

Summer Camp Assistant Volunteer

Looking for a meaningful way to spend your summer months? Become an Adler Summer Camp Assistant! In this fun and active volunteer role, you will have the opportunity to assist senior camp staff, instructors and camp counselors with operations of the Adler Planetarium's summer camps. You will help children between the ages of 3 and 16 learn and explore science topics through a variety of hands-on experiments and activities.

We look to Summer Camp Assistant volunteers to:

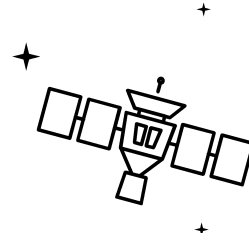
- Work with Summer Camp Instructor and Counselor(s) to implement a successful camp schedule by helping campers navigate the museum and lunch breaks.
- Ensure that camp supplies are replenished whenever needed.
- Help campers complete fun, educational activities by encouraging participation in activities as needed, and providing individualized attention to campers who need help.
- Assist in camp drop off and pick up procedure. This includes playing games with campers or helping with morning registration.
- Set up and breakdown camp materials and activities. This includes organizing craft and demonstration materials, passing out materials, collecting projects, making photocopies, putting all materials away, etc.
- If available, assist with pre-camp preparations, such as creating name badges, organizing t-shirts, and gathering craft materials.

Interested? Here's what we look for:

- **Must be at least 16 years old.**
- Must have experience working with children or camp groups.
- Able to coach and/or work well with children.
- Must be responsible, dependable, flexible, patient, and energetic.
- Must be able to stand for long periods of time and navigate up and down stairs.
- Strong interest in astronomy, earth science, technology, engineering, or education and a desire to learn more!

Training will consist of:

- Attendance at a general Volunteer Orientation.
- Attendance at a Summer Camp Training Day.



We ask volunteers in this position to:

- Be available for the full camp day (8am-3:45pm Monday-Friday, unless otherwise noted).
- **Commit to at least 1 entire camp's schedule.** (see below)
Preference will be given to candidates available for multiple camps.

Dates for camps are as follows:

Astro Mini Camps (Juniors, Explorers, and Investigators Camps)

The suite of Adler mini camps will serve as a basic introduction to science exploration skills as campers learn about extreme life and environments in our solar system and beyond. (Campers: Grades K-4) 8:00am-3:45pm

Dates:

- Monday-Thursday, June 18th-21st
- Monday-Thursday, June 25th-28th
- Monday and Tuesday, July 2nd - 3rd

Summer Worlds Tour Camp

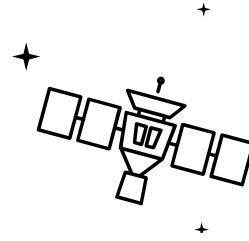
In Summer Worlds Tour, the campers spend 1½ days each at the Field, Shedd, and Adler. This is the Adler portion of this camp. Campers will explore extreme environments and extreme life at the Adler Planetarium. Activities include investigating exhibits, hands-on activities, creating original art projects, and playing learning games. (Campers: Grades K-5) 8:30am-3:30pm

Dates:

- Wednesday – Friday, July 11th – 13th
- Wednesday – Friday, July 18th – 20th
- Wednesday – Friday, July 25th – 27th
- Wednesday – Friday, August 1st – August 3rd

Technology Camp

The Adler's Technology Camp challenges campers to explore, create, and use robots, including Lego Robotics. The July 23rd – 27th session will be different- campers will create



their own sky show. Volunteers should be comfortable with using Windows computers, and excited to learn new technology. (Campers: Grades 4-7, both co-ed and girls sessions) 8:00am-3:45pm

Dates:

- Monday-Friday, June 18th – 22nd
- Monday-Friday, June 25th – 29th
- Monday-Friday, July 9th – 13th
- Monday-Friday, July 16th – 20th
- Monday-Friday, July 23rd – 27th
- Monday-Friday, July 30th – August 3rd

Mission Near Space Camp

Mission Near Space allows campers to explore levels of the atmosphere by taking part in an actual high-altitude balloon launch. (Campers: Grades 6-10) 8:00am-3:45pm **MNS Campers will be off-site Thursdays (rain date = Wednesdays) due to participation in an off-site high-altitude balloon launch, volunteer should plan on an extended day that involves leaving Chicago and possibly leaving Illinois.*

Dates:

- Monday-Friday, June 18th – 22nd
- Monday-Friday, June 25th – 29th
- Monday-Friday, July 30th – August 3rd
- Monday-Friday, August 6th -10th

Young Scientists Camp

In Young Scientists Camp, preschool children learn about the skills of science exploration through hands-on participation. (Campers' ages: Weeks 1, 3, 4: ages 3 and 4, Week 2: ages 4 and 5) 8:00am – 12:00pm

Dates:

- Monday-Friday, June 18th – 22nd
- Monday-Friday, June 25th – 29th
- Monday-Friday, August 6th -10th
- Monday-Friday, August 13th -17th