

4. The focus of our program is to provide youth with the support they need to reach their full potential, while developing connections with the outdoors and the local community. How would you support youth in this process?

5. Are you willing to commit to full participation in the Peer Mentor program? What are your stumbling blocks to full participation? (For example, are you on a sports team with a conflict? Include any dates that you are unavailable.)

Please list best dates/times for a possible interview:

Please list two references for us to call. Close family friends, former employers, or teachers are acceptable. Immediate family members are not accepted as references.

Name:

Phone Number:

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Required Training Camp For All Peer Mentors:

All peer mentors will attend an overnight training camp June 20-22, 2022, at Rombo Campground in Darby, prior to the start of regular summer programming. They will learn the nuts and bolts of how to assist BEAR staff in leading summer activities and mentor middle school “mentees,” as well as try out some of the summer activities being offered, such as hiking, fishing, kayaking, and ropes course. After training, peer mentors on the day trip and overnight camps teams will receive final assignments for the trips and camps they will attend to complete their 50 hours of direct service.

*Peer mentors assigned to the Ropes Course team will have additional training to attend on June 15, 2022, specifically for ropes course facilitation. They will work with BEAR staff on an ongoing basis to form their schedule, as reservations are made on the ropes course.

Circle which summer team you would like to work with (Day Trips, Overnight Camps or Ropes Course) and then fill out the questions under that section:

Day Trips:

12 day trips are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the summer, starting June 28th and ending August 18th. Hours are typically 8:30am-4:30pm. These hours include setup and clean up, but could vary depending on the day’s activity and trip location. We will assign 3 peer mentors to the Day Trips team, with 2 peer mentors assisting on each trip. Each peer mentor will attend 8 out of the 12 trips.

Please check ALL dates that you are available for day trips. A minimum of 8 is required to meet direct service hour requirements. Actual day trip assignments will be determined after the June training camp.

- Tuesday June 28th
- Thursday June 30th
- Tuesday July 5th
- Thursday July 7th
- Tuesday July 19th
- Thursday July 21st
- Tuesday July 26th
- Thursday July 28th
- Tuesday August 9th
- Thursday August 11th
- Tuesday August 16th
- Thursday August 18th

Please list the top three Day Trip activities that interest you. Options can be found on the summer camp flyer. We will try our best to have you assist on the activities that you are most interested in.

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Overnight Camps:

Overnight camps will be 4 days and 3 nights, and include one (1) gear prep day prior to the trip. We will assign four (4) peer mentors to the overnight camp team and two (2) peer mentors will assist at each camp. *You must be able to attend all prep and camp days for the trip selected.

Please indicate your interest for one of the two week long camp. We try our best to accommodate your preference.

- Backpacking at Big Creek Lake: Tuesday, July 12th - Friday, July 15th
Required gear prep day on Monday, July 11th
- Camping at Seeley Lake: Monday August 1st - Thursday August 4th
Required gear prep day on Wednesday, July 27th

Ropes Course:

Reservations for the ropes course are available to the community Wednesday - Saturday throughout the summer and exact scheduling will depend on when groups make reservations. Peer mentors interested in this team should generally be available those days and can expect to spend 5hrs setting up, assisting, and taking down a ropes course session. The sessions generally start at 10:30am and 2:30pm, but times may vary. Peer mentors will need to assist at least 10 sessions throughout the summer to meet their direct service hours. We will assign three (3) peer mentors to the ropes course team, with one (1) peer mentor assisting in session at a time.

To be on this team, you will also need to attend a special training day on Wednesday June 15th, exact time TBD.