



Dear Prospective Counselors,

This will be our 25th year of Nature Camp at Tauxemont. We are looking forward to another great year! 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 12:45 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 8th grade or older and enjoy working with children ages 4 ½ through 8 years.
- There are four 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.
- Volunteers eighteen years old and older will need to have a background check on file. Once your application has been received you will receive an email with directions on how to proceed with the background check application.
- You must attend a mandatory training meeting either **June 4th, or 7th, from 7:00 – 8:00 pm.**
- Come help set up camp on **June 7th**. Any time between **3:00 pm and 7:00 pm**. This is not mandatory, but many hands make for light work.

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 green box located in the school parking lot.

Return your application and health form by **Friday, May 1st** to be the first priority group considered for a session of Nature Camp. Start checking your e-mail the second week of May for camp week assignments. Check spam and junk folders too. Contact Dawn at dawn.matthews@outlook.com if you have not received an e-mail by May 19th.

We look forward to receiving your applications!

Sincerely,
Lisa and Dawn