



Outdoor Leadership
Volunteer



About WILD Outside

WILD Outside is a national conservation-based experiential education program operated by the Canadian Wildlife Federation and funded by the Canada Service Corps. The program engages youth aged 15-18, who earn service hours by participating in outdoor activities and conservation service projects in their local communities. The main objective of the program is to inspire youth participants to develop a passion for conservation work and community service, an awareness of their natural environment, and a deeper appreciation for wildlife. The WILD Outside program runs year-round and operates in 17 cities across Canada. In each city, a small team of Youth Leadership Specialists recruits youth participants, plans activities, and delivers programming tailored to the interests of the participants.

Outdoor Leadership Volunteers

Adults aged 18 and over qualify to volunteer with the WILD Outside program. No experience or specific skills are required for the Outdoor Leadership Volunteer role, although experience in conservation, education, or working with youth is an asset.

Outdoor Leadership Volunteers play a supervisory role and can expect to take on a variety of tasks, including but not limited to:

- Assist Youth Leadership Specialists in facilitating programming
- Assist Youth Leadership Specialists with equipment, set-up, and take-down on event days
- Supervise and engage youth participants during programming
- Create a welcoming and fun atmosphere for all youth participants
- Provide appropriate leadership and role modeling to youth participants
- Lead activities, games, or icebreakers while Youth Leadership Specialists are momentarily preoccupied
- Act as a First Aider at events (if qualified; CWF staff are also certified in First Aid)
- Lead events or webinars/lessons about a topic you are knowledgeable or passionate about (if you're up for the challenge!)
- Help promote the WILD Outside program at booths, career fairs, and community events

Outdoor Leadership Volunteers must:

- Be reliable and punctual
- Be available for a minimum of 2 events per month. Events typically take place on evenings and weekends.
- Arrange their own transportation to and from events

Benefits of volunteering

- Participate in a variety of outdoor activities and community service projects such as beekeeping, kayaking, snowshoeing, shoreline clean-ups, creating pollinator gardens, and building bat boxes
- Develop skills to boost your resume
- Meet new people and make personal and professional connections, including experts in experiential education
- Give back to your community
- Be a role model and inspire the next generation of naturalists
- Receive WILD Outside branded items and swag!
- Earn certificates for reaching service milestones