



2022 National Leadership Volunteer Staff Roles

NLC 2022 will take place from June 11 to June 18. We are eager to fill the many volunteer staff roles available for 2022 NLC. Interested applicants should review the available roles and can [submit their applications online](#) from Monday, Nov. 15 through Wednesday, Dec. 22.

Questions about working as a staff volunteer at NLC? [Visit our website](#) or email nlc@ayf.com.

Program Roles

Program Specialists (First, Third, and Fourth Year)

Program Specialists work with a team of co-facilitators/mentors to bring the leadership development curriculum to life. Leadership development time takes place primarily in the mornings after breakfast and involves members of the same class learning and practicing leadership tools. The Program Specialists facilitate those activities and teach those tools, as well as help with the Quest for that participant year.

Central Staff Coordinators (First, Third, and Fourth Year)

Staff Coordinators plan, guide, and manage the NLC leadership sessions and Quest, while working closely with the Program Specialists and their corresponding class, learning and practicing leadership skills and helping to plan and manage the Quest associated with that year.

Adventure Team Specialist

Adventure Team Specialists work as a team to bring the team challenge and high ropes course curriculum to life. The A-Team will help facilitate first-year icebreakers, third- and fourth-year climbing experiences, and more.

Adventure Team Coordinator

The Adventure Team Coordinator plans, guides, and manages the Adventure Team Specialists who facilitate the team challenge and high ropes course curriculum.

Activities and Logistics Specialist

Activities and Logistics Specialists are a team of creative individuals who plan and organize many activities during the conference. They think artistically and logistically about the story they want to tell and how to tell it. A&L develops fun and meaningful nighttime activities (called Night's Doings), coordinates audio needs for Evening Reflections, and create and help perform Assembly acts.

Activities and Logistics Coordinators

The Activities and Logistics Coordinator helps manage a team of creative individuals who plan and organize many of the activities throughout the conference.

Waterfront Specialist

Waterfront Specialists work at our Stony Lake and Lake Michigan waterfronts to create a safe and exciting environment for participants. If you do not have lifeguard certification, you can choose to take a lifeguard course from a nationally certified organization like the American Red Cross.

Craft House Specialist

Craft House Specialists typically oversee the organization of the craft house and its supplies, helping participants and staff find and return items for craft needs.

Operations Roles

Operations Coordinator

The Operations Coordinator is the backbone of the conference. This coordinator handles all the details and logistics of every aspect of programming.

Food & Dining Hall Specialist

FDH Specialists are responsible for maintaining the Dining Hall and Community Time experience. Stewardship and relationship building are two important pillars of NLC, and much of that happens in those spaces. Responsibilities also include basic cleaning and preparation of the dining hall space, cleaning dishes, making announcements, and vocally running mealtimes.

Food Program Specialist – New!

The new Food Program Specialist prepares and serves healthy meals for our participants and staff, while also doing more traditional Food & Dining Hall-style work like basic cleaning and preparation of the dining hall space, cleaning dishes, making announcements, and vocally running mealtimes.

Office Specialist

Office Specialists typically are enthusiastic about organizing information and materials for the conference community.

Media Specialist

Media Specialists typically have some experience with photography, computers, media, and DSLR cameras to document photos and videos of the conference experience, making sure to capture meaningful and candid moments. This volunteer gathers photos, uploads this media, writes blogs, and creates a slideshow.

Scout Village Specialist

The Scout Village Specialist provides a curriculum for AYF employees whose children are not yet old enough to be involved in the NLC programming.

Bus Chaperone

The Bus Chaperone must be 21 years or older and helps check in and board participants on the charter bus. The chaperone then travels with participants to the destination.

Health Team Roles

MESH (Mental, Emotional, Social Health) Specialist – New!

The MESH Team (Mental, Emotional, Social Health Team) maintains and communicates the mental, emotional, and social health of the NLC community. Health care certifications are not required, but any understanding of wellness practices is appreciated. This person is involved in all NLC activities, not as a facilitator, but as a community member offering support, communication, and guidance.

MESH (Mental, Emotional, Social Health) Coordinator – New!

The MESH Team (Mental, Emotional, Social Health Team) maintains and communicates the mental, emotional, and social health of the NLC community. The coordinator oversees the of MESH Specialists.

Health Team Specialist

Health Team members spend the day immersed in community activities and responding to medical needs as necessary. They take care of morning, lunchtime, dinner, and bedtime medication distribution for participants and ensure everyone is healthy enough to participate in daily activities.

Health Team Officer

Health Team Officers are responsible for the day-to-day care of Miniwanca campers, including distributing medications and administering basic first aid and health care. Health Officers can expect to work on-call hours in addition to daily clinic rotations.

Non-Discrimination

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