



WESTWIND

Teen Apprentice

Program Overview

During their week, the Teen Apprentice program supports Teen campers while they get a glimpse of what working at Camp Westwind is all about. Using the Westwind site as our teacher and classroom, Teen Apprentices have the opportunity to grow as individuals, contribute to the stewardship of the Westwind site, and continue their camper experience in a new and transformational way.

In collaboration with the Teen Apprentice Coordinator, Teen Apprentices will build their schedules for the week. A schedule will likely include time shadowing counselors or other staff, helping with site work, assisting the Art or Nature Specialists with activities, and much more. Schedules will be individualized to each Teen Apprentices' interests while also sharing commonalities such as time dedicated to service projects, all-camp activities, an overnight, and time spent with the other Teen Apprentices and other Teen programs.

Teen Apprentices will leave Westwind with new skills related to their established interests and being outdoors, as well as community service experience and exposure to working with youth. We hope Teen Apprentices will take stewardship and a sense of belonging in the outdoors with them, applying their new skills and experiences to their communities at home.

Program Goals

- Create a Westwind experience that relates to Teen Apprentices' current interests AND offers exposure to new skills and experiences.
 - Related, support a Westwind experience centered around growing into their independence and individuality.
- Offer an opportunity for Teen Apprentices to learn from the Westwind site and Staff.
- Build community with other Teen Apprentices and the greater Camp Westwind community.
- Instill a sense of belonging at Westwind for each Teen Apprentices.
- Offer Teen Apprentices' the opportunity to impact Westwind for the better.

Expectations of Teen Apprentices

- Model respect of the rules, policies, and traditions of Camp Westwind to other campers.
- While working with youth campers, have a "Kids First" vision and place the camper's safety and camp experience first.
- Must be interested in, concerned for, and able to work with children. We recognize this skill many Teen Apprentices are looking to develop, and we are excited to learn and grow with them.
- Encourage a fun, positive, and safe environment within the parameters of the Westwind mission.
- We steward and are stewarded by Westwind and honor its stewards from previous decades and centuries.
- Many hands make light work: we strive together to leave Westwind better than we found it.