



Dear Potential YES Volunteer:

Thank you for your interest in the Youth Engaged in Service (YES) Program. There are several benefits to volunteering and we look forward to exploring your interests with you. Volunteers are a unique and critical part of the Seattle Parks and Recreation. We will work with you to find a placement that best meets your needs and goals and ensure your volunteer experience is meaningful and rewarding. While it is a priority to place volunteers in a location near their home, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

YES Program Dates:

- April 2 – YES applications available
- May 15 – Deadline for applications
- May 4 – June 5 – Interviews will be conducted
- June 12 – Notifications of placement sent
- Last week of June - Orientation
- July 6 – YES Program begins, report to site
- August 14 – YES Program ends, last day at site
- YES Celebration Event - TBA

Please note that YES is a six week program open to teens between the ages of 13 and 18 years of age. All volunteers are required to complete 120 volunteer hours. Sixty hours of which can be used towards the Seattle public high school service learning/community service graduation requirement. In addition to the time requirement, YES volunteers are to wear a mandatory uniform t-shirt, identification badge, submit weekly reflection journals and signed timesheet documenting the hours completed. Volunteers who complete all 120 hours can receive a \$150 stipend at the completion of the program.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be between the ages of 13 and 18 during YES program dates (July 6– August 14)
- Must live in Seattle city limits
- Provide documentation for eligibility to work in the United States (Social Security #)
- Pass a background check

If you are interested in volunteering, please complete the attached application and return to:

Seattle Parks and Recreation  
Attention: YES Office  
860 Terry Avenue North  
Seattle, WA 98109

**Applications are due no later than Friday, May 15, 2009. Please send your application as soon as possible as positions are limited and are filled on a first come first served basis.**

Once we receive your completed application, you will be contacted to schedule an interview. If accepted into the program, you will need to attend the volunteer orientation prior to starting service. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact: (206) 684-4575.

The Seattle Parks and Recreation values the dedication and many hours of service volunteers give each year. We thank you for your interest in being part of our team.

Sincerely,  
The YES Program



MY SKILLS AND INTERESTS ARE: \_\_\_\_\_

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I WANT TO VOLUNTEER WITH THE YES PROGRAM BECAUSE: \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE PRIORITIZE THE PLACEMENT OPTIONS BELOW: (1 being your first choice)

\_\_\_\_\_ Front Desk/Office Assistant

\_\_\_\_\_ Day Camp Program (ages 16 and up) – Volunteers are required to have a current TB test (good for one year). Please contact us if this is a problem

\_\_\_\_\_ Sports or Pre Camp

\_\_\_\_\_ Outdoor Restoration

\_\_\_\_\_ Swim Aide – Must possess and be able to demonstrate the necessary water skills required

\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LIST WHICH PART OF THE CITY YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PLACED, IN ORDER OF PRIORITY:

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE PROGRAM? \_\_\_\_\_

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If accepted into the YES Program, you will be expected to participate in all program functions, including workshops, service days, the recognition celebration, submit all required paperwork and journal entries, as well as following all appropriate uniform guidelines.

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

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_