

# Camp YHA 2017



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# Welcome

YHA has been running summer camps since 2005 and they are an integral part of our vision to reach out and enhance the lives of all young people. Many campers receive a bursary through our Breaks for Kids fund enabling less advantaged young people to experience residential trips. We also work in partnership with organisations such as the RAF and NDCS.



Summer camps give young people the opportunity to develop and gain independence through outdoor activities and adventures. In 2016 over 75% of campers reported that their attitudes, values, skills and enjoyment had improved.

Volunteering in a fun and vibrant environment, your role will be to inspire and encourage campers to make the most of their summer camp experience.

*"I had such an amazing week with my group, watching them grow and develop into fab individuals whilst learning different skills. Being a part of that was the greatest honour"*

*"I wouldn't have done the abseiling if the volunteer hadn't done it.. I only did it because someone I trusted did it."*

*"We would like to thank all the staff at YHA Edale for a fantastic week, they made our children feel welcome right from the start"*

## Volunteering with CampYHA gives you

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- Valuable skills if you are considering a career working with young people
- Relevant experience for working at summer camps abroad
- A certificate and reference
- Training in safeguarding, behaviour management and more!
- A short-term commitment that will not take up your whole summer
- Free food and accommodation on camp
- Up to £120 in travel expenses

## It is also a lot of fun

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- Make new friends and share memories that will last a lifetime
- Challenge yourself in new situations
- Build your confidence and develop your skills



*"I had a fantastic experience on camp. Working as part of a busy team enabled me to experience a variety of challenging scenarios and learn a lot of skills for communicating and working with young people which I am sure will help me in the future."*

# Volunteer Team Leader



Team Leaders are the key to ensuring campers have a summer to remember. Many campers will be experiencing their first stay away from home so you will provide essential pastoral care. This will include making sure campers are sleeping and eating and are prepared for the action-packed day ahead.

In this incredibly rewarding role you accompany campers during the daytime activities and encourage them to make the most of the exciting outdoor challenges on offer (plus you can have a go too!).

If you are thinking about volunteering at camps abroad, this is a great way of trying it out!

Volunteer Team Leaders take part in challenging, action activities, so a level of physical fitness is required. We welcome applicants of all abilities and adjustments required due to disability can be discussed during the application process.

## Apply for this role if you

- Enjoy spending time with young people
- Have experience of supporting young people through paid or voluntary work
- Are considering a career in youth work or teaching
- Have good communications and leadership skills
- Are a team player and thrive in a fast-paced environment



We are also looking for volunteers with British Sign Language (Level 3 or above) to support our Deaf Friendly camp at YHA Edale (Derbyshire) from 27 Aug to 2 September. Please let us know in your application if you hold this qualification.

# Evening Activity Coordinator

After an adrenaline - packed day Evening Activity Coordinators are essential in giving everyone a much needed boost to get them through until bedtime! They enable campers to get the most out of their social time by organising fun and engaging activities to encourage friendship, confidence and development.

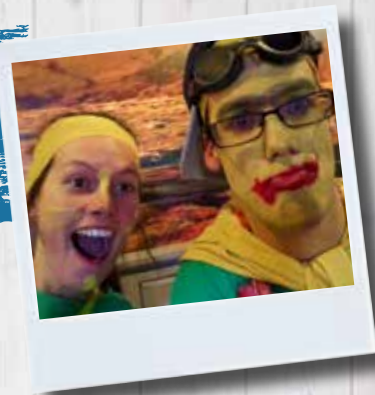
Coordinators prepare the evening activities including the setting up of equipment, briefing the Team Leaders and taking an active part in delivering the activities. They may also occasionally supervise a group of young people during the daytime activities.



## Apply for this role if you

- Have a good sense of fun and know how to keep young people entertained
- Are well organised and good at planning in advance
- Are safety conscious and can identify control measures to minimize risk
- Are a good communicator and can motivate a team of people
- Have previous experience of delivering activities to young people

# Camp Welfare Volunteer



Spending time away from home and being in a new situation can be a stressful time for both volunteers and campers. Welfare Volunteers help everyone to get the most out of their camp experience by listening, supporting and offering advice. They help to build individuals' self-esteem and provide practical advice to deal with problems.

Being able to relate to young people and really understand their concerns is vital and also being able to make recommendations to the Camp Manager.

## Apply for this role if you

- Are considering or working towards a career or qualification in mentoring or counselling
- Have previous experience in supporting others
- Can relate to young people and support them to develop new skills and perspectives
- Can empower, inspire and motivate people
- Are patient, encouraging and perceptive

# Camp Logistics Volunteer

Behind every camp is a well-organised Logistics Volunteer. If you are a master at administration and have a sharp eye for detail this is the role for you.

Logistics Volunteers ensure the completion and safe storage of camp paperwork including the Medication Log and Accident report forms. They also help to arrange volunteer cover at camp arising from illness or a change in availability. A driving licence is essential for this role as you may be required to drive campers to doctor's appointments etc.



## Apply for this role if you

- Have great attention to detail and organisational skills
- Are IT literate and can maintain efficient and accurate office systems
- Have a flexible approach and thrive in a fast-paced environment
- Can work both independently and as part of a team
- Are a great communicator and comfortable being around young people

# Camps

## Go Extreme

YHA Coalbrookdale TF8 7NR (Shropshire)

An all-action week of fast, furious and adrenaline-fuelled activities including quad biking, clay pigeon shooting and paint balling.



YHA Coalbrookdale

## Action Adventure

YHA Edale S33 7ZH (Derbyshire)

St Briavels Castle GL15 6RG (Gloucestershire)

YHA Okehampton Bracken Tor

EX20 1QW (Dartmoor)

A one-stop shop for adventure these camps are set in some of the most inspiring rural landscapes the UK has to offer. A range of exhilarating outdoor pursuits are on offer including climbing, archery and weaselling.



YHA St Briavels Castle



YHA Okehampton  
Bracken Tor



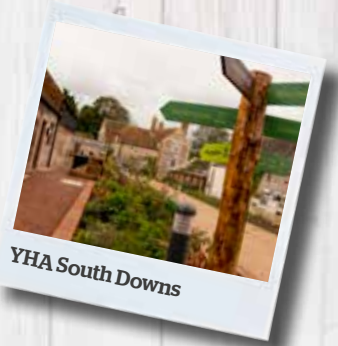
*"Volunteering for YHA Summer Camp has given me more confidence and a greater sense of self-worth. I met some of the kindest people I have ever met. I can't wait for next year for the chance to do it all again."*



## Watersports

YHA South Downs BN8 6JS  
(East Sussex)

A fun- soaked week of water based fun including canoeing, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding and raft building.



## Future Leader

YHA Edale S33 7ZH (Derbyshire)

This camp is for older teenagers and hones those all-important life and leadership skills. Campers learn self-reliance through activity challenges including an overnight camp as part of the hugely rewarding Kinder Scout Challenge.



## First Camp

YHA National Forest DE12 6BD  
(Derbyshire)

A fun - filled experience for younger campers aged 8-10, this camp includes a trip to a zoo and a day at Conkers, an outdoor discovery centre.



*"My favourite thing was showing young people that they could do things they thought they weren't capable of and then watching them excel at that activity"*

## To enjoy the CampYHA experience you should

- Enjoy being around children and young people
- Be flexible and able to handle the unexpected
- Enjoy working in a team and have good communication and leadership skills
- Be reliable, responsible and able to maintain professional conduct at all times
- Be organised and have good timekeeping
- Enjoy working in a busy, high-energy environment

There is no charge to taking part in CampYHA, we can even help with travel expenses. Up to a maximum of £120 is available for travel to training and camp combined. Accommodation and meals are provided free of charge. Your accommodation will be in single gender rooms shared with other volunteers.

Your enthusiasm and willingness to try new experiences will be important in encouraging campers to make the most of the activities on offer. All outdoor activities are delivered by qualified instructors so you don't need any specialist skills.

## YHA Safeguarding Statement

YHA is committed to safeguarding and ensuring the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all volunteers to share this commitment. The suitability of all prospective volunteers will be assessed during the recruitment process in line with this commitment.



*"The best thing about camp was seeing the children develop in confidence as they tried new things, change their attitudes, grow as people and become more independent."*

## To apply you need to:

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- Be aged 18 or over by 23 July 2017
- Be willing to take an enhanced DBS check
- Be able to attend a training course at YHA Manchester on 23 - 25 June (for Camp Logistics Volunteers)
- Be able to attend a training course on 14 - 16 July at YHA Edale (for Volunteer Team Leaders, Evening Activity Coordinators and Camp Welfare Volunteers)
- Be available to volunteer for at least one week, preferably two, between 22 July and 1 September 2017
- Have the Right to Work in the UK
- Applications must be received by 9am on Monday 22 May 2017 at the latest

## How to apply

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### Step 1

Complete our online application form <https://jobs.yha.org.uk/volunteering-form/>. Don't forget to tell us which Summer Camp role you are applying for. You will need to have to hand the contact details of two people we can approach for references when you complete the form one of these people must be able to comment on your experience of supporting young people.

### Step 2

Complete a DBS form or give us your DBS Update Service number.

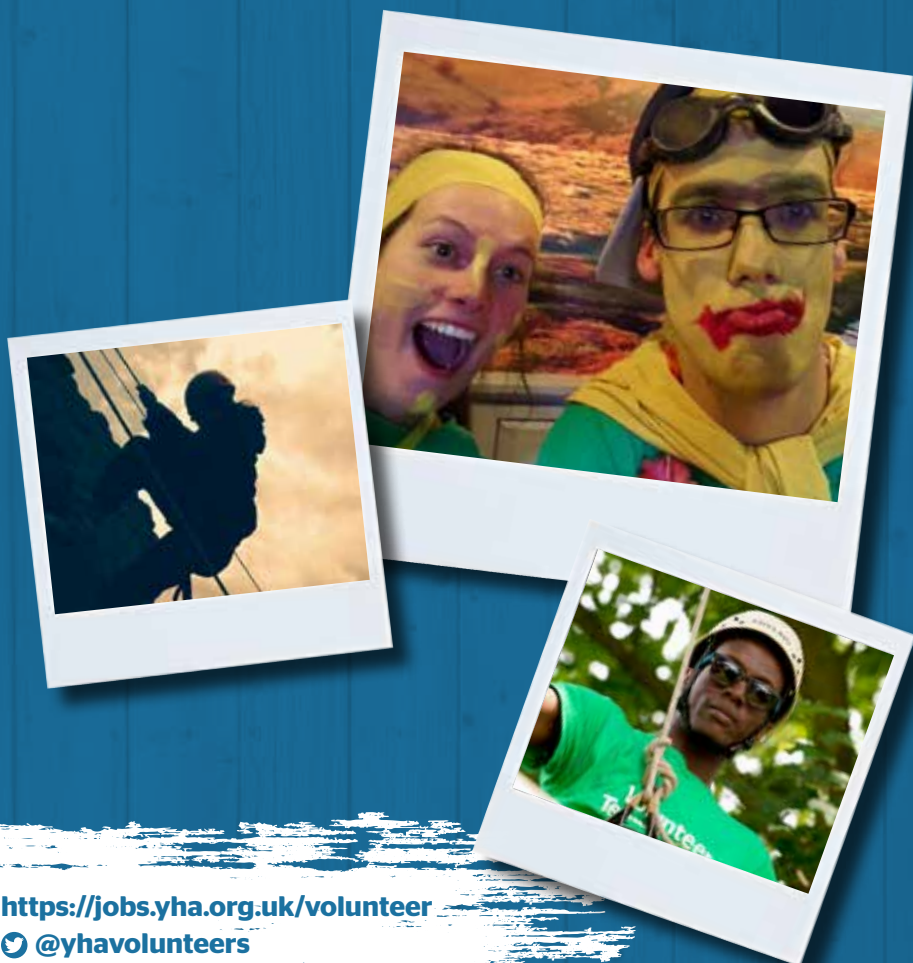
### Step 3

Attend an interview session happening at some universities and various YHA hostels and through April and May. We will let you know the dates and venues when we receive your application.

Alternatively you can have an interview at your local hostel or online.

### Step 4

Confirm your camp and weeks to volunteer!



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