

REQUIREMENTS

Summer Camps Positions



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

Positions marked with (**) conduct and supervise campers on a 24-hour basis and are required to have certifications in first aid and CPR/AED that meet New York State Department of Health (DOH) requirements for children's camps. [Click here to see the NYS DOH list of approved First Aid classes](#) and the [list of approved CPR/AED classes](#). **You must take a class listed on the top of the table under Residential Camp programs!**

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Interviews of qualified candidates will begin in the fall and continue until all positions are filled. Applicants possessing a valid driver's license, waterfront life guarding, WSI, EMT, and similar certifications are preferred.

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** Conservation Education Camp Director (1 per camp)

A) Bachelor's Degree (must be in the Natural or Physical Science Fields; Biological or Environmental Sciences; Recreation, Primary, Secondary or Special Education; or Environmental Education)

Or

B) be 25 years old AND HAVE

a. at least two full seasons as a Conservation Education Camp Counselor

OR

b. one full season as a Conservation Education Camp Assistant Director

OR

c. one full season as a Camp Director at any non-DEC camp

PLUS all of the below

- Experience in residential camp setting is required.
- Outdoor pursuits in areas such as hiking, canoeing, backpacking, hunting, fishing, water safety and archery is required.
- Must be certified in first aid courses as required by the NYS Department of Health, such as
 - American Red Cross Responding to Emergencies or equivalent
 - American Red Cross CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer or equivalent & must be in its first year.
- Must have and maintain a valid Driver's license.

** Conservation Education Assistant Camp Director (1 per camp)

A) at least two years of college or work experience in the Natural or Physical sciences Fields; Biological or Environmental Sciences; Recreation; Primary, Secondary or Special Education; or Environmental Education

AND

a. One full season as a Conservation Education Camp Counselor

OR

b. one full season as a Camp Assistant Director at any non-DEC camp

PLUS all of the below

- Experience in outdoor pursuits in areas such as hiking, canoeing, backpacking, hunting, fishing, water safety and archery is required.
- Must be certified in first aid courses as required by the NYS Department of Health, such as
 - American Red Cross Responding to Emergencies or equivalent
 - American Red Cross CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer or equivalent & must be in its first year.
- Must have and maintain a valid Driver's license

** Conservation Education Camp Health Director (1 per camp)

- Physician+, nurse practitioner+, physician assistant+, registered nurse+, licensed practical nurse+, emergency medical technician or other person acceptable to the Department of Health permit-issuing official. (+ To practice in New York State, must be NYS licensed.)
- CPR/AED certification acceptable to the Department of Health & in its first year of certification.
- Must have and maintain a valid Driver's license

** Conservation Education Camp Waterfront Director/Counselor

In addition to meeting the minimum qualifications of a Conservation Education CAMP COUNSELOR, must meet the NYSDOH requirements for aquatic directors:

A) At least 21 Years old

AND

- 2 seasons experience consisting of at least 12 weeks as a children's camp lifeguard at a pool or beach which had more than one lifeguard supervising it at a time

OR

- 18 weeks of previous experience as a lifeguard at a pool or beach, which had more than one lifeguard supervising it at a time.

PLUS all of the below

- Must be currently certified in a DOH acceptable certification as a Waterfront Lifeguard and in Lifeguard Management
- Water Safety Instructor Certification although not required would be a recognized asset for this position.

** Conservation Education Camp Counselor (8 per camp)

A) Must have 60 semester college credit hours, including at least 12 semester credit hours in natural resources, environmental studies, environmental education, outdoor recreation, STEM [Science (biology, chemistry, computer, earth, environmental, and physics); Technology; Engineering; Mathematics], elementary-middle-secondary-special education, or camp management

OR

B) 2 years of work experience in natural resources, biological sciences, geology, environmental studies, environmental sciences, environmental education, outdoor recreation, elementary-middle-secondary-special education, or camp management.

PLUS all of the below

- must be certified in approved first aid courses as required by the NYS Department of Health, such as
 - American Red Cross Responding to Emergencies or equivalent
 - American Red Cross CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer or equivalent & must be in its first year.
 - **Depending upon individual assignments**, certification in areas such as American Red Cross Water Safety Instruction or Lifeguard with Waterfront Module may be required.
 - **May be required to serve as Conservation Education Camp Health Director alternate** if you have a New York State Emergency Medical Technician or higher level of certification, such as licensed practical nurse, registered nurse or physician's assistant.
- Must have and maintain a current Driver's License.

Conservation Education Camp Cook (1 per camp)

- 3 years of experience in the storage, preparation, cooking, and dispensing of food.
- Associate's or higher degree in a culinary field will **substitute for a maximum of two years** of the required experience.
- A valid driver's license is preferred

* Conservation Education Camp Aide 2 (1 per camp)

- 18 years of age
AND
A) 1 year of college study
OR
B) the completion of at least 24 semester credit hours

PLUS all of the below

- attended the DEC Camp program as a camper or volunteer for at least one summer
- must be certified in an approved CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer certification & must be in its first year.
- Must have and maintain a current driver's license
- Additional certifications in Waterfront Lifeguarding and other Department of Health approved Camp Certifications are not required but are preferred

* Conservation Education Camp Aide 1 (1 per camp)

- 18 years of age
- High School Graduate
- Must have and maintain a current driver's license
- must be certified in an approved CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer certification & must be in its first year.
- Additional certifications in Waterfront Lifeguarding and other Department of Health approved Camp Certifications are not required but are preferred

HOW TO APPLY

If you are interested in one of these positions, please submit a resume, unofficial college transcript and cover letter to campemploy@dec.ny.gov. Email is preferred, but you may mail your application to

DEC Camps Employment
C/O Camps Administrator
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