



PineProject

Position: Urban Summer Day Camp Volunteer

Start date: Monday 22 June 2020

Duration: One week minimum

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8am - 4pm, with additional hours as required

About the Pine Project:

The Pine Project is Ontario's leading nature connection organization! We offer year-round nature connection programs for people of all ages in Toronto and the surrounding area, including Outdoor School, March Break programs, and highly sought-after summer camps. Each year we engage with over 1,500 children, teens, families and adults to foster confidence, competence, resilience and a deep relationship with nature.

By helping children connect to nature and teaching adults to do the same, we inspire children to respect, cherish, and care for the Earth. We are empowering the next generation of environmental stewards, problem solvers and leaders. Check out our website – pineproject.org – for more info.

Start Date: One week minimum, Monday - Friday 8am – 4pm during weeks:

June 29-July 3 *not July 1*

July 6-10

July 13-17

July 20-24

July 27-31

August 4-7 *not August 3*

August 10-14

August 17-21

August 24-28

Must be available to attend Training - June 22-26

Why Volunteer?

Volunteers at the Pine Project learn valuable experience in our unique mentoring approach, develop their wilderness skills and proficiency, and gain opportunities to learn new in-depth naturalist skills from our experienced staff. Our staff are a community of mentors and avid learners. If you're looking to learn new skills and knowledge about nature, education and working with youth, there is no better place!

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- assist in providing positive learning and recreational experiences for children and youth ages 0-13 and their parents
- assist in the supervision of educational and recreational activities

- assist Pine instructors with program set-up and delivery
- be prepared to work outdoors in all weather conditions
- be available for at least one program session for the full 5 days, including 30 min of preparation/organization time at the beginning of each program and the end of each program

QUALIFICATIONS

Volunteers must:

- be enthusiastic, outgoing, and flexible
- have experience working with children
- be able and willing to work as part of a team
- have good communication, time management, and organizational skills
- identify with our mission statement and core values
- have a desire to further their own naturalist/primitive skills, mentoring techniques, and/or nature connection through professional development opportunities with Pine staff members.

Preference will be given to candidates with experience and/or interest in the following areas:

- outdoor and environmental education
- naturalist knowledge
- survival/wilderness skills
- working in camp settings
- experience with Pine or affiliate organizations around North America

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Please note all staff and volunteers must attend training, to be outlined by the volunteer coordinator.

An application must be completed on the website: <https://pineprojectstaff.campbrainstaff.com/>

Additionally, interested applicants are asked to forward their cover letter and resume by email to pinevolunteers@pineproject.org. Please use the subject line: **Volunteer Application: [Your Name] – [Summer Day Camp]**. Be sure to include your availability in your cover letter.

Applications will be assessed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

We thank all applicants for their interest, but regret that we are only able to respond to those selected for interviews.

Please note that all volunteers working directly with children will require a Vulnerable Sectors check through their local police station.

The Pine Project is committed to creating resilient, diverse and vibrant communities. We recognize people from diverse professional, cultural and educational backgrounds. As such, applicants who do not have all of the stated skills and feel they would make a positive contribution to the community are encouraged to apply. Please address these differences in the cover letter.