



## Camp Cool Environment VolunTeen Program 2018

Who Is My Neighbor? Inc. offers a fun, challenging, and rewarding opportunity for teenagers to serve as VolunTeens (Volunteer + Teenagers) at Camp Cool Environment, located in The Cave youth recreation facility in the lower lever of the Reformed Church of Highland Park, NJ, 19 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

Volunteens work with camp directors, adult volunteers, and other volunteens to create a safe, fun, and exciting time for campers, while discovering the value of working as a community volunteer.

***Please note: THIS IS NOT A PAID POSITION.***

### **Volunteen Description**

- Serve as a mentor to children ages 8-11.
- Engage in activities with campers such as playing games, doing art, and helping with weekly projects.
- Assist camp directors with daily tasks such as snack preparation and maintaining facility cleanliness.
- Oversee campers on field trips.
- Care for camp equipment and supplies.

### **Volunteen Requirements**


- Entering 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades or completion of high school senior year as of June.
- Commitment to attend each day of camp on the week assigned and for the full length of time, arriving promptly by 8:30am and leaving at 4:30pm each day.
- Turn off cell phone and all electronic devices during camp hours.
- Attend training session on Sunday, June 17, 2018.

### **Volunteen Qualifications**

- Behave with kindness, respect, and compassion for yourself and others.
- Possess a sincere enjoyment of working with younger children entering 3rd-6th grade.
- Demonstrate leadership skills when working with younger children, understanding of their needs and putting their comfort and safety first.
- Responsible to complete assigned tasks, trustworthy, and able to work as a team member in cooperation with the other camp staff.
- Be in good health and positive spirit.

### **Steps to Becoming a Volunteen**

1. Complete and return the attached application (deadline May 1st).  
Mail, email, or deliver to: Who Is My Neighbor? Inc., 19 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Highland Park, NJ 08904.  
If you have any questions, please contact Lara Arp: [lara@whoismyneighbor.net](mailto:lara@whoismyneighbor.net) (732) 379-0897
2. If this is your first summer to apply, you will be asked to attend an interview and provide references upon request. Repeat volunteens are not required to interview again for this summer.
3. Participate in the volunteen training session.
4. Sign your contract and begin your summer adventures as a Volunteen!

 **Who Is My Neighbor? Inc.** is a non-profit organization that provides enriching social and educational programs for children, families, and adults to create connections and foster a sense of belonging in our diverse community.

# Volunteer Application for Summer 2018 \*Submission deadline: May 1, 2018\*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age today \_\_\_\_\_ Grade entering in September \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Child Care Experience:** List any experience you have in caring for younger children: looking after and playing with them, or babysitting. (Can be with younger siblings, neighbor children, etc.) List their age(s), how many times you took care of them, what you did to entertain them.

**Activities:** List any activities you are involved in. Include team sports, school clubs, youth organizations, volunteer experience, community projects, lessons you have taken (such as karate, dance, musical instruments, art, language), etc.

**Why do you want to serve as a Volunteer?** Please give your reason(s).

Check the week(s) you are available to volunteer at Camp Cool Environment, **in order of your preference 1st, 2nd, and 3rd**. If you do not yet know, leave it blank, and you may provide this information at a later time. Please note: You will be selected for either one or two weeks of camp.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Week 1: 6/21-6/22      Welcome to Summer: Two days of vacation fun. Field trip: Colonial Park Mini Golf & Paddleboats (We will not go swimming this week.)
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ Week 2: 6/25-6/29      Bridges: Become an engineer for the week as we design, build, and test bridges. Field trip: Roebling Museum
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ Week 3: 7/2-7/6 (closed on 7/4) Industrial New Jersey: From the first telegraph to the manufacturing of iron, learn about NJ's role in industrial history and today. Field trip: Historic Speedwell
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ Week 4: 7/9-7/13      Theater Week: Script writing, song, dance, design and an original performance! Theater Teacher: Stacy Greenblatt
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ Week 5: 7/16-7/20      The Art of Birds: Learn about birds, their habitats, features & behaviors. Then create a "superbird" using art. Field trip: Meadowlands Center
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ Week 6: 7/23-7/27      Dinosaurs: Paleontology comes larger than life through the wonders of dinosaurs. Field trip: Field Station Dinosaur
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ Week 7: 7/30-8/3      Biomimicry: Discover how biomimicry is shaping design and inspiring innovative solutions in today's world. Field Trip: Somerset County Environmental Education Center
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ Week 8: 8/6-8/10      Lost and Found: Navigate your surroundings using maps, compasses, and other skills. Field trip: Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ Week 9: 8/13-8/17      Cooperative Play & Inclusion Week: Play games and solve challenges by working together to achieve success using every person's skill sets and strengths. New this year, we are working with VISTAS Education Partners to offer Week #9 as morning inclusion camp 9am-12pm, Mon-Thurs, welcoming campers with disabilities in 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades.

**Parent/Guardian's Permission to Participate**

My child (name) \_\_\_\_\_ is in good health and has my permission, if selected, to serve as a Volunteer. I hereby waive Who Is My Neighbor? Inc. and the Reformed Church of Highland Park from any claims for damages to person while participating in this program. I understand my child needs to attend the Volunteer training as his/her schedule permits (June 17, 2018) in order to volunteer at Camp Cool Environment.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_