



# YMCA of Niagara

## Volunteer Opportunity and Job Description

### Day Camp Volunteer – Winter Break Camp, March Break Camp & Summer Day Camp

<b>Location</b>	St. Catharines, Welland, Niagara Falls, Grimsby, Port Colborne
<b>Time Commitment</b>	Commitment to one full week of camp is encouraged and 2-3 weeks is preferred. (Monday – Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm for approximately 40 hours).

#### Why Volunteer for the YMCA?

The YMCA is a charity dedicated to building healthy communities. The YMCA of Niagara delivers programs in Health, Fitness and Aquatics, Community Outreach, Child Care, Day Camp and Employment & Newcomer Services throughout the Niagara Region. We are committed to nurturing the potential of children, youth, and families, promoting healthy living and fostering social responsibility within the community. Our focus on inclusiveness and accessibility means we serve people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities through all stages of life.

#### NATURE & SCOPE

Volunteers work directly with YMCA camp counselors and assist in leading games and activities for children and youth participating in YMCA Day Camp. Volunteers can help children and youth grow and learn in many ways that are consistent with the YMCA mission of building body, mind, and spirit. Day Camp volunteers act as role models for campers while gaining valuable experiences with children and have an introduction to being a camp leader.

#### EXPECTATIONS:

- To appreciate and support the YMCA values, mission, and vision.
- To demonstrate energy, dedication, and enthusiasm.
- To appreciate and desire to generously serve all.
- To thrive in an atmosphere of change and ambiguity.
- To work as a member of a team.
- To achieve planned results through personal initiative.
- To model commitment to service excellence and quality.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To help in leading camp activities such as active games, crafts, or swimming and assist with camper supervision.
- To support safe, quality programs and a healthy, secure environment for campers and staff.
- To assist Camp Counsellors in the development of camp programs
- To be in YMCA dress code (Camp volunteer t-shirt, black bottoms, hat and running shoes).
- To model and follow all YMCA policies including the Child, Youth and Vulnerable Person Protection Policy & Procedures.
- Other duties as requested.

## **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Previous experience in YMCA Day Camps or other YMCA programs an asset but not required.
- Patient and caring attitude, energy, enthusiasm, and flexibility.
- Minimum 15 years of age, completion of LIT or CIT camp programs an asset but not required.
- Successful graduates of the current years LIT or CIT camps who are 13 years of age or older may volunteer for up to two weeks unless otherwise approved.
- Applicants 18 years of age and older must submit a clear and satisfactory criminal record check inclusive of the vulnerable sector search (CRC VSS) issued for the YMCA of Niagara.
- The ability to participate in ongoing physical activity (including swimming) and be in an outdoor environment in various weather conditions.

## **TRAINING AND SUPPORT:**

- Mandatory volunteer orientation and Day Camp Training provided.
- Supervision and support by senior Day Camp staff.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Complete an online volunteer application form or print the application and drop off at your local Health, Fitness and Aquatics Centre or email it to <http://ymcaniagara.campbrainstaff.com/>

Accessibility accommodations and material in alternative formats for individuals with disabilities can be arranged upon request.

For more information for this and other opportunities at the YMCA of Niagara please visit our website: [www.ymcaofniagara.org](http://www.ymcaofniagara.org)