

Research shows that young people who have **strong developmental relationships** are more engaged at school, have higher social-emotional learning skills and are less likely to participate in high-risk activities.



What are the amazing parts?

- Belonging to a community of caring, positive people.
- Dynamic work environment.
- Making a *real* difference in the lives of youth.
- Truly meaningful work.
- A welcoming environment that honors all backgrounds.
- Disconnecting from electronics and immersing yourself in nature.
- Enjoying fun activities with our youth and families: canoeing, zip line, swimming, low ropes course, archery, arts and crafts, hiking, and campfires.
- Organized weekend excursions.
- Camp Wilani and Oregon are beautiful.
- Housing is provided.
- Grab-and-go meals and snacks (frozen and shelf-stable) provided during day programs, regular meals provided during overnight programs when food is served.

What are the challenging parts?

- Being physically without devices (phones, tablets, laptops, etc.) except during designated times.
- The only cell phone service out at the site is Verizon, and there is very limited wifi in one location.
- Living in community - shared sleeping and restroom spaces, shared cleaning duties.
- Different food than you may be accustomed to.
- Staying in cabins with campers during residential programs.
- Being away from home, family, and other support systems.
- Changing weather, camper, parent, and other situations.
- Kids can be challenging: homesick or emotional
- Long (but rewarding) work days.
- Simple (rustic) cabins and bunk beds.
- Lots of physical activity throughout each day.
- No drugs, alcohol, smoking, vaping, or other controlled substances.



Can my summer at Camp or season at Outdoor School be an internship?

Absolutely! We are happy work with you and your advisor to craft learning goals, outcomes, and projects for your college or university internship! We are qualified to oversee graduate internships and undergraduate internships. Internships are paid, and can lead to other internship opportunities in other areas of the organization including development and marketing.

Join Us!

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Who are we?

Camp Fire Wilani is a progressive, inclusive youth and family development organization that provides transformative summer camp, outdoor school, leadership, and service learning opportunities. It is one of 46 "councils" in the United States. Camp Fire Wilani serves ten counties from Salem to the California border and the Oregon Coast to the Cascades.



CREATE CONNECTION IN 2022

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Our organizational focus is building positive developmental relationships with youth. We understand the power of a caring adult mentor taking an interest in the life of a young person. Research shows that one caring adult mentor can change the life of a struggling child and affect the entire trajectory of their academic, interpersonal, and professional life. We value Youth Voice and give space for youth to inform their own experience and growth. We use nature education and outdoor experiences as an entry point.

Who are we looking for?

We are continuously looking for positive, curious, committed people who are passionate about youth development. We seek collaborative, team-oriented people who get excited about learning new skills, offering their own insight, and are solutions-oriented. Camp Fire Wilani is committed to giving you the tools you need to deeply understand and practically apply your new and existing skills to our work with youth. We seek to discover the intersection between who you are and our mission and values. We value self-reflection, personal accountability, flexibility, adaptability, and a growth mindset.

Connection • Collaboration • Celebration

DEVELOPMENTAL RELATIONSHIPS

Are connections that help us learn, grow, give back and become our best selves

AND THEY ARE FUNDAMENTAL TO A THRIVING LIFE.



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How will it inform my future career?

Internationally recognized trainings in highly applicable skills:

- Working with Youth and Positive Behavior Management
- Advanced Risk Management
- Child Abuse Prevention - Praesidium
- Intensive Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Training
- Building Developmental Relationships - The Search Institute, Michael Brandwein
- Leadership Development: Progressions in leadership, responsibility, and title each returning season.
- In Outdoor School: UC Berkeley Lawrence Hall of Science's BEETLES Curriculum Training
- Training in low ropes course, zip line, canoeing, archery and waterfront safety.
- Teamwork, Collaboration, and Overcoming Adversity
- Creative and Critical Thinking Skill Development
- Deep understanding of Pacific Northwest Ecosystems.

