

## WildQuest Camp Junior Counselor (JC) Application

**About WildQuest Camp:** Since 1999, Prescott Farm's environmentally-focused WildQuest Camps have offered youth ages 5-14 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 24 to August 23, 2024. JCs are required to commit to a minimum of 2 sessions of the summer. There will be a mandatory JC training on Thursday, June 20, 2024 at Prescott Farm (alternative arrangements will be made in the event that a JC's school schedule does not allow attendance on this date)..

### Application Deadline:

Those interested in being a JC should apply by April 1, 2024. 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 (15-16 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](mailto:camp@prescottfarm.org), or send by mail to the above listed address, "ATTN: WildQuest Camp". Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

If you have any questions, please contact the Camp Director, by emailing [camp@prescottfarm.org](mailto: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 24, 2024?  Yes  No

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
currently attending 2023-24

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 determined following acceptance 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 24—28

\_\_\_ Session 6: July 29—August 2

\_\_\_ Session 2: July 1—3 (3-day week)

\_\_\_ Session 7: August 5—9

\_\_\_ Session 3: July 8—15

\_\_\_ Session 8: August 12—16

\_\_\_ Session 4: July 15—19

\_\_\_ Session 9: August 19—23

\_\_\_ Session 5: July 22—26

**All JCs are required to attend a mandatory JC training on Thursday, June 20.**

**Application Questions**

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

**Strengths:** What are your greatest strengths that will benefit you as a Junior Counselor?

**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 for feedback.

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, 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**