

# YMCA Volunteer Opportunity



We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.

## DAY CAMP VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers work directly with YMCA summer camp counselors to help provide assistance in leading games and activities for children and youth participating in YMCA Day Camp. Volunteers can help children grow and learn in many ways that are consistent with the YMCA's mission of building body, mind and spirit.

Volunteers are asked to commit to a minimum of one full week of camp (Monday – Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm for approximately 40 hours).

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Previous experience an asset but not required
- Patient and caring attitude
- Energy, enthusiasm and flexibility
- Current Criminal Reference Check
- 16 years of age or older, or have completed YMCA LIT, CIT Camps or YMCA Leader Corps.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

- To provide assistance in leading camp activities such as games, crafts and swimming
- To build relationships with campers
- To be in YMCA dress code (Camp volunteer t- shirt and black bottoms) and running shoes
- Volunteers are required to attend the volunteer training which will be provided

For more information for this and other volunteer opportunities at the YMCA of Niagara please visit:  
<http://www.ymcaofniagara.org/getinvolved/volunteer.html>

## About the YMCA of Niagara

The YMCA of Niagara is a values-based charitable organization, open to everyone, that is committed to providing opportunities through growth in spirit, mind and body.

Our YMCA is one of the most successful and fastest growing Y's in Canada. Three membership branches, 52 Child Care sites and more than 100 program delivery sites enable us to serve over 45,000 people in the Niagara Region.

**Day Camp Overview:** YMCA Summer Day Camps include over 30 camps offered at 16 sites across Niagara. We are currently seeking individuals who are capable of bringing their unique personality and talents to our dynamic camp team. Along with over 150 other qualified leaders you will enjoy quality training, a fun and exciting work environment and an opportunity to make a difference in your community.

**Volunteer Specific Details:** Camp volunteers are expected to appreciate and support the YMCA values, mission and vision and demonstrate energy, dedication, and enthusiasm while within the camp setting. Volunteers are expected to work as a member of a team and thrive in an atmosphere of change and ambiguity. Volunteers are to achieve planned results through personal initiative and model commitment to service excellence and quality.

Volunteer orientation will be provided, and support from head counselors and site supervisors throughout the summer. Application forms are available at <http://www.ymcaofniagara.org/getinvolved/volunteer.html>

Interested applicants are invited to fill out a volunteer application form and return it to the day camp office at:

25 YMCA Drive, St. Catharines ON, L2N 7P9

Fax: (905) 934-9665

or email it to:

[ymcadaycamp@ymcaofniagara.ca](mailto:ymcadaycamp@ymcaofniagara.ca)

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The logo consists of a large, stylized 'Y' with a triangle inside it, positioned to the right of the text.

Plus de vie à la vie  
des jeunes, des familles  
et de la communauté.

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## Summer Day Camp Volunteer Application

***A YMCA volunteer is defined as anyone who willingly gives time to help the YMCA accomplish its mission without receiving any compensation or special privileges.***

***YMCA Summer Day Camp volunteers need to have completed the YMCA Leaders in Training summer program, Counsellors in Training summer program or YMCA Leader Corps OR be a minimum of 16 years of age. Volunteers must commit to at least one full week of camp to be eligible to volunteer.***

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birth date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

If not 16 years of age, indicate which YMCA program you have completed (L.I.T, C.I.T, or Leader Corps): \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

### Availability

Please circle the city you wish to volunteer within:

Fort Erie      Niagara Falls      Port Colborne      St. Catharines      Welland

Please list the week(s) you are available to volunteer in camp this summer:

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Are you available to volunteer from 8:30 – 4:30pm, Monday to Friday?    Yes    or    No

If no, please explain:

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We require that all volunteers have a current and clear Criminal Reference Check. Are you able to meet this requirement?      Yes / No

We will assist you with the CRC process if you are selected to volunteer

From the list below please indicate your top 5 choices for program areas or types of camps. 1 = 1<sup>st</sup> choice, 2 = 2<sup>nd</sup> choice, 3 = 3<sup>rd</sup> choice, 4 = 4<sup>th</sup> choice, 5 = 5<sup>th</sup> choice.

Activity	Rank	Activity	Rank
All sports		Dance	
Adventure based initiatives / nature		Generic theme based camps	
Archery		Girls and self esteem	
Arts and crafts		Leadership	
Ball Hockey		Music	
Baseball		Working with 3 - 5 year olds	
Biking		Rowing	
Canoeing		Science	
Computers		Soccer	
Working with teens		Swimming/ Aquatics	
Golf		Drama	

### Questions

Please answer the following questions in the space provided:

Why do you want to be a YMCA summer camp volunteer?

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What certifications or special skills can you bring to the YMCA summer camps?

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What previous experience do you have with camp and/ or working with children?

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What are some of your hobbies which can relate to the YMCA summer day camp programs (i.e. hockey, crafts, swimming, etc)?

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Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for completing this application. Once completed, please return to the YMCA Camp Office or email the completed application to [ymcadaycamp@ymcaofniagara.ca](mailto:ymcadaycamp@ymcaofniagara.ca) for processing.**

