



Outdoor Leadership Training for Teens

Timeframe: June – August, 2017

Locations: Skyliner Lodge, Juniper Jungle Farm, and Tumalo State Park

Fee: This training is free of charge

Teens Come Away With:

- Valuable experience working in the field of outdoor leadership
- Knowledge of earth skills such as edible and medicinal plant identification, shelter building, camouflage, survival, and additional skills according to their interests
- Foundational understanding of the 8-Shields method of curriculum development
- Skills for group management and safety in the outdoors
- A notable educational experience to put on resumes
- Connection with an organization that will be willing to write them letters of recommendation
- An experience that can be used as or applied to a senior project
- Wildheart Teen Outdoor Leadership Certificate
- High school Credit

Leadership Training Consists Of:

- Wildheart Leadership Training Day in June, 2017
 - Participants will learn a variety of earth skills such as edible and medicinal plant identification, shelter building, survival, camouflage, and additional skills according to their interests
 - Participants will learn the 8-Shields method of curriculum development
 - Participants will learn skills for group management
 - Participants will learn tools to keep groups safe outdoors
- Week-Long Practicum (Participants can choose their week between June and August, 2017)
 - Participants will choose a week during the summer to apply leadership skills in the field as an assistant instructor in one of Wildheart's summer camps for children (day camps run Monday through Friday from 9am – 3:30pm and generally have eleven to fourteen children along with two lead instructors.) As each week focuses on a different set of outdoor skills, participants will choose the week based on their particular interests. Please review the Summer Camp web page to become familiar with the different theme options. URL: <http://wildheartnatureschool.com/summer-camps/>
 - Participants will receive guidance from lead instructors throughout the week
- Integration Workshop in August, 2017

- Participants will reflect on their experience to gain valuable insights for future field work
- Participants will receive an evaluation from a Lead Instructor and write a self-evaluation to outline their strengths and their growing edges
- Participants will receive a Wildheart Teen Outdoor Leadership Certificate

Expectations and responsibilities:

- Shadow instructors in the field during nature classes and participate as a counselor in training
- Observe and/or participate in the curriculum planning based on successful models of outdoor education
- Be willing to work with children while maintaining a positive attitude at all times. This also entails being a strong role model for the children and being mindful of language used and actions taken.
- Show up to the Wildheart Leadership Training Day, Week-Long Practicum, and the Integration Workshop

Application

Please fill out and return to: amara@wildheartnatureschool.com

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Please attach a list of past work experiences along with this application.

What fields of study are you interested in pursuing after high school?

Please review our website and become familiar with our school. How does our mission of being dedicated to empowering young people and adults through our holistic model of nature-based education relate to your personal values?

Do you have any experience being a leader? What are your strengths?

What do you anticipate being the most challenging part of stepping into a leadership position?

Do you have any questions or comments for us about this training opportunity?

Do you have previous experience with outdoors skills? If so what is that experience?

Do you have any specific learning goals? Which camp themes do you feel most drawn to and why?

Are you currently certified in CPR and/or First Aid?

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