



Junior Counselor Program Terms & Conditions



Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Estuary EDventures Summer Camp program at Tampa Bay Watch. Tampa Bay Watch strives to provide exceptional marine science summer camp programs for children ages 6-15. The Junior Counselor program is an excellent opportunity for high school students interested in marine science to learn and apply significant skills. Junior Counselors will have fun earning volunteer hours and gaining valuable experience! Estuary EDventures Junior Counselors will work primarily with the education staff to assist with summer camp programs and activities.

We are seeking responsible applicants comfortable in and around the water, able to handle marine specimens, as well as, capable of spending long hours in outdoor conditions. Junior Counselors must be mature and reliable, and comfortable working with and mentoring younger students ages 6-15.

Junior Counselor Requirements:

All applicants must be current, in-state high school students, ages 16-18, by the start of summer camp. All applicants must undergo an interview to be considered for the position. If selected for the position, Junior Counselors are required to complete a background screening. The background screening is a level 1 criminal history record screening for 16-17 year olds and will be at the expense of the volunteer costing \$24.00. Junior Counselors that are 18 years old will participate in a DCF level 2 screening with an approximate fee of \$60.00. The background check is needed to be authorized to work with children in a summer camp setting.

Participants will be responsible for the following:

- Work one week receiving 40 hours of volunteer service, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. Summer camp programming runs from June-August.
- Assist staff with the implementation of camp programs (e.g. snorkeling, kayaking, science programming, animal collection, and marine themed arts and crafts)
- Keep students/campers on task and engaged
- Assist with gathering materials, setting-up, and breaking down the day's activities

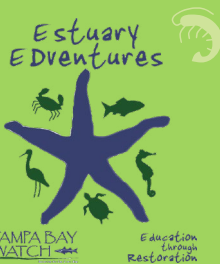
Application Process

The Junior Counselor application can be submitted through **April 15, 2020**. Completed applications will be reviewed by April 20th, and an interview time will be discussed with selected candidates. The interview process is short and informal and should take no longer than 20 minutes. The interview is in place to get to know prospective Junior Counselors better, as well as familiarize high school students with the interview process. Shortly after the interview process Junior Counselors for the 2020 summer camp season will be selected and schedule confirmed.

How to complete the application:

1. Application must be completed by the interested student with permission of a parent or guardian.
2. If interested in potentially working more than one week with the Junior Counselor program, please let that be known on question six of the application. The potential to work more than one week is dependent on the number of applicants.
3. On the bottom of the application please select week(s) of availability in order of preference, 1 being your top choice.
Only place a number next to a week you are able to volunteer.
4. Please email the application form to Audrey Mitchell at amitchell@tampabaywatch.org.

For more information about the Junior Counselor program or application please contact Audrey Mitchell, (727) 867-8166, ext. 247, amitchell@tampabaywatch.org.



Summer Camp 2020

Junior Counselor Application



APPLICATION DUE BY APRIL 15, 2020

(YOU MUST BE 16 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER)

Please fill out application and email to Audrey Mitchell at amitchell@tampabaywatch.org.

Student Name: _____

Age: _____

Year in School: _____

School: _____ (must be in-state)

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parent/Guardians Phone: _____

Parent/Guardians Email: _____

1. How did you hear about our program? (Please let us know if you have volunteered in previous summers)
2. Why are you interested in working with Tampa Bay Watch Summer Camps?
3. Please describe your experience in the areas of marine and environmental science (school courses, personal/professional experience, etc.).
4. Describe your experience working with kids. What ages, between 6 and 14, do you feel most comfortable?
5. Describe your experience and comfort level in and around the water; for example, snorkeling, boating, kayaking, handling small marine animals, or spending long hours in the Florida outdoors.
6. Do you need a certain number of volunteer hours? If so, how many?

Please mark which weeks of camp you are available and number in order of preference (1 being your first choice).

- June 8-12
- June 15-19
- June 22-26
- July 6-10

- July 13-17
- July 20-24
- July 27-31
- August 3-7