



NORTHWEST PARK & NATURE CENTER
Junior Counselor Certification Program
2017

The Junior Counselor Certification Program (JCCP) is a pre-counselor training program for youth ages 14-17, which focus upon gaining the skills necessary to become a camp counselor.

Why Be a Junior Counselor?

- Gain a behind-the-scenes experience of the camp community.
- Establish job and character references.
- Personal growth and expanded self-esteem through leadership opportunities.
- Ability to work with children and adults in a camp community.

Eligibility:

- Must be between the ages of 14-17 during the summer of 2017.
- Must be energetic, motivated and willing to work with young children.
- Must have completed the Junior Counselor Certification Program workshop on either **March 4 or April 22** (register online at <https://secure.rec1.com/ct/town-windsor/reg.php> or at the Nature Center).
- Must be committed to two weeks of Nature Camp.

Application Procedure:

This packet contains all necessary information. It is available online at townofwindsorct.com/recreation or at the Nature Center

There is an application process for this program to ensure the Junior Counselors have the desire to participate fully and be a positive role model during this program.

- Have completed the application, reference, health and waiver forms and be returned to the Northwest Park Nature Center by **May 5, 2017**.
- Position is not guaranteed until confirmed by the Nature Day Camp Director.

Responsibilities:

- Campers Come First!!! Set a good example by being a positive role model.
- Assist Camp Teachers with daily activities, such as, crafts, games, hikes, experiments.
- Associate with campers **NOT** other junior counselors.
- Be punctual, attend and be an active part of all camp programming, participants must be able to attend **100%** of the sessions enrolled in.
- Abide by all rules, policies and procedures.
- Treat all campers equally, there should be no favorites
- Be cooperative with the camp counselors, your peers, and the campers.
- Be enthusiastic and have a positive attitude.



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Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Camp Experience:

Have you ever been a camper at Northwest Park Nature Day Camp? Yes No

Have you attended other camps as a camper? Yes No

Camp Name: _____ Number of years: _____

Have you ever been a Junior Counselor (JC) or Counselor in Training (CIT) before? Yes No

Camp Name: _____ Number of years: _____

Position: _____ Duties: _____

Please circle full weeks you are available (must be able to commit to two weeks)

June 26-30	July 5-7	July 10 - 14	July 17 - 21
July 24 - 28	July 31- Aug 4	Aug 7 - 11	Aug 14 - 18

Please circle your t-shirt size: S M L XL

Please answer the following questions with a minimum of three sentences: (use back of page if needed)

1. Why do you want to be a Junior Counselor (JC) at Northwest Park Nature Day Camp?
2. If you are selected to be a JC, what personal qualities do you have that will make you a good JC?
3. Name someone that you know to be a leader, please describe the characteristics that make that person a good leader.

Participant Agreement

I the Parent/Guardian _____ approve this registration and certify that the junior counselor is capable of participating in all activities of Northwest Park's summer camp. Northwest Park is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged personal articles. I also authorize Northwest Park to use photographs, slides, and video tapes of the junior counselor named on this registration, which may be needed for promotional purposes and website development.

TOWN OF WINDSOR
Applicant Information and Release of Liability

Disclosure:

The Town of Windsor's Junior Counselor Summer Nature Camp at Northwest Park involves a variety of activities and challenges that include, by not limited to: games, initiatives, hiking, fire building, canoeing, use of the Windsor Challenge Course and off site travel, which are provided by Northwest Park Staff. All activities are challenge by choice, that is, the level of participation is determined by the individual at all times. There is risk involved in all activities associated with participants and the participant of the program assumes the risk. It is the policy that all participants have health insurance coverage. Information on this coverage must be made known to the instructors of the program prior to the onset of all activities. All information will be kept confidential.

Applicant Information:

1. Name: _____
2. Full Address: _____
3. Daytime Phone Number: _____
4. Evening Phone Number: _____
5. Emergency Phone Number: _____
6. Date of Birth: _____
7. Name of Insurance Company: _____

Release of Liability:

I understand that the Junior Counselor Summer Nature Camp program and the use of canoeing and challenge course may be both physically and mentally demanding. I affirm that I am in good health and that I am not under any professional care for any condition that will limit my ability to safely participate with the guidelines. I recognize the inherent risk of injury that could result during activities, and off site travel. I release the Town Council, Town Staff, Northwest Park Staff, Volunteers, and Campers liability for and injury that may occur to me during the Summer Nature Camp program.

Applicants Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

NORTHWEST PARK CAMP HEALTH RECORD

General Information:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ Grade In Fall: _____ Sex: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone (Parent/Guardian) _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____ Cell # (Parent/Guardian): _____

In the case of an emergency, please notify:

1.) Name: _____ Phone Number(s): _____

2.) Name: _____ Phone Number(s): _____

3.) Name: _____ Phone Number(s): _____

Family Physician: _____ Phone Number(s): _____

It is important for Nature Camp Staff to be fully aware of allergies, chronic or recurring illnesses, or physical limitations of your child, as well as any medications your child is taking.

Please list and briefly explain the following:

Chronic or serious illness:

Allergies:

Current Medications:

Prior Injuries:

Has your child ever had a bee sting? YES NO Reaction:

If Northwest Park staff determines that a medical emergency exists, our policy is to call 911 and then we will call the three emergency contacts. If the first emergency contact cannot be reached, the second will be tried, and then the third. If none of the contacts are reachable, Northwest Park will contact Dr. Christopher Schuck with Pedicorp of Windsor.

To the best of my knowledge, my child _____ is in good physical health and is able to fully participate in all Nature Camp activities. I understand and give my consent to the medical procedures as described above.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:



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Applicants

Full Name: _____
Last
First
Middle Initial

Instructions:

Applicant: Please fill in your name above, and give a copy of this form to two (2) references. Please do not use family members.

Applicant's Reference: The above is volunteering for a position with the Northwest Park and Nature Center Summer Nature Day Camp. As part of the camp community, it is important that each individual demonstrates a mature attitude toward leadership and a responsible concern for the safety and wellbeing of the campers. Please rate this person accurately and as honestly as possible. Your responses will be kept confidential. Return both pages of form to: Northwest Park and Nature Center, 145 Lang Rd. Windsor CT, 06095 Attn. Jen Filer by **May 5, 2017**. Thank You!

Personal Reference

Please rate individual on the items below:	Excel- lent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	No Info
Leadership: Easily take on a role of a leader and motivates others.						
Responsibility: Makes decisions that reflect good judgment.						
Dependability: Completes work with minimal supervision						
Integrity: Displays convictions to a positive set of values.						
Cooperative: Shows willingness to work as a team member.						
Maturity: Exhibits positive attitude when dealing with relationships.						



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Applicants

Full Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Comments:

Please comment on the applicant's readiness to work as a Junior Counselor as part of the camp community of Northwest Park's Summer Nature Day Camp.

How long have you known the applicant? _____

What is your relationship with the applicant? _____

Your Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____ Phone Number _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for your time and cooperation!