

## Interested in Volunteering with our Summer Camp Programs?

We are looking for professional and dependable youth that are interested in gaining experience through our engaging summer programs, ready to practice new leadership skills, and motivated to engage with diverse campers! Completion of our Volunteer program will guarantee an interview when eligible to join our staff! Volunteers will also have the opportunity to make connections within the department, gain valuable experience, earn service hours, and expand their network within the community.

### *Apply to be a Counselor In Training (CIT)*

Students entering 8th grade in the Fall up to age 15 may apply for the Counselor In Training (CIT) Program. Mature youth will gain experience in our neighborhood school-based summer camp programs. Youth completing 9th grade are eligible to apply for the Quiet Waters Day Camp CIT Program.

Session 1: Jun 29- Jul 10	7:30am - 5:30 pm	\$72	No camp Fri July 3
Session 2: Jul 13- Jul 24	7:30am - 5:30 pm	\$80	
Session 3: Jul 27 - Aug 7	7:30am - 5:30 pm	\$80	

### Site Locations

Arnold ES	Crofton ES	Davidsonville ES	Folger McKinsey ES
Odenton ES	Richard Henry Lee ES	Shipley's Choice ES	Quiet Waters

### *Apply to be in the Volunteer Summer Serve Leadership Challenge (VSSLC)*

Students entering 7th grade in the Fall up to age 15 may apply. Mature youth gain volunteer leadership experience in a structured environment. These participants will be allowed to volunteer at the **Adaptive Day Camp (Mayo Beach Park)**, work with youth with disabilities, and learn leadership skills and other important life skills. Must commit to a minimum of 1 two-week session.

Session 1: Jun 29- Jul 10	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	\$100	No camp Fri July 3
Session 2: Jul 13- Jul 24	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	\$110	
Session 3: Jul 27 - Aug 7	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	\$110	



## SUMMER YOUTH VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS APPLICATION INFORMATION

(Please **print** all information carefully. This is your registration form)

Youth Volunteer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Completed (As of June 2025): \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: New Applicant Returning Applicant

Check one: Counselor in Training Volunteer Summer Serve Leadership Challenge

Desired Program Location(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Desired Program Session(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Any special accommodations needed by the Youth Volunteer during the Program?

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## APPLICATION ESSAY- REQUIRED

**NEW APPLICANT:** Essay should be 2 full paragraphs. Please answer these questions in your essay:

- Why do you want to be a volunteer in a summer camp setting?
- What activities are you currently involved in that make you a good volunteer candidate?
- What will your references say about you?

**RETURNING APPLICANT:** In addition to above questions, returning applicants need to include 1 paragraph describing how you have used your volunteer experience this past year and what was your favorite experience from last year.

## **Parent and Youth Contract**

The following is a list of the guidelines and expectations for Anne Arundel County Summer Volunteers. Failure to comply with any of the guidelines or expectations may result in removal from the program.

### **GUIDELINES AND EXPECTATIONS:**

- Positive behavior is a key expectation for youth participating in an Anne Arundel County Youth Volunteer Program. Positive behavior reflects trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.
- Participants are expected to fully participate and behave appropriately to ensure a high-quality learning experience and ensure the safety of all participants.
- Theft, vandalism, the use of illegal drugs and alcohol are strictly prohibited. Those engaged in illegal activities will be turned over to the proper authorities.
- You are expected to be a positive role model to the campers, other staff, and peers. Behaviors that violate the rights of others, particularly when the behavior is disrespectful as regards a person's gender, race, age, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, disability or appearance will not be tolerated.
- Valuables, expensive jewelry, and electronic devices should be left at home. Anne Arundel County Recreation and Parks will not be responsible for any lost or missing items: especially Cell Phones.
- Participants are not allowed to use their cell phones during the day. Staff will have cell phones in case of an emergency.
- Participants are not to post any photos of campers or of the camp to any social media. Anne Arundel County Recreation and Parks reserves the right to photograph participants for publicity purposes.
- Participants should dress casually for the camp setting. Closed toe shoes, T-shirts, shorts of fingertip length, and 1 piece swimsuits are required attire.
- Program T-Shirts are provided and are expected to be worn at all times
- Participants are responsible for bringing lunch, their own sunscreen and bug spray.
- If medications of any kind are needed during volunteer times you must have a Physician's Request to Administer Medications. Medication must be in original bottles with directions by the Pharmacy. No camper may carry medication unless the proper forms are on site.
- For each program you are expected to be there every day. Attendance is a requirement to receive full credit.
- Participants are expected to complete assignments to the best of their ability. Failure to complete assignments may result in loss of credit hours.
- Participants are expected to work with their site director. They must confirm their hours and schedules and any issues or questions with the site director. Participants are also expected to have their timesheets signed by the site director.
- These guidelines are not subject to interpretation and each program participant is expected to follow them without exception. Our primary consideration is to provide a safe, secure environment for all participants.

Disclaimer: In consideration of the Department of Recreation & Parks accepting my child(ren) in the program, I agree to release & discharge Anne Arundel County, its employees, and agents from any injuries sustained by my child(ren) as a result of participation in this program. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Anne Arundel County, its employees and agents against any liability incurred as a result of such injury or loss. It is understood and agreed that Anne Arundel County, its employees and agents cannot be responsible for any aggravation or injury caused as a result of a pre-existing disability, including but not limited to allergies. Recreation & Parks will be notified of any such disability/sensitivities in writing prior to attending this program

**I have read and agree to abide by the Guidelines and Expectations above.**

Participant's (signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**I expect my youth to abide by this code of conduct.**

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Parent or legal guardian's (signature)

**Parent Consent for Volunteer activity**

I hereby give permission for my youth to participate in the Youth Summer Volunteer Program sponsored by the Department of Recreation and Parks. In consideration of the Department's accepting my youth into this program, I agree to release and discharge Anne Arundel County, its employees and agents from any injuries sustained by my youth as a result of participation in this program. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Anne Arundel County, its employees and agents against liability incurred as a result of such injury or loss. It is understood and agreed that Anne Arundel County, its employees and agents cannot be responsible for any aggravation or injury caused as a result of a pre-existing physical problem; including but not limited to allergies. The Department will be notified as to the existence of any such problems or sensitivities in writing prior to enrollment into this program. I understand that my youth will not receive any financial compensation for participation in this program. I understand that my youth may be dismissed from the program if they do not follow the guidelines and responsibilities for completion of the program. I also understand that no refund of the registration fee will be given if my youth does not complete the program. \*Participants may at some time be photographed for use by AA County for publicity purposes. Participants may be transported in Department approved vehicles for field trips and other site visitations.

**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

## **Application Checklist:**

**The following documents must be included in the application packet. Failure to send all information will result in a delay in processing your application.**

- APPLICATION INFORMATION FORM
- APPLICATION ESSAY
- SIGNED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PARENT YOUTH CONTRACT

The application process opens February 3rd, 2026. Interviews begin as soon as applications are received and scheduled. Priority for acceptance and placement will be given to early applicants. Applications must be received via email no later than 4:30 pm May 1st. Final interviews and decisions for all slots will be made by May 24th, 2026. This is a first come first served program with limited capacity in each program, period and location. In order to assure your acceptance and program choice please apply early. Once your application is received, you will be contacted to schedule an interview. Program selection and period weeks will be confirmed at your interview.

**RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ALL MATERIALS VIA EMAIL WITH VOLUNTEER NAME IN THE SUBJECT LINE TO:**

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Sarah Heath  
Summer Coordinator