**OSPREY Camp Mentor Application Introduction**

*Please read the following information carefully*

The mission of OSPREY Camp is to provide *Opportunities for Stewardship Promoting* *Respect for the Environment and Youth.* Through our outdoor education program, 6th grade students will attend OSPREY Camp for an entire school week with their teacher. The role of our Mentor is a vital component of our program. Through a **competitive and selective** **application process,** high school and college students are screened, selected and trained to ensure they are top notch role models who can provide a positive and safe OSPREY Camp experience for our students.

**COVID-19:** **ALL MENTORS MUST BE FULLY VACCINATED, WITH PROOF OF VACCINE VIA A COVID-19 VACCINATION CARD, IN ORDER TO ATTEND MENTOR TRAINING WEEKEND AND A WEEK OF CAMP. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS. BOOSTER VACCINES ARE NOT REQUIRED BUT ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. MENTORS WILL RECEIVE A RAPID ANTIGEN COVID-19 TEST, AT THE BUS, BEFORE HEADING TO CAMP FOR OUR MENTOR TRAINING WEEKEND. IF THE TEST IS POSITIVE, THE MENTOR WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BOARD THE BUS OR ATTEND THE WEEKEND EVENT. IN ADDITION, MENTORS WILL BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN THEIR OWN RAPID ANTIGEN COVID-19 TEST PRIOR TO THEIR WEEK OF CAMP. MENTORS WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE THE TEST THE MORNING OF THEIR ARRIVAL DAY AT CAMP. THEY MUST SEND THE OSPREY CAMP DIRECTOR A PICTURE OF THEIR NEGATIVE TEST, VIA TEXT MESSAGE, BEFORE HEADING TO CAMP FOR THE WEEK. IF THE MENTOR TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19, THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND THE CAMP WEEK. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.**

Our 6th graders, with the assistance of their Mentors and classroom teachers, study a variety of environmental concepts with interactive lessons and activities, and apply them to the natural world. Living onsite at OSPREY Camp provides a supportive environment for development of life and social skills. Along with the direct supervision and support of our OSPREY Camp Staff, Mentors will provide hands-on care and supervision, 24-hours a day during a week of camp

The influence our Mentors have on our elementary students is profound, thus the moral character of our Mentors must be of the highest quality. Our students look to their Mentors for guidance and direction. The success achieved by our 6th graders is in direct proportion to the enthusiasm shared, dedication shown, and positive attitude maintained by our Mentors. If selected to attend a week of Camp, our Mentors will obtain and receive documentation of 105 community service hours after successful completion of our Mentor Training weekend *and* a week of OSPREY Camp.

**Mentor Training Weekend:** To ensure our Mentors are thoroughly prepared, high school and college students are required to attend our Mentor Training Weekend: an overnight, two-day training event. Mentor Training Weekend will be held at OSPREY Camp on **Saturday, April 22nd – Sunday, April 23rd, 2023.** Mentor Training Weekend provides high school and college students the opportunity to gain hands-on knowledge in our natural science and academic areas, learn and implement exemplary leadership skills, participate in camp program activities, and to better understand the active role our Mentors play in the overall success of our students and the OSPREY Camp program. You cannot attend a week of OSPREY Camp without attending Mentor Training Weekend.

**OSPREY Camp Mentor Application Process***Please read the following information carefully*

1. The first step in the Mentor application process is to submit a detailed application. This information provides the OSPREY Camp Director with their first impression of you. Please take the time to thoughtfully and thoroughly answer each question. Check out our website at [www.ospreycamp.org](http://www.ospreycamp.org) for more information on our program!
2. Ifyou are selected during the first-round application process, and invited to attend Mentor Training Weekend, please note, this is the **next step** in the application process. This does **not guarantee** you will be selected to attend a week of Camp as a Mentor. Attend Mentor Training Weekend and show us the BEST version of yourself!
3. Our **FINAL** Mentor selection process is based on the *overall summary* of the following areas:
	1. **Applicant MUST be FULLY vaccinated. Proof of vaccination is required via a COVID-19 vaccination card.**
	2. A competitive Mentor application.
	3. Attending *and* participating to the **fullest** extent throughout Mentor Training Weekend.
	4. Our brief Mentor interview during Mentor Training Weekend.
	5. Our OSPREY Camp Staff interactions, observations, and evaluations of Mentors during Mentor Training Weekend **and/or** previous experiences and evaluations of Mentors during their time spent at OSPREY Camp.
	6. The detailed Mentor evaluations provided by our Instructional Staff throughout Mentor Training Weekend.

The final selection of Mentors, to attend a week of OSPREY Camp, will be determined by the OSPREY Camp Director and is **non-negotiable.**

It is also important for you to consider the demands this commitment will have on your time and any schoolwork/projects/exams that are your responsibility to complete prior to attending OSPREY Camp or upon your return to school. We are counting on our selected Mentors to fulfill their Mentor obligations. Historically, teachers are more than happy to let students miss a week of school for this amazing mentoring opportunity. It is your responsibility to communicate with your teachers and make any necessary arrangements prior to your week of camp. **Please** **ensure you understand this information thoroughly** before submitting your application.

##### Mentor applications are due no later than March 24th, 2023, via email, to OSPRPEY Camp Director, Karra Jackson: kjackson@campschechter.org. You may scan or take a clear picture of your entire application, with your cell phone, to submit your application.

##### Mentors selected to attend Mentor Training Weekend will be notified beginning Friday, March 31st, 2023. You will receive several permission slips and additional information at this time.

##### OSPREY Camp 2023 Mentor Application

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Briefly describe any camp experience you have: (Example: OSPREY Camp Mentor, attended OSPREY Camp as a 5th/6th grade camper, mentor/counselor at a different outdoor education/summer/church camp, etc.)

Describe any mentoring/leadership/volunteer positions you currently hold within your school and/or community.

Our Mentor application and selection process is incredibly competitive! Why do you want to be an OSPREY Camp Mentor? What positive attributes will you bring to our 6th grade students? **\*Please be detailed, use backside for additional writing space if needed.**

##### OSPREY Camp 2023 Mentor Application

The dates for our weeks of OSPREY Camp are listed below. **Please rank your week preference in order from #1 and #2** (#1 being your first choice).Please understand we cannot guarantee your week of preference. However, we will take your request into high consideration when assigning Mentors to a week of camp.

 **\_\_\_\_ May 8th – May 12th, 2023 \*St. Vincent de Paul and St. Frances Cabrini (5-day week)**

**\_\_\_\_ May 30th – June 2nd, 2023 \*Rainier Prep (4-day week)**

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| **\*FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY:** It is vital that quality high school students provide leadership to our 6th grade students. Each applicant is required to have a faculty recommendation from their high school. The signature of this faculty member indicates **only** that this high school student possesses the characteristics to be a positive role model for our students.I recommend \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for participation in OSPREY Camp.Signature of Faculty Recommendation\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Printed Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Position\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

I have thoroughly read the above information. I understand submitting my Mentor application does not guarantee I will be selected to attend Mentor Training Weekend and/or a week of OSPREY Camp. I understand attending Mentor Training Weekend does not guarantee I will be selected as a Mentor for a week of camp. I understand having experience as an OSPREY Camp Mentor does not guarantee I will be selected as a Mentor for a week of camp. I understand I may be placed on a **‘Wait List’** and asked to attend Mentor Training Weekend and/or a week of OSPREY Camp at the last minute; I will plan accordingly. I understand the OSPREY Camp Director will have the **final say** in selecting Mentors.

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Signature of Applicant Date

***Please return this application to Karra Jackson, OSPREY Camp Director,
via email (kjackson@campschechter.org) no later than March 24th, 2023.***