

Application for Youth Mentor/Volunteer Staff Culture Jam! August 7-14, 2010

If you are accepted, you will be required to attend the all-Staff Day on August 6th

Submission deadline: May 1st. Acceptance notification: May 15th. Send to: Culture Jam! c/o Oregon Country Fair, 442 Lawrence St., Eugene, OR 97401. For questions call Robin at (541) 465-2230

This confidential form must be completed by applicants for any volunteer position involving the supervision or custody of minors. This information helps Culture Jam provide a safe and secure environment for youth who participate in our programs. We will be running a background check on each applicant.

Personal (Please Print)

Name _____ Date _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____

E-mail _____ SS: ____/____/____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Male ___ Female ___ Present Employer, Position _____

Driver's License # _____ State _____ Exp _____

Race/Ethnicity _____ (optional). This information is useful to us to ensure that we have a diverse /multicultural staff that reflects the needs of our youth.

How did you hear about Culture Jam?

Why do you want to be on staff at Culture Jam?

Do you speak any languages besides English. If so, which one(s) and for how long?

Please check all current certifications or skills that you have:

	Yes	No	
Lifeguard Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Expiration? _____
Van/Bus driver's license	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Class/Endorsements? _____
Food Handlers Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Expiration? _____
CPR/1st Aid	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Expiration? _____
Advanced Medical Training	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	What kind? _____

Please check all skills that you could share with others:

<input type="checkbox"/> Activism	<input type="checkbox"/> Games	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Visual Art
<input type="checkbox"/> Dancing	<input type="checkbox"/> Healing Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> Nature/Ecology	<input type="checkbox"/> Writing
<input type="checkbox"/> Drumming	<input type="checkbox"/> Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/> Photography	<input type="checkbox"/> Yoga
<input type="checkbox"/> Fashion Design	<input type="checkbox"/> Martial Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> Multicultural Studies	<input type="checkbox"/> Mediation
<input type="checkbox"/> Freestyling	<input type="checkbox"/> Singing	<input type="checkbox"/> Theatre	

Youth Experience — List all previous experience you have working with youth:

Artistic Experience — List all skills, experiences, or knowledge relating to the arts and creativity that you could share at Culture Jam:

Community Leadership/Activist Experience — List all experiences and skills you have relating to community leadership, environmental work, or social change:

Self-Development Experience — List all skills you have in self-development, healing, or contemplative work. Please include formal training or any certifications you have in these areas:

Personal References

1.) Personal - Please list two people you have known for three or more years (other than family):

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Relationship: _____

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Relationship: _____

2.) Work - Please list a past or present employer

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Relationship: _____

Have you lived in any other state in the last five years? If so, which _____

What years did you live in there? _____

The information I have provided on this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.
Culture Jam has my permission to check my references and complete a criminal background check.

Signature

Date

****PLEASE PROVIDE a photocopy of your driver's license with your completed application****

CULTURE JAM!

A GATHERING OF YOUTH

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Dear Culture Jam Volunteer Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at Culture Jam! Our summer gathering brings together an amazing group of teens, college students, artists, activists, youth workers, educators, and other creative adults. The youth and adults come from a wide range of cultures and backgrounds. These events are a fabulous opportunity to create community and to use the arts in working with teens. The past seven years have taught us that our adult volunteers gain as much from their experience at Culture Jam as the teens.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Culture Jam takes place each August on the Oregon Country Fair site in Veneta, OR and has approximately 50 teens ages 14 -18, and up to 26 adults ranging in ages from 20 to 60-something. There are a number of volunteer opportunities available at the Culture Jam summer gathering.

The Culture Jam Kitchen: The Culture Jam Kitchen is a hub of activity where up to 25 volunteer staffers show-up for anywhere between one day and the whole week to give it their all. Youth and adult volunteers work with our chef to prepare delicious, healthy, organic, homemade fare three times each day. As a kitchen volunteer, you get to participate in a few camp activities outside of your scheduled hours or just take time for yourself. We run background checks on all overnight staff. If you would like to participate in the hard-working Culture Jam Kitchen contact Robin at the number listed above, you do not need to fill out the attached application.

Youth Mentor: As a youth mentor, you're part of a close-knit team that produces the event from start to finish. This means arriving a full day ahead of the event for staff training, and being on-site the entire week. That's 9 full-on days, as rewarding as they are challenging. Your main job is to be present for the young people, and take an active role in creating and maintaining a safe and supportive learning environment. Specific duties include such things as helping with registration, overseeing opening arts activities, being part of Family Groups, offering workshops (optional), nighttime duty, set up, clean up, and general assistance as needed. In addition to specific duties, adult volunteers participate in the workshops and all of the full group activities along with the youth. This is a full-out, energetic week where everyone plays an important role in the community. There is no specific time off (we encourage volunteers to carve out down time as needed during workshop and break times). We find that flexibility, a "go with the flow" attitude, and the desire to participate ensure a great experience.

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ARTS TEAM STAFF

Each year, a small number of staff are recruited from the pool of volunteer applicants to lead in key learning areas which include nature education, inner work, creative arts, leadership and learning from difference. These staff members work closely with volunteers who are presenting workshops, and help coordinate evening programs and activities. In addition to these responsibilities, the Arts Team participates in all camp activities, including Family Groups, for the full week.

DATE OF SUMMER 2010 GATHERING:

August 7-14. Staff arrive a day early, Friday August 6.

Pre-camp-preparation: 2010 staff will be requested to attend our first staff training day in late May. Here we meet our lead facilitators from Power of Hope. We will get to know each other and go over crucial details about the Power of Hope model upon which Culture Jam is based, and have plenty of time for questions and answers about being on staff at Culture Jam.

Background Checks: All week-long, full-time staff and anyone staying on site overnight are required to undergo an all-states background check.

Applying: We will be notifying you about staffing decisions on May 15th, so please send in your application to arrive no later than **May 1st, 2010**. To apply, fill out the attached application and send it, fax it, or drop it by the Oregon Country Fair office at 442 Lawrence Street, Eugene, OR 97401, fax: (541) 343-6554. We are here 9am-5pm Mon-Fri, and there is a mail slot if we are out of the office for lunch or you decide to stop by in the evenings or weekends. First-time applicants may be called for an interview.

Questions: If you would like to participate but are unsure about committing, or have any questions, call us and we'll talk about it.

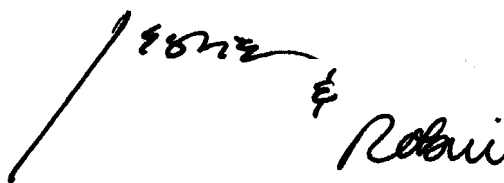
The Power of Hope: To learn more about the organization that created the Culture Jam camp model go to their website at www.powerofhope.org. They are running five 1-week summer gatherings just like Culture Jam this year. You might be interested in applying to be on staff at one of their camps also!

Culture Jam depends on the help of volunteers and we appreciate your donation of time and dedication to youth.

With warmest regards,

Leslie Scott
CJ Camp Director

Robin Bernardi
CJ Registration

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robin Bernardi", with a long diagonal line extending upwards and to the left from the start of the signature.