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JOHNS BROOK LODGE HUT CREW VOLUNTEER

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 chapters to inspire people to enjoy the outdoors ethically.

POSITION SUMMARY

The Johns Brook Lodge (JBL) Volunteer Summer Host, first and foremost, has a love for JBL and the High Peaks Wilderness. A love that shines as passion for the outdoors, for providing information to fellow hikers, and for JBL. This role will primarily assist the JBL Hut Crew with day-to-day operations at Johns Brook Lodge, including cleaning, meal service, and basic maintenance items. They will also be responsible for checking guests in and providing information on potential hikes and current weather and trail conditions.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Food services – 35%

- Set up for meals and beverage service to guests
- Make morning & evening announcements to guests with the crew
- Wash and return plates, dishes, and eating utensils to storage areas
- Assure cleanliness of dining and kitchen areas
- Maintain a high level of cleanliness in all food service areas, ensuring a clean stand and food preparation that meets health code standards

Guest services – 30%

- Provide a welcoming atmosphere to guests and passers-by hikers
- Provide accurate trail information
- Assist guests with the check-in/check-out process

Property Maintenance – 35%

- Handle daily maintenance and monitoring of propane and water systems
- Execute daily cleaning operations in the lodge, cabins, and lean-tos
- Manage vault privy system, change barrels as needed
- Complete rotating weekly cleaning chores on the property

REQUIREMENTS

- A passion for outdoor education and a commitment to the mission, values, and vision of the Adirondack Mountain Club
- Experience in the trail network of the Johns Brook Valley and surrounding peaks and areas
- Understanding of New York State Department of Environmental Conservation rules and regulations
- Familiarity with Leave No Trace principles
- Self-driven and comfortable working both independently and with a team
- Valid driver's license and reliable transportation for work-related travel
- 18 years old or older

SCHEDULE

Volunteers arrive at JBL by 12:30 p.m. on Sunday and work the schedule listed below.

Sunday

2:30–5:30 p.m.: Check in/assist cooking staff

5:30–8:30 p.m.: Dinner

8:30-10:00 p.m.: Lodge sitting/close up

Monday

7:00–9:30 a.m.: Breakfast and Chores

2:30–5:30 p.m.: Check-in/assist cooking staff

5:30–8:30 p.m.: Dinner

8:30-10:00 p.m.: Lodge sitting/close up

VOLUNTEER BENEFITS

- During your stay, a bunk in the 10-person upstream bunkroom.
- Three meals per day provided at JBL.
- One complimentary extra night's stay at JBL (with meals provided) so you can hike, swim, or relax in the High Peaks.
- Your complimentary night can be added to your volunteer time, or arranged at another time of your choosing, Sunday-Thursday nights.

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 job 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.

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