching day camp programs. Most of the camp day is spent outdoors taking part in nature activities, animal and plant identification, arts and crafts, Quests, games, and hands-on learning.

Junior Counselor positions are available for all summer sessions which run Monday-Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm from June 26 to August 25, 2023. JCs are required to commit to a minimum of 2 sessions of the summer, ideally consecutive. There will be a mandatory JC training on Thursday, June 22, 2023 at Prescott Farm. Time of training TBA.

Application Deadline:

Those interested in being a JC should apply by April 1, 2023. Those who apply by then will be given priority and will be notified within the next two weeks if they have been accepted. Any applications received after April 1 will be considered if spaces remain available.

JC Responsibilities:

- Assist instructors in set up, take down, and running of activities
- Interact with campers, help them complete crafts, activities, recipes, etc.
- Lead a game or activity during second week; optional but highly encouraged
- Other duties as assigned

What you gain from being a JC:

- Develop important leadership skills by observing instructors and interacting with campers
- Learn not only the *types* of activities taught at WildQuest Camp, but more importantly *how* they are taught, organized, and planned
- Gain work references and employment skills
- Build the foundation for potential future work as a paid Camp Instructor
- Be part of a fun and diverse community of children and instructors

Who should apply for a JC position?

This position is for highly motivated teens (15-17 years old). WildQuest Camp JCs are enthusiastic about working with children, have a love of the outdoors, and are interested in enhancing their leadership skills, including communication, teamwork, decision making, confidence, and creativity.

Interested candidates should complete the following application and return it as an email attachment to camp@prescottfarm.org, or send by mail to the above listed address, "ATTN: WildQuest Camp". Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Qualified applicants will be interviewed in person or on Zoom.

If you have any questions, please contact the Camp Director, by emailing camp@prescottfarm.org or calling (603) 366-5695.

We believe our camp community is strengthened by diversity and encourage individuals with diverse backgrounds, experiences, and identities to apply.

Junior Counselor Application

Applicant's Information

Name: _____ Preferred Name _____
First Last

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Will you be at least 15 years old by June 26, 2023? ☐ Yes ☐ No

School: _____ Grade: _____
currently attending 2022-23

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Past WQ Camper? ☐ Yes ☐ No If returning, previous years attended: _____

Have you attended any other camps or similar programs? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please list:

How did you hear about the WildQuest Camp JC program at Prescott Farm?

☐ Advertisement ☐ Relative ☐ Prescott Farm Website ☐ Friend ☐ Social Media
☐ Past WQ Participant ☐ Other _____

Availability

JCs are required to commit to a minimum of 2 weeks of the summer. Space is limited to three JCs per week. Please select which weeks you are interested in being a JC at WildQuest Camp. The actual weeks will be discussed in your interview and chosen based on availability when accepted to the JC program.

How many weeks would you like to be a JC? ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9

___ Session 1: June 26—30

___ Session 6: July 31—August 4

___ Session 2: July 5—7 (3-day week)

___ Session 7: August 7—11

___ Session 3: July 10—17

___ Session 8: August 14—18

___ Session 4: July 17—21

___ Session 9: August 21—25

___ Session 5: July 24—28

All JCs are required to attend a half-day mandatory JC training on Thursday, June 22.

Time of training TBA.

Application Questions

Interests: Why do you want to be a Junior Counselor at WildQuest Camp?

Strengths: What are your greatest strengths?

Related Experience: List coursework, after school activities, or hobbies related to WildQuest Camp. Please include length of participation and how these activities might help you at camp.

Skills & certifications: Describe any pertinent skills or certifications.

References

Please give names, email addresses, and phone numbers of three people (non-family members such as teachers, coaches, community group leaders, or others) who know you well. State when and under what circumstances they have known you. The Camp Director will contact these individuals after your interview.

1. _____
Name Phone Email

How do you know this person? _____ How many years? _____

2. _____
Name Phone Email

How do you know this person? _____ How many years? _____

3. _____
Name Phone Email

How do you know this person? _____ How many years? _____

It is my understanding that this application, or the granting of an oral interview, does not represent a contract or promise of future benefits by *Prescott Conservancy Inc (dba Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center)*. **I understand and agree that if selected, my services will be at-will in nature and may be terminated, with or without cause, at any time, by either *Prescott Conservancy Inc.* or myself. I also understand that this written statement supersedes any and all oral representations made by agents or representatives of *Prescott Conservancy Inc.***

AGREEMENT: I certify that the information on this application is true, complete, and correct. I hereby authorize the investigation of my past employment, education and activities and I release from liability all persons, companies and corporations that supply such information. I understand that false answers, statements or significant omissions made by me on this form shall be sufficient cause for denial or discharge.

Applicant Signature

Date