



Summer Camp 2024

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 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 level 1 criminal record history screening. This screening is for minors ages 16-17 and will be at the expense of the volunteer costing \$24. Junior Counselors that are 18 years old will participate in a DCF level 2 screening with an approximate fee of \$65. 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 14, 2024**. Completed applications will be reviewed, 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 2024 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 Sabrina Bahre at sbahre@tampabaywatch.org.

For more information about the Junior Counselor program or application, please contact Sabrina Bahre at 727-867-8166, ext. 237, or Email sbahre@tampabaywatch.org.

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APPLICATION DUE BY APRIL 14, 2024

(YOU MUST BE 16 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER)

Please fill out application and Email to Sabrina Bahre at sbahre@tampabaywatch.org.

Student Name: _____ Age: _____

Year in School: _____ School: _____ *(must be in-state)*

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____ Parent/Guardian 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. With what ages, between 6 and 15, 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 have a volunteer hour requirement? If so, how many hours do you need? Please indicate if you are interested in working more than one week.

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

June 10-14	June 24-28	July 22-26	Aug 5-9
June 17-21	July 15-19	July 29-August 2	