



Summer Camp Youth Leader Program

Thank you for your interest in Shelburne Farms Summer Camp Youth Leader Program. Camp Youth Leaders will work alongside Summer Camp Education Staff to create and participate in fun, exploratory experiences for our youngest campers. Camp Youth Leaders will receive mentorship, build leadership skills, and gain experience managing and facilitating programs with groups of campers.

All of our camps strive to nurture curiosity, strengthen our connection to each other and our place, and offer opportunities for choice and youth input. The age group (5-8 year olds) that Camp Youth Leaders will work with spend almost their whole camp day outside. We offer a lot of imaginative and creative play opportunities and campers love to have Camp Youth Leaders jump in! Some favorite activities include: dipping for critters at the pond, visiting the garden to harvest and cook, building fairy homes, taking a trip to the dairy, exploring the forests, and nature crafting.

Camp Youth Leader Requirements:

- 14 - 17 years old (Prior involvement in camp programs as a Camp Youth Leader (CYL) or camper is not required!)
- Excited to work with young children and enjoys acting as a mentor.
- Eager to learn more about education, our farm ecosystem, and our non-human communities.
- Excited to be a part of our summer education team!

Opportunities:

- Take part in an afternoon orientation & training with other Camp Youth Leaders in mid-June.
- Gain experience working as part of a teaching team! Your teaching team will work to set goals, mentor, and share feedback with you.
- Gain experience being an active role model for campers and our community.
- Assist education staff by participating in and leading dynamic outdoor activities, songs, games, and storytelling.

Logistics:

- Make a commitment to one full week of programming.
- The Camp Youth Leader Program runs from 8:30am- 3:30pm each day of the camp week. We offer Before Care (8:00am-onward) and Aftercare (ending at 5:00pm) that CYL's are welcome to participate in. The camp day ends at 3:30 pm, but CYL's are also welcomed and encouraged to participate in staff debriefs which wrap up at 4:00 pm. (community service opportunity for up to 40 hours per week).
- Program fee is \$50.00 (financial assistance is available).

To become a Summer Camp Youth Leader, have your parent/guardian [sign-in or create a new account online](#) and then complete an online application together. (Please note that if you have been a previous camper, your family already has an account.) Applications will be considered during the January 11-13 placement process. Remaining positions will be reviewed on a rolling basis throughout the spring and summer season.

Questions:

- For general questions about the Summer Camp Youth Leader Program, please contact Hannah Corbin, Camp and Afterschool Coordinator, at workandlearn@shelburnefarms.org.
- For application and registration questions, please contact Mariah Hawkins, Education Program Administrator and Registrar, at registration@shelburnefarms.org.

Sincerely,
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