



## Camp Cool Environment VolunTeen Program 2024

Who Is My Neighbor? Inc. offers a fun, challenging, and rewarding opportunity for youth to serve as VolunTeens (Volunteer + Teenagers) at Camp Cool Environment, located in 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 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**

- Rising 8<sup>th</sup> graders through rising college freshmen.
- 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 in June, date to be determined.

### **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 by deadline of April 5th. However, the sooner you return your application, the more likely you are to get your first choice of week(s). Once a week is full to volunteen capacity, it will close. Mail, email, or deliver to: Who Is My Neighbor? Inc., 19 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Highland Park, NJ 08904 or [austin@whoismyneighbor.net](mailto:austin@whoismyneighbor.net). Questions? Please contact Austin Morreale at [austin@whoismyneighbor.net](mailto:austin@whoismyneighbor.net).
2. If this is your first summer to apply, you may be asked to attend an interview and possibly 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!

# Volunteer Application for Summer 2024

Submission deadline: *April 5th, 2024*. However, the sooner you return your application, the more likely you are to get your first choice of week(s). Once a week is full to volunteer capacity, it will close.

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Pronouns \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age today \_\_\_\_\_

School you attend or homeschooled \_\_\_\_\_ Grade entering in September \_\_\_\_\_

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

## **Childcare 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?**

Check the week(s) you are available and interested to volunteer, **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 as long as openings are still available. If your summer schedule is flexible, you can note that as well. *Volunteens will have the opportunity of serving for either 1 or 2 weeks. (In some instances, it might be possible to pick up a third week once all the weeks have been assigned.)*

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| _____ Week 1: 7/1-7/3   | Games, Games, Games (camp is closed on 7/4 and 7/5) |
| _____ Week 2: 7/8-7/12  | Animals Everywhere                                  |
| _____ Week 3: 7/15-7/19 | WIMNI Olympics                                      |
| _____ Week 4: 7/22-7/26 | Outdoor Adventures                                  |
| _____ Week 5: 7/29-8/2  | Science Week                                        |
| _____ Week 6: 8/5-8/9   | Theatre Week                                        |
| _____ Week 7: 8/12-8/16 | Farm Fun                                            |
| _____ Week 8: 8/19-8/23 | Bugs!                                               |

### Parent/Guardian's Permission to Participate

My child (name) \_\_\_\_\_ is in good health and has my permission, if selected, to serve as a Volunteen. I hereby waive Who Is My Neighbor 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 Volunteen training as his/her/their schedule permits in order to volunteer at Camp.

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

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

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