



Dear Prospective Counselors,

This will be our 23rd year of Nature Camp at Tauxemont. We are looking forward to another great year and hope you will be a part of it. We hope you are having a good school year and are looking forward to summer.

Before you apply, please review the following:

- Morning Camp Counselor volunteer hours are Monday 8:00 am to 12:30 pm and Tuesday through Friday 8:30 am to 12:15 pm (camper hours are 9:00 to 11:45 am). Counselors must be entering the 7th grade or older and enjoy working with children ages 3 ½ through 8 years.
- Afternoon Camp Counselor volunteer hours are Monday 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm and Tuesday through Friday 1:00 pm to 4:15 pm (camper hours are 1:15 to 4:00 pm). Counselors must be entering 9th grade or older and enjoy working with children ages 4 ½ through 8 years.
- There are five morning sessions and two afternoon sessions of camp. Please plan to attend your full week(s) assigned.
- You will work in teams of two or three supervising groups of about ten children as they move from activity to activity, assisting with crafts, hiking, games, etc.
- Be willing to perform assignments to open and close camp each day. These assignments include setting up for the day and cleaning up at the end of the day. It is a lot of work and a lot of fun.
- You must attend a mandatory training meeting either **June 6th, or 9th, from 7:00 – 8:00 pm.**
- Come help set up camp on **June 9th**. Any time between **2:00 pm and 7:00 pm**. This is not mandatory, but many hands make for light work.
- Start checking your e-mail the second week of May. Check spam and junk folders too. Contact Dawn at dawn.matthews@outlook.com if you have not received an e-mail by May 24th.

We try to balance younger youth counselors with older youth counselors, and we try to have a mix of boy and girl counselors. We carefully read your applications. Every year there are more young people interested in being counselors than spaces. If you meet the criteria above, please fill out an application/health form and return it to Tauxemont Cooperative Preschool, 7719 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, VA 22308, attention: Nature Camp or place it in the red box located in the school parking lot.

Return your application and health form by **Friday, April 12th** to be considered for a session of Nature Camp.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,
Barbara, Lisa, and Dawn