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YOUTH STEWARDSHIP ASSISTANT VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION

I. Position Overview:

Title:	Youth Stewardship Assistant
Opportunity:	2024 Summer Youth Stewardship June 10 – August 9, 2023
Commitment:	Must be available 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM on scheduled days Participants can schedule dates on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays Minimum 10 days during the summer. Days don't have to be consecutive.
Requirements:	At least 14 years old
Reports to:	Natural Resources Manager

II. Position Summary: Youth Stewardship Assistant volunteers help our land management staff with natural-area projects during the summer. These volunteers are a very important part of our stewardship program. Responsibilities include:

- pulling invasive plants,
- trail maintenance,
- trash collection,
- learning about plants
- reporting hours served
- attending orientation

III. Preferred Qualifications & Skills: Youth Stewardship Assistant volunteers are expected to participate actively in all land management tasks. Training and guidance in native plants, land management techniques, and trail maintenance will be provided. A successful candidate:

- will be enthusiastic, motivated, and reliable
- will be able to lift 20 pounds
- will possess a willingness to work in all weather conditions

IV. Application Procedure: Application deadline is April 15, 2024.

New Applicants and Returning Camp Volunteers: Please complete the online NCSL Youth Volunteer Application at <https://shakerlakes.org/youth-opportunities/>

Inquiries: Contact Volunteer Manager at volunteer@shakerlakes.org or 216.321.5935 x237



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Expectations for Youth Stewardship Program Volunteers

PARENTS- We expect a lot from the young adults in this program. It is rewarding for the Nature Center and our staff enjoys working with and mentoring the young people volunteering with us through the summer. If you are wondering if your teen is ready for this program, please review the following expectations.

Youth Stewardship Volunteers are expected to:

- Commit to the mission of the Nature Center to preserve the land, connect to nature and inspire stewardship.
- Commit to 10 working days (9:30 am to 1 pm) during the summer.
- Work independently and as a part of the Youth Stewardship Program team.
- Be prepared each day for the program by bringing necessary materials, dressing appropriately and following directed procedures.
- Be enthusiastic, friendly and open to new experiences and willing to work with Nature Center staff.
- Treat other Youth Stewardship Program participants and Nature Center staff with respect.
- Assist in maintaining a safe and healthy environment
- Communicate clearly and professionally in person, on the phone and via email during the application process and during the summer. This is important if especially the student will be absent on a scheduled work day.
- Arrive and depart in a timely fashion without adult supervision.
- Accept feedback as a part of the learning process and strive to improve their performance.
- Under direction and training of Natural Resources Specialist, identify and pull invasive species on the Nature Center property. This may include cattails, purple loosestrife, iris, vinca and pacasandra.
- Pick up trash on property both in on-trail and off-trail locations on directed days.
- Assist with minor trail work by spreading trail mix on trails as needed.
- Failure to comply with the rules and procedures of the Nature Center or who fail to satisfactorily perform their volunteer assignment are subject to dismissal.