



Heart Lake Program Center
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VOLUNTEER CAMPGROUND HOST

ADK (Adirondack Mountain Club) works to protect New York State wild lands and waters by promoting responsible outdoor recreation and building a statewide constituency of land stewardship advocates. Since 1922, the organization has worked to increase access to the backcountry by building trails, conserving natural areas, and developing a stewardship community that supports the ethical and safe use of New York's outdoor spaces. A member, donor, and volunteer-supported organization, ADK reaches across New York through its 27 chapters to inspire people to enjoy the outdoors ethically.

POSITION SUMMARY

An ADK Campground Host is an educator and dedicated volunteer who enjoys engaging with the public to share their knowledge and assist ADK guests in having a safe and enjoyable outdoor experience. Hosts stay at the Wilderness Campground at Heart Lake for a week and work alongside ADK staff to assist guests by sharing Leave No Trace information and campground regulations and performing basic clean-up in and around campsites. Hosts act as an onsite ambassador for ADK and share ADK's mission with the guests of the Wilderness Campground at Heart Lake, which includes encouraging support for and involvement with the organization.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Help guests by answering questions, directing them to trailheads, connecting them with ADK staff, providing information on volunteer opportunities, and explaining the ADK mission and the value of ADK membership.
- Inform guests about proper food storage etiquette, property rules and state land regulations.
- Check the general condition of the sites, the picnic tables, and the fire pits. Report issues to front desk staff.
- Sell firewood after the High Peaks Information Center's normal hours.
- Act as an ADK representative in the campground and relay guest feedback to ADK Staff.

REQUIREMENTS

- Current ADK membership
- 21 years old or older
- Ability to walk several miles a day on uneven terrain
- Ability to lift up to 40 lbs.

SCHEDULE

Starting between 8-9am, hosts pick up a copy of the current campground occupancy map and weather report and post it on the kiosk near the wash house). They then go through the campground to see which sites are occupied and which ones are vacant. As part of this, they check the sink behind the wash house for cleanliness and check/restock washhouse supplies if necessary.

From 10:30am-12pm, hosts walk through the campground again to make sure guests who are due to check out have left. This also involves picking up litter around the campground and vacant sites as needed. Hosts check site registration tags on site posts at each site (for current campers) and remove any outdated tags from previous campers.

Starting around 5pm, campground hosts check the washhouse and restock supplies if needed. They make themselves available at their site to sell firewood after the HPIC's normal hours, and to touch base with any campers that are new arrivals. After dinner, they conduct a campground walk-through and continue to sell firewood throughout the evening. A final walk through is made between 9:30-9:45, with an emphasis on informing campers about impending quiet hours.

VOLUNTEER BENEFITS

During your stay as campground host:

- Campsite for two people with a platform tent, sleeping cots, picnic table, fireplace, firewood, picnic shelter cover, and an electric outlet.
- The use of certain specific ADK amenities, when available, such as canoes and kayaks.
- Three meals per day at the Adirondak Loj.
- A twenty-five percent (25%) discount on all items sold at the HPIC store and at The Hungry Hiker.

After one week of satisfactory service, hosts receive one complimentary week of off-season camping.

ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT

As an organization, we appreciate a diverse set of skills and candidates eager and willing to grow and learn with our organization. As such, our volunteer position descriptions are general overviews, not a mandatory comprehensive list. If you feel passionate about our efforts and believe that you have the skills and aptitude to succeed in this role, we want to hear from you.

ADK affirms its commitment to equal volunteer opportunity for all individuals. Decisions about recruiting, training, benefits, and all similar volunteer matters are made in compliance with all federal, state and local laws and without regard to race, color, religion, gender, ethnic or national origin, age, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, familial status, military status or any other classification protected by federal or state law.