



## Eden Village Camp

# Volunteer Corps: Guide to Volunteering At Eden Village

## Vision for Volunteer Staff

The Volunteer Corps will discover Judaism, agriculture and community living through hands-on experience while supporting Eden Village through time and energy donations.

## Mission

- We will strive to make Eden Village a mutually enriching space, built around a thriving community and supporting the diverse goals of an evolving, farm-based camp rooted in ecological Judaism.
- We strive to engage volunteers who will one day deepen their relationship to the Eden Village family as staff, farm apprentices, and camp counselors.
- We will strive to inspire individuals to make an enduring commitment to the Jewish environmental and food movement.

## Expectations

- **Clothing:** Volunteers are expected to wear closed-toe, closed-heel shoes while working on the farm, orchard or in the forest. We also highly recommend wearing long sleeves and pants to prevent ticks. The sun sure does shine at Eden Village so bring your hat, sunglasses, sunscreen and water bottle!
- **Supplies:** Volunteers do not need to bring their own supplies for farm, orchard, art or site projects. Volunteers who bring their own tools are responsible for their property.
- **Meals:** While the kitchen is operating, meals will be provided for volunteers. Water is always accessible.
- **Transportation:** For shorter-term commitments independent transportation to Eden Village Camp is just about essential! If the volunteer can only access Eden Village by train, a long-term volunteer commitment should be made.
- **Body Talk:** On the grounds of Eden Village Camp, volunteers and staff members are discouraged from drawing attention to the physical aspects of one's body. It is the policy of Eden Village Camp that this space be a vacation from caring about the physical bodily appearance. This rewarding rule reveals interesting truths about how we choose to interact with one another.
- **Waiver:** Volunteers are expected to sign a waiver of liability and photo release. Failure to do so will prevent anyone from volunteering while on the Farm at Eden Village.

## Acknowledgment of Risks, Photo Release and Release of Claims

*The safety and well-being of each volunteer is of paramount importance to Eden Village Camp staff. All reasonable care and precautions are taken to ensure that a fun, safe and creative community building experience takes place. The following acknowledgment and release form is both a*

*requirement of our insurance coverage and an important reminder to you as a participant to be sure you are properly prepared.*

**I agree to abide by the following guidelines during my stay at Eden Village Camp:**

1. No tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or firearms allowed.
2. I will not start an open flame inside any of the buildings.
3. Quiet hours begin at 10pm and end at 8am.
4. I will participate in the community tasks associated with this event, possibly including meal preparation and cleanup.
5. I will leave my pets at home.
6. No electronic devices (iPods, electronic games, etc.). Any cell phone use must take place out of sight and earshot of other Family Camp participants.
7. I agree to abide by the Pool and Lake rules.

I understand that Eden Village is a rocky, hilly and forested terrain. The following potentially hazardous activities, as well as others not mentioned, may be undertaken: rustic living, hiking, swimming, canoeing, rock climbing, cooking, and doing farm chores. These activities can cause personal injury, property damage, illness or death. I realize that Eden Village Camp does not provide childcare or adult supervision for children under the age of 18. Childcare and adult supervision is the responsibility of the parents and chaperones.

In recognition of the potential hazards, I, or my children, my heirs and assigned, do hereby release Eden Village Camp and its employees from any and all liability, actions, causes of action, debts, claims and demands of every kind and nature whatsoever, and specifically including any claim for negligence or negligent acts, arising from my participation in Family Camp. I further agree to hold harmless and indemnify Eden Village Camp and its agents for all defense costs, including my attorney's fees and any other costs resulting in connection with my participation.

We are responsible for supervising children under my/our care, and look forward to contributing my/our energy and ideas to make this temporary community come alive.

**Permission to Provide Necessary Treatment or Emergency Care**

I hereby give permission to the medical personnel selected by the camp director to order X-rays, routine tests, and treatment; to release any records necessary for insurance purposes; and to provide or arrange necessary related transportation for me or my child.

In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the camp director to secure and administer treatment, including hospitalization, for the person named above. This completed form may be photocopied for trips outside of camp.

**Photographs/Video/Media/Information Release:**

I grant permission, without reservation, to Eden Village Camp, the Foundation for Jewish Camp (FJC), the United Jewish Appeal-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, Inc. ("UJAFederation"), and those authorized by Eden Village Camp, to take photographs and to make recordings of me, and to use them in original or modified form in all media now or hereafter known, with or without my or my camper's name or information about me or my camper, for the promotion, public education, and/or fundraising activities of Eden Village Camp, FJC or the UJA-Federation. I understand and agree that I am entitled to receive no compensation for the above. I also agree that Eden Village Camp may share my family's contact information with other Family Camp participants in an email list after the program.

Read and electronically sign this acknowledgment of risks and release of claims statement.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_