



Shubenacadie Wildlife Park
155 Creighton Road
Shubenacadie, NS
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Youth Camp – Junior Leader Guidelines

Position Overview

The Junior Leader will report to the Education Team, comprised of Education Students, Nature Interpreters, and the Supervisor of Visitor Experience. The Junior Leader is responsible for helping deliver the Camp program for all enrolled children. This includes provision of quality and safe care during indoor and outdoor camp activities, assisting with preparation/cleanup of the camp classroom and activity stations, and helping to monitor campers during lunch, snack, and free time. Junior Leaders will never be responsible for the supervision of campers without a staff person present.

Responsibilities and Duties

Junior leaders are expected to:

- Adhere to the safety practices and procedures at the Wildlife Park and help to ensure children/young people are also following these practices. Wildlife Park safety practices include:
 - Show Respect for Nature and Animals: Do not touch, frighten, or stress animals by shouting, running, throwing objects into an animal's habitat, or banging on the enclosures. Ensure any garbage or food items introduced to the Park or trails are packed up and disposed of properly.
 - Respect Park Boundaries: Never cross any fences or barriers in the Park. Keep to pathways and do not climb on fences. Animals have teeth, claws, hooves, and beaks which they will use to protect themselves.
- Assist the Education Team to ensure all children are participating in camp activities and doing so safely/with respect for other campers.
- Assist in delivering daily activities.
- Model mature behaviour and appropriate interactions/participation with peers.
- Actively participate in scheduled outings such as park walks, hikes, and outdoor games.
- Help to keep the facility, equipment, and camp supplies clean and orderly.

Junior Leader Qualities:

As a Junior Leader, you will:

- Show enthusiasm to support campers in daily activities and make camper experiences enjoyable and memorable.
- Work as a team with other Junior Leaders and the Education Team.
- Communicate with the Education Team in an honest and timely manner regarding any issues, concerns or questions. The Education Team is here to support Junior Leaders and will be receptive to any and all communication.
- Demonstrates responsible behavior at all times.

Requirements

- Dress in proper Shubenacadie Wildlife Park Camp attire, i.e. Junior Leader shirts, weather appropriate pants/shorts, sneakers, etc.
- Camps are held between the hours of 8:30am-4:30pm.
 - Arrive at 8:15am each day of camp to receive instructions on the day's activities, assist with any outstanding preparations, and be available to greet campers as they arrive.
 - Depart at 4:30pm after camp duties have concluded, i.e. campers have been picked up and the activity stations/classroom have been tidied.
- Notify the Supervisor of Visitor Experience if you are unable to arrive at camp. If running late, please call Rebecca at 902-957-2870 or the Wetland Centre at 902-758-7094.
- Personal cell phones are to be put on silent mode and should not be in use with children present unless you are in an emergency situation.