

Volunteer Frequently Asked Questions:

When will I know if I have been accepted as a volunteer? After the application deadline, you will be notified of your acceptance and of the area in which you will be helping.

When do I need to arrive? Check-in between 3:00 and 3:45 p.m. on the Sunday of the week you are volunteering. If you need to arrive at a different time, please make arrangements with the Volunteer Coordinator in advance. A mandatory meeting for all volunteers will be held at 4:00 p.m. in the St. Noel Center basement.

What should I wear? Generally shorts and T-shirts are acceptable. Long pants and boots are required for stable volunteers. Pants and hard-soled shoes are suggested for maintenance volunteers.

Where will I sleep? Most volunteers will have a room in the St. Noel Center. You will be sharing a room with other volunteers. Housing in St. Noel is done by gender; couples occasionally can bunk in the same room, but it is not guaranteed. Special arrangements may be made for volunteers wishing to serve and live in camper units at the discretion of the Camping Services Director.

When do we eat? Most meals are served in the dining hall with the campers and staff. Usual mealtimes are 7:45 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. Dinner will not be served on Wednesday because campers will be cooking (and camping) out, so please plan to dine out that evening. Stable and maintenance volunteers may follow a slightly different meal schedule, which will be worked out with your supervisor.

When do I work? Work times and responsibilities vary according to your volunteer assignment. You will work at the discretion of your area coordinator, who will explain your schedule and specific duties. Volunteers assigned to the barn will begin work earlier than others.

Do I get time off? Time off is to be worked out between you and the supervisor of your area. We encourage all volunteers to enjoy daytime and nighttime activities when possible; however, due to staffing and other requirements we cannot guarantee that you will have time off when you request it.

What do I do during the evenings? On Sunday, Thursday and Friday volunteers are encouraged to take part in the evening activity. Sunday and Friday feature campfires for the entire camp and Thursday is a special ceremony. On Monday and Tuesday evenings volunteers are invited to help with evening programs. On Wednesday evening, volunteers are free to leave camp and go to a nearby town.

What about contact with my camper? Contact with your camper can adversely affect the quality of your camper's experience and the experience of other campers who observe this contact. We ask that you limit contact with your camper. Many volunteers send letters and care packages to their camper while at camp.

Who do I see if I have a problem? Problems should be directed to the Volunteer Coordinator. Questions about your specific duties in your assigned area should be directed to the supervisor of that area.