



Do you like working with families and kids from the public?
Do you enjoy science and studying nature?
Do you have a sense of adventure?
You could be an Island Ambassador!



Island Ambassadors 2012 Environmental Steward - Youth Job description

TYPE OF POSITION: Seasonal (Summer)

WORK WEEK: Tuesday - Friday, 7:45 AM – 2:45 PM, plus 2-3 overnights

Note: When working on Thompson Island, the ferry departs at 8:00 AM sharp and returns to Boston at 3:30 PM

PAID WORK START/END DATES: July 2 – August 17, 2011 (except July 4)

JOB DESCRIPTION: Working in the Boston Harbor Islands national park area, the **Island Ambassadors explore careers in science and environment, gain leadership skills, and participate in environmental stewardship and public outreach.** *You will get dirty!* At the beginning of the summer, all Island Ambassadors will engage in the same tasks, which will include environmental work such as trail maintenance, invasive species removal, and fundamental science-monitoring-data collection. Ambassadors will participate in service-learning projects headed by island managers, scientists, educators and leaders of the community. Experiences gained in the first part of the summer will guide individuals toward a focus area and they will take on more leadership responsibilities towards the second half of the summer. Ambassadors will also develop participatory public programs that will use an art-based activity to educate the public about an area of interest.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- From the Greater Boston area and between the ages of 15 and 18
- An interest in working outdoors, developing leadership skills and learning about environmental stewardship ... not just working to get a paycheck.
- An interest in learning about Outward Bound and/or the National Park Service.
- Good work ethics (showing up on time, calling if you are sick, wearing a staff t-shirt every day, having a good attitude, etc.)
- A commitment to work the entire duration of the program

EXPECTATIONS:

- Showing up for work on time, every day... i.e. don't miss the boat!
- Dressing appropriately for the work and weather every day. This means wearing your staff t-shirt every day, as well as shoes and pants that can get dirty.
- Approaching each work project with enthusiasm
- Being respectful of your peers and instructors
- Participating in all overnight trips
- Being responsible about taking care of yourself in all kinds of weather without having to be told by your instructors (i.e. dressing properly, wearing sunscreen, drinking water, etc.)
- Attending all orientation, kickoff, and summit events

COMPENSATION: \$8.50/hour; ~ 35 hours per week

*Note: Youth with exceptional leadership skills may apply for a Peer Leader position and receive \$9.50/hour.

(X) _____ (X) _____ (X) _____
Youth Name (print) Signature Date



THOMPSON ISLAND
OUTWARD BOUND EDUCATION CENTER
EVERY DAY A DIFFERENCE



Island Ambassadors Youth Job Application
Summer 2012



Student Name

First: _____ MI: _____ Last: _____

Date of Birth: _____ School: _____

Age on July 2, 2012: _____ Gender: Male / Female

Address

Street: _____ Apt. # _____

Neighborhood/City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent Contact Information

Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

How did you find out about this job?

Outward Bound Program you have participated in (circle all that apply)

Choices CWC Passages Green Corps Island Ambassadors
Harbor Connections Environmental Connections Summer Learning Program

Essay questions (answer in one paragraph each, on a separate attached sheet)

1. Why do you want to work for Island Ambassadors? What qualities do you have that make you a great addition to our team?
2. If you were to perform an act of compassion, what would it be and why would you choose that initiative?
3. Why is it important for young people to get involved in programs that focus on the environment?

Skills and Accomplishments (attach a resume if you like)

Please list any work/volunteer experiences, extracurricular activities, skills and accomplishments we should be aware of, including academic achievements, awards, and certificates/training.

References

Please submit one letter of recommendation by someone who is *not a family member* such as a teacher, employer, coach, mentor, youth worker, etc., explaining why you would make a great member of the Island Ambassador team.

IMPORTANT: All paychecks are issued by direct deposit. You must have a bank account in order to be hired.

Applicant’s Statement

- If selected, I will have opened a bank account by **May 4, 2012** to use for direct deposit.
- If selected, I will obtain a work permit.
- I have or am applying for a social security number.
- I am a permanent resident of the United States or its territories or possessions.
- I do not have a history of serious criminal or other antisocial behavior that might jeopardize my safety or that of others.
- I certify that all information I have given above is true and correct and to the best of my knowledge.

(Signature of applicant)

(Date)

(Signature of parent or guardian)

(Date)

Thank you. Please submit completed application by 5 p.m. on **Monday, March 26, 2011** to:

By email: clewenberg@thompsonisland.org

By fax: 617-426-5637

By mail: Carolyn Lewenberg, Program Coordinator
Thompson Island Outward Bound Education Center
P.O. Box 127, Boston, MA 02127

If you have any questions, please call 617-830-5143.