

What Can I Expect as a Session Volunteer at Camp Natoma?

When will I know if I have been accepted as a volunteer? After your application has been received, you will be notified of your acceptance and of the area in which you will be helping via email. Please submit your volunteer application by June 1st to allow time for processing, placement, and your criminal background check.

When do I need to arrive? Meet at Thacher Winery on your session start date at 12:00pm. You'll be introduced to the staff and assigned to afternoon duties. If you need to arrive at a different time this must be arranged with the Camp Director in advance.

What should I wear? Generally shorts and T-shirts are acceptable. Sturdy hiking shoes are recommended for hiking around camp. Pants and personal work gloves are advised for maintenance volunteers.

Where will I sleep? Most volunteers will sleep in Starkie's Camp with non-counselor staff members. This may be mixed-gender housing, single gender campsite requests can be accommodated. Medical staff volunteers will reside in the "Nursie" cabin.

When do we eat? Meals are served in the dining hall with the campers and staff. Meal times are 8:00am, 12:15pm, and 6:00pm.

When do I work? Work times and responsibilities vary according to your volunteer assignment. Kitchen assistants typically report to the kitchen around 6:30am. Medical staff are on-call at all times, but begin medication distribution at breakfast. Other volunteers typically start their assignments after breakfast.

Do I get time off? Time off is to be worked out between you and the Director of Operations. We encourage all volunteers to enjoy daytime and nighttime activities when possible; however, due to staffing and other requirements we cannot guarantee that you will have time off when you request it.

What do I do during the evenings? We encourage volunteers to join Evening Fire from 7:30-8:30pm and night activities. There's also opportunity to help in the office or socialize with staff in the evening hours. Camp curfew is 10:15pm.

Who do I see if I have a problem? The Director of Operations or Camp Director can help you at anytime.