

**New Hampshire Conference, United Church of Christ  
Outdoor Ministries Position Description 2008**

**Title:** Volunteer Leader  
**Reports To:** Camper, Program Coordinator, Director of Outdoor Ministries  
**Salary:** Joy, love, surprise, faith renewal, awe, laughter, serenity, sleeplessness, FUN and spiritual growth! Oh, and delicious meals included daily!

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**GENERAL INFORMATION:** We are an extension of our local churches and relationships are at the core of our mission- relationships with God, others, the natural world, and ourselves. We strive to provide facilities, programs and leadership that support the buildings of these relationships. Our goal is to provide a “Ministry of Hospitality” and a positive example of Christian community by inviting and welcoming the stranger and learning to live, work, play, pray and celebrate together. Program staff, volunteer leaders, Chaplains, resource people, kitchen, site and health care staff work as a team to plan and implement the camp program and ensure the health and safety of everyone involved. Horton Center is the home base for program staff. Sessions are offered there and at the Geneva Point Center in Moultonborough, N.H. *The primary focus of this position is providing unselfish service to others.*

**GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS- All Volunteer Leaders Should:**

- Be enthusiastic Christians- working to put their faith into action,
- Enjoy working with people,
- Possess a sincere desire to serve others,
- Be respectful of themselves, others and the environment,
- Be able to assume and share responsibility,
- Be open-minded and flexible,
- Be physically active, in good health, and emotionally stable,
- And demonstrate a high level of Christian ethics and values.

**SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Sharing of your God Given Gifts to the camp community.

**Recommended:**

- Minimum age: 18 years and one year out of high school *preferred*
- Successful experience working with children and youth
- Current certification in Wilderness First Aid or CPR First Aid for the Professional Rescuer *is a benefit but not mandatory.*

**JOB SEGMENTS:**

- Provide for the health and safety of all campers and staff at all times
- Treat all people with dignity and respect
- LIVE THE FAITH and serve as a positive role model in all aspects of camp life.
- Share cabin with program staff and work to build a supportive, inclusive, effective Christian community.
- Nurture the faith development of campers, staff and co-volunteers.
- Become thoroughly familiar with camp facilities, programs, resources.
- Work together with guest facilitators, Chaplains, and staff to plan and implement all aspects of the program in accordance with camp goals and policies.
- Assist staff in leading small group discussions, worship planning sessions & interactive Bible discussions.
- Assist the leadership staff in areas of support as needed: archery, rock climbing, canoeing, hikes, crafts, group building initiatives, nature activities and outdoor living skills.
- Serve as a co cabin leader with staff, living with a group of 8-10 campers for the week of

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- Share in the leadership of singing, evening programs and special events.
- Provide background “support” for the camp community:
  - assisting with meal preparation & service, dish washing and general clean up,
  - keeping the grounds and facilities neat, clean and safe,
  - cleaning cabins and other facilities,
  - and performing other duties as assigned.
- Attend and participate in all designated staff meetings and training sessions.
- Abide by Outdoor Ministries procedures and policies.

### **ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**

1. Abilities to communicate and campers in safety regulations and procedures.
2. Abilities to observe camper and counselor behavior, assess its appropriateness, enforce safety regulations, follow emergency procedures, and apply appropriate behavior management techniques.
3. Visual and auditory ability to identify and respond to environmental and other hazards related to camp setting.
4. Physical ability to respond appropriately to situations requiring first aid or other emergency procedures.
5. Cognitive and communication abilities to plan and conduct activities to achieve objectives for camper development.

### **VOLUNTEER STAFF RECEIVE:**

1. meals and lodging while in camp
2. **Joy, love, surprise, faith renewal, awe, laughter, serenity, sleeplessness, FUN and spiritual growth!**
3. a minimum of one training session *required* , interpersonal and group work skills

**SEASON: June 11 through August 23, 2008.**

**TO APPLY:** Download the (1) Volunteer application , (2) answer the essay questions. (3) letter of recommendation documents. (4) background authorization form, (5) health information form and submit to:

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