



Elder Central lead and Elder camp host

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Elder Central and Elder Camp is located on Chickadee Lane by the Hub. There is another smaller camp in South Woods (SWEATS-South Woods Elder Annex Tent Sites) The Elder Camp Host, along with others, manages the sites.

There are currently 2 camp hosts: one for Elder Central and one assistant host for SWEATS. There is also a Hospitality host position. (Elder Central Maven) Many people help with site cleanup, transport, set up and take down of Elder Central. Also, volunteers help with staffing Elder Central. These are 2 hour shifts throughout the Fair (Tuesday-Monday)

Benefits: Meet cool people from all walks of the Fair. Be in awe of what it takes to put on the Fair every year. Contribute to making the Fair happen. Enjoy the ambiance of Elder Central with outdoor seating suitable for music, conversations and eating. The setting is in the uplands with beautiful native trees and shrubs. Get away from the crowds, hang out and get to know other Elders. Eligible for earned camping pass.

Job requirements: Basic email, word processing and spreadsheet computer skills, communication skills, detail oriented, responsible, and follow through. Ability to assist Site Manager with transport of Elder Central camp gear and set up Elder Central. Ability to recruit Elder Central staffer volunteers, Teen Crew and provide training and support. Assist with Geezer Pleezer volunteers, radio, and scheduling communications.

Equipment needed: Computer, printer, phone, and transportation. The Elders have a storage locker full of tents, equipment, kitchen gear and tools. Truck and trailer needed to transport Elder Central Gear. Gardening tools, gloves, and boots for cleanup days.

Time commitment: year-round, pre-, during and post Fair.

Work general begins in February. Email communications begin from the previous year campers about reclaiming campsites and potentially new campers also contact Elder Camp Host. Teen Crew is contacted to arrange teen work shifts during the Fair.

Starting with the spring Elder retreat and until after Fair, the hours per week increase. This includes the three clean-up work parties, and Sunday before Fair with transport and set up of Elder Central. The busiest time is Tuesday- Monday of Fair week. On Monday, Elder Central is packed up and returned to storage. Generally, not much is going on after Fair until next February.

Job duties:

Monitor eldercamphost@gmail.com email throughout the year.

Be main contact with Fair management pre and during Fair.

Communicate with campers and potential campers throughout the year.

Maintain a spreadsheet of all the campers, their camp site, attendance and waiting list.

Establish and follow Elder Camp Guidelines

Acquire, manage and dispense tent tags

Welcome campers, show them their sites and arrange for help as needed

Organize and participate in 3 pre-Fair clean-up work parties and make sure Elder camp is clean after the Fair is over.

Assure that Elder Central gear is safely stored during the year.

Help with transporting Elder Central gear and set up and take down Elder Central.

Make sure Elder Central is staffed approx. Sunday before Fair and until Monday after Fair

Recruit and train volunteers to assist in staffing the Elder Central Tent for about 2+ hours shifts throughout the Fair

Partner with Teen Crew to assure 2 Teens for 3 shifts each during the Fair. (starts in February)

Partner with others to assure electrical power, radio communications, Geezer Pleezer, Hospitality and more

Have fun and enjoy the Fair!

How to get involved: Anyone interested in helping may contact the camp host directly via eldercamphost@gmail.com or contact the Elder Volunteer coordinator at eldervolunteers@gmail.com.

Another great way to get involved is to attend the Elder meetings and retreats. Folks can also stop by Elder Camp during the Fair and see if anyone needs any help.

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