

YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities

Volunteer Opportunity

Title: Northern Lights Resource Family
Manager's Title: Executive Director
Camp Location: Camp Northern Lights (Babbitt, MN)
Date: Summer 2026

1. Job Summary:

Welcome campers through creating a positive and inclusive atmosphere by assisting the staff in making campers feel comfortable, make special efforts to acclimate new Northern Lights families to the camp experience, and assist with program preparation and operation.

2. Essential Functions: (Key Responsibilities)

- Assist staff during sign-ups
- Design, implement, and facilitate adult age group programs
- Plan programs with specific objectives
- Monitor and provide assistance to boaters whenever at boating area
- Supervise and monitor Big & Little Dippers at North Point Beach
- Assist with cabin greeting and check in on campers – especially those who are new to Camp Northern Lights

Requirements:

- Attend staff meetings and Resource Family meetings prior to campers' arrival
- Weeklong availability from Saturday to Sunday
- At least 1 year as previous Northern Lights Camper or Participant
- Volunteer application
- Signed Code of Conduct

3. Typical Physical Demands:

- Typical days are 7:30AM to 12:00PM with later nights possible depending on the level of involvement of the resource family members.
- Physical strength and endurance that is required to complete tasks related to the job. Must be able to lift and carry 35 lbs. over varied and hilly terrain.
- Must be able to discern emergency situations visually and audibly.

5. Additional Notes:

Housing for the resource families is provided. Space is limited to 6 people per unit:

- Alder is a full-facility cabin located in North Point Village near Laurentian Lodge.

Preferred Experience:

- Outdoor Camping and Cooking
- Paddling
- Knowledge of Bear Island Lake and nearby trail systems
- Fishing
- Yoga / Pilates / Fitness Instruction
- Hiking
- Arts & Crafts

This volunteer description represents the major functions of the position but is not intended to be all-inclusive. The resource family is also responsible for taking direction from the Executive Director, the Program Director, or their representatives in completing projects/performing duties deemed necessary for the camp success.