

Explorer Camp Volunteer

What does the role involve?

Explorer Camp Volunteers support our education team to deliver fun, engaging and adventurous outdoor activities for young people. Sessions take place across Earth Trust land and include walking expeditions, bushcraft skills, nature exploration and campfire experiences.

Time required: Morning session: 8.30am – 12pm
Afternoon session: 12pm – 3.30pm
Full day: 8.30am – 3.30pm (includes a lunch break)

You are welcome to volunteer for mornings, afternoons or whole days.

Location: Earth Trust Centre, Little Wittenham OX14 4QZ

Tasks:

Morning sessions include:

- Meet and greet, registration and health & safety briefing
- Introduction to Base Camp and our brand-new teepee at the edible classroom
- A Great Expedition lasting approximately two hours, following riddles in search of a mystery object
- Each expedition has either a history or nature focus

Explorers return to Base Camp for lunch at midday, followed by free time.

Afternoon sessions include:

- A Quest, where Explorers develop bushcraft skills such as fire lighting
- Exploring lesser-known areas of Earth Trust land, including the arboretum
- Activities such as natural art and species identification

Sessions finish back at Base Camp with:

- Helping Explorers cook over the fire pit

- Outdoor games and play

What skills and experience do you need?

You do not need specialist qualifications, but you will need:

- A good level of fitness, able to walk for a couple of hours over varied and rugged terrain while carrying a backpack
- A cheery disposition, enthusiasm and patience when working with youngsters
- A willingness to muck in and support the team
- A love of being outdoors and working as part of a team

Experience working with children or young people is beneficial but not essential.

What support you will receive?

All volunteers receive our Volunteer Handbook, and you will be invited to Learning & Development events throughout the year. In addition, you will be working with our Education team and have a dedicated staff member to support you and offer role specific training including a full briefing and on the day support.

What you will gain

- A fun, rewarding volunteering experience
- The opportunity to inspire young people through outdoor adventure
- Fresh air, exercise and time in nature
- A renewed sense of adventure and teamwork

Our community

Being part of our community means connecting with like-minded people, learning new skills while sharing your own, spending time outdoors, and deepening your appreciation for the natural world.

Our fantastic team of staff and volunteers is passionate about the environment and dedicated to supporting Earth Trust — and their enthusiasm is truly infectious! As a volunteer, you'll receive a weekly bulletin to keep you informed about new opportunities, news, and events. We also take time to celebrate your contributions, with an annual volunteer social and smaller get-togethers throughout the year.

Get in touch

For further information, or if you'd like to arrange an informal chat about the role, please contact our Volunteering and Culture Manager, Nicola Frost

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