

SIU's Touch of Nature Environmental Center is seeking passionate and enthusiastic student volunteers to help facilitate the program entitled Dawg Days Extended Orientation this upcoming Fall. Dawg Days Extended Orientation is a collaborative program between Touch of Nature Environmental Center, the Student Recreation Center and the Department of Health Education and Recreation, and supported by New Student Programs.

Below you will find a summary of the opportunities available for those wishing to volunteer. Candidates must submit a complete application by March 1. Applications may be found at: <http://dawgdays.siu.edu/index.php>.

**Program Purpose:** The purpose of Dawg Days Extended Orientation is to help students build a peer network right before beginning their collegiate career at SIU. Volunteers will be instrumental in helping students adjust to college life in a four-day, three-night camp with engaging and fun events. There will be a wide variety of activities ranging from outdoor adventure based experiences to various other recreational and leisure experiences.

**General Volunteer Description:** Volunteers will be needed at varying degrees. Applicants may indicate on their application their desired volunteer position, but may be offered any of the following positions listed below. Applicants can be graduate or undergraduate students and do not need to have any prior outdoor experiences or specific outdoor living skills.

*Camp Leaders*

- Co-mentor a group of 10-12 incoming freshman
- Help facilitate activities, such as ice breakers, themed socials, friendly competitive sports, etc.

*Support Volunteers*

- Assist with food service
- Help with activity set up & break down
- Assists with special programs and events, such as paddling, themed socials, etc.

**All Volunteer Requirements:**

- Students must attend a meeting (THE DATE IS TBA!!)
- Students must attend a training August 3-5, 2017
- Students must serve in one or more of the following two sessions (indicate on application desired session)
  - August 6-9
  - August 12-15

**Camp Leader Specific Requirements:**

- Requirements stated above
- Be enrolled for classes in the upcoming fall semester
- Facilitate a small group meet up post program during the fall semester

**Expectations:**

- Assist in program marketing at various NSO dates
- Share one's personal Saluki spirit, pride and tradition to incoming freshmen students
- Have a positive attitude about SIU!!
- Be able to adapt well in difficult situations
- Have fun

**Benefits:**

- The potential to receive up to 150 hours of volunteer time for an SIU program
- Unique opportunity to mentor incoming freshman
- Meal and lodging provided for trainings and program dates
- Receive specific gear and SIU 'swag' items

**Review and Selection Process:** Candidate applications will be reviewed and interviews will be scheduled. An application does not ensure an interview. The volunteer selection committee will select the most qualified individuals. Southern Illinois University Carbondale affirms its commitment to non-discrimination on the basis of age, sex, race, marital status, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, disability, or status as a disabled veteran or a veteran of the Vietnam era. Members of the University community who believe they have been discriminated against on any of these bases may file a complaint.

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