



NATURE DAY CAMP

INSPIRING AND NURTURING RELATIONSHIPS WITH NATURE

2019 SUMMER YOUTH VOLUNTEER COUNSELOR REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Do you have a passion for leading children in fun and inclusive outdoor programs? Love being in nature and sharing it with others? Interested in gaining valuable skills while giving back to your community?

We would love to have you as one of our 2019 volunteer Counselors!



For 45 years, Friends of Tryon Creek in SW Portland have offered nature day camps that help grow and learn in our unique urban forest. To do this work well, we rely on a dedicated group of youth volunteers to support our seasonal staff during the camp day.

Youth aged 15 and up are invited to apply to volunteer for up to 6 weeks each summer for both full day and/or half day programs. Counselors work closely with our Instructors to collaboratively lead groups of campers during songs, games, hikes, and activities. Each week, you will be given time to set goals and reflect on your experiences, working closely with staff to develop as a leader, educator, student, mentor, and friend.

This is a fee-free program with no previous experience needed!

Friends of Tryon Creek Nature Day Camp program aims to inspire and nurture relationships with nature by creating experiences rooted in belonging, curiosity, and exploration. **Our goal is to create a safe and inclusive environment where campers cultivate ecological and cultural understanding while building life-long friendships in our unique, urban forest.** All Nature Day Camp programs balance camp traditions like songs, skits, hikes, crafts, and games with hands-on field studies designed to enhance science education and connection to the natural world.

Friends of Tryon Creek recognizes **the diversity of races, cultures, backgrounds, and experiences of our whole community must be represented in our volunteer base in order to welcome and inspire all visitors**, so we strongly encourage youth of color as well as folks who are LGBTQ+, multilingual, first-generation, or from other traditionally marginalized communities to join us in our efforts to reclaim, reconnect, and build authentic relationships with nature.

Explore camp dates, themes, and volunteer registration information by visiting www.tryonfriends.org/day-camp (scroll down to the “Camp Programs” section) or contact Erin “Flicker” Cathcart at erin@tryonfriends.org.