

Summer Camp Counselor-in-Training

Each summer SPARC provides families with transformative performing arts education through Creative Youth Development initiatives. Students discover their creativity and build critical learning and life skills that carry them into adulthood. We are actively pursuing ways to provide youth with new leadership opportunities throughout the summer. We are looking for youth volunteers, 14 years or older, who are interested in the field of performing arts and working with and supporting other youth in our programming. While this is a volunteer position, we are able to offer volunteer hours for anyone who might need that as a requirement for school.

Responsibilities:

- Helps to lead and implement camp programs for children.
- Helps to supervise campers and ensure their safety, development, growth, skill achievement, and general well-being.
- Helps to maintain a schedule for camp participants.
- Helps to ensure the cleanliness of the site.
- Knows, follows, and helps to enforce all safety guidelines associated with the camp program.

Hours:

Most SPARC Summer Camps take place between June 2 – August 9, 2025. Camps are held Monday-Friday 9am-3pm for most volunteers. Weekly Schedule for SPARCLERS Mini: Mon-Fri 8:30AM-12:30PM. Schedule to be established in meetings before camp.

Qualifications / Skills:

- Enjoys working with youth
- Leadership
- Alertness
- Clear communicator
- Patience
- Excellent problem-solving
- Stamina
- Organized
- Good at resolving conflict
- Ability to perform a variety of tasks outside in various climates

Experience and requirements:

- Must be 14 years or older to volunteer
- Must have access to reliable transportation
- Education and experience in camp, youth programs, recreation, working with children, or in a related field is beneficial but not required
- Previous volunteer experience is beneficial but not required
- Must be available for workdays for the full extent of commitment

How to Apply:

We hope that you will apply for SPARC's Counselor in Training program. To apply, please follow the link below.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025CIT

Should you have any questions, please contact Paul Major, SPARC's Program Director for Seasonal Camps at <u>pmajor@sparcrichmond.org</u>