

# YHA Volunteering

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### About YHA

YHA is a registered UK charity with a clear mission, to inspire all, especially young people, to broaden their horizons gaining knowledge and independence through new experiences of adventure and discovery.

YHA offers affordable accommodation to families, groups and individuals exploring and holidaying in England & Wales.

### Making a difference

Senior summer camp volunteers help the Camp Managers and to ensure camp runs smoothly and everyone can make the best out of their time volunteering or attending camp.

### What will I be doing?

As a Senior volunteer you will help with;

- Inducting team leaders and familiarising them with camp practices
- Mentoring team leaders
- Planning, setting up and running evening activities
- Liaising between Team Leaders, young people, parents/guardians/carers, hostel and activity staff
- Resolving issues with the young people arising from behaviour or illness
- Providing lights out and night duty on a rota basis
- Escorting/driving young people to the doctors etc. if required
- Maintaining confidentiality of participant information

- deputising for the Camp Manager

### Where can I do this volunteering role?

This volunteering role is available at the following hostels:

- YHA Edale (Derbyshire) 3 weeks 13 August to 2 September. [Action Adventure](#) and Future Leader camps.
- YHA Coalbrookdale (Shropshire) 4 weeks 23 July to 19 August. Go Extreme camp.
- YHA National Forest (Derbyshire) 1 week 30 July [Action Adventure](#) camp.
- YHA Okehampton (Devon) 2 weeks 23 July and 6 August. [Action Adventure](#) camp.
- YHA Ravenstor (Derbyshire) 2 weeks 13-26 August. [Action Adventure](#) camp.
- YHA St Briavels (Glos) 4 weeks 23 July to 19 August. [Action Adventure](#) camp.
- YHA South Downs (East Sussex) 2 weeks 13-26 August. [Action Adventure](#) camp.

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### Time commitment

To help ensure continuity at camps, Senior volunteers ideally need to commit to all of the weeks their chosen camp is taking place.

You will be required to attend the training course at YHA Edale (Derbyshire). For Senior volunteers this commences on Thursday 14 July and will include briefings with the hostel and camp managers, first aid training and will continue with the Team Leader training until Sunday 17 July.

### Skills, knowledge and experience

The Senior Volunteer role is suitable for people who have proven experience working or volunteering with young people in a responsible position.

Successful candidates will demonstrate experience of;

- Dealing with challenging behaviour in young people
- Coaching and mentoring others
- Organising and leading activities
- Effectively multi-tasking and prioritising competing demands
- providing leadership in stressful situations

### Help with Expenses

We can offer expense reimbursement of up to £110 in total to help with travel costs to training and camp. Accommodation and food is free of charge whilst you volunteer.

### Recruitment process

The recruitment process involves an application form, self-declaration form and DBS check.

You will be required to provide the contact details of two people we can approach for references, one of these must be able to comment upon your experience of working or volunteering with young people.

You will then be invited to attend a group selection event followed by an interview with our friendly staff.

Saturday 7 May [YHA Manchester](#)

Saturday 21 May [YHA London Lee Valley](#)

Saturday 11 June [YHA Manchester](#)

### How do I apply?

To express an interest in this role, please email [volunteers@yha.org.uk](mailto:volunteers@yha.org.uk) giving the following information;

- Name, postal and email address, mobile number
- Previous experience of volunteering at summer camps or in a similar role
- What you are hoping to get out of this experience
- Your relevant skills and experience
- The camps and dates you are interested in

If you have not volunteered at a YHA Summer camp before we will also ask you to complete a volunteer application form available on our [website](#) or on request from [volunteers@yha.org.uk](mailto:volunteers@yha.org.uk)



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