



CONSERVATION YOUTH CORPS - PROGRAM INFORMATION – Page 1

The **Conservation Youth Corps (CYC) program** (herein after referred to as “**the Activity**”) is a Credit Valley Conservation volunteer program for high school aged youth living or going to school in the Credit River watershed area. High school students (herein after referred to as “**the Participant**”) volunteer for one week during the summer and earn up to 35 volunteer hours towards their high school diploma.

Working on small teams supervised by a CVC staff, the Participant will help restore terrestrial habitats by planting native trees and shrubs, restore aquatic habitats such as streams, assist in wildlife and ecosystem monitoring like electro-fishing, remove invasive species, assist in maintaining local community gardens, and clean up garbage from public parks. The Participant is trained how to use tools and equipment, learn how to work safely outdoors, and gain valuable real work experiences.

The Participant will be provided evidence of their participation in the Activity (i.e. we will write a letter confirming your volunteer hours of contribution after completing the week of volunteering). Credit Valley Conservation will not pay a salary or hourly wage to the Participant. The Activity offers up to 35 hours volunteer time to high school students (some weeks are shortened due to civic holidays). Volunteer contributions accumulate each day beginning when the Participant is picked up by the CVC staff in the morning at the assigned meeting place and stop once returned to the meeting place at the end of the day. Only actual volunteered time will be reflected in our records and on any document CVC provides as evidence of volunteered time. For civic holidays, cancellation of a day’s activities, or for any reason a participant has missed a day, volunteer hours will not be accumulated.

Transportation to and from the assigned meeting place and all work or activity sites only will be provided by CVC staff. Transportation to and from the designated meeting place each morning will be the Participant’s responsibility.

Each day the Participant will be given a break for lunch and routine breaks in both the morning and afternoon. The Participant will be supervised by CVC staff and the Activity program community partners. The Participant shall return any equipment or supplies provided to them unless otherwise stated.

The Participant is expected to be present on the first day of each new week for health and safety orientation, code of conduct information and other relevant training or preparation. Continued participation in CYC is dependent upon adherence to all rules, safety guidelines and any instructions as given by CVC staff or the Activity program community partners and includes CYC’s Code of Conduct as found on our website www.cvc.ca/cyc.

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In the event that a health and safety policy or safety standard is being or is about to be violated, or if a person is in any jeopardy, immediate action will be taken by the site supervisor in charge to restore and/or maintain safety at all times. This may result in actions including, but not limited to: the cancellation of or alteration to an activity, the removal of any number of individuals from the activity or the program, or refusal to permit an individual(s) from participating in an activity on the grounds that it may constitute a safety policy violation or failure to meet a safety standard. The Participant must report all injuries, no matter how slight, to their supervisor.

CVC reserves the right to terminate the placement status of any participant at any time for failure to comply with these terms and conditions. The Activity takes place at publicly owned and/or operated outdoor sites, parks, recreation or conservation areas located in the City of Mississauga, City of Brampton, Town of Caledon, Town of Halton Hills, Town of Erin, or the Town of Orangeville. For more information about CVC and its programs, visit www.cvc.ca.

What to Wear and Bring on Each Day

- **Shoes** that can get dirty. Shoes must be closed-toed. No open toed shoes or sandals. Running shoes or boots are best.
- **Long pants** are mandatory, regardless of weather.
- Appropriate **outerwear** for rain or cool temperatures. Dress in layers.
- A **litterless lunch** and snack (or bring your garbage home with you).
- A full **water bottle**. We have extra water that you can fill your water bottle with.
- Hat, sunscreen, bug spray depending on the season weather on your planting day.

Safety

Safety of Participants and CVC staff is our top priority. We ask parents/guardians to please speak with participants prior to the event about safety, conduct, and avoidance of any potential hazards identified to them by CVC staff. Participants are required to conduct themselves appropriately at all times. CVC staff or the Activity program community partners will provide a site orientation that will include the identification of potential hazards (as identified below on the waiver) and a safety talk upon the Participant's arrival.

PLEASE KEEP PAGES 1 AND 2 FOR YOUR REFERENCE

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PERMISSION – Page 3

Parents/Guardians and Participants over 18yrs, please carefully read the paragraphs below and provide your initial and signature in the spaces provided demonstrating that you have read and understood them. **IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE FOLLOWING MATERIAL CALL THE PHONE NUMBER GIVEN AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS APPLICATION FORM.**

MEDICAL TREATMENT

I/ We _____ (initial of parent/guardian if Participant under 18yrs) consent for the Participant, in the event of injury or illness while under the supervision of the Credit Valley Conservation (CVC), to receive first aid and/or any further medical attention that potentially may be required to the extent determined by, and at the discretion of CVC staff, emergency medical services, and licensed medical professionals.

DIGITAL IMAGE & VIDEO RELEASE

I/We _____ (initial of parent/guardian if Participant under 18yrs) authorize and give my full consent to use and reuse images of the Participant captured during the Activity through use of video, photo, and digital camera by CVC, the Credit Valley Foundation and its partners and funders for promotional purposes including internet, social marketing media, printed materials and appearance in local news media and do hereby waive any rights of compensation or ownership.

INFORMED CONSENT & ELEMENTS OF RISK

I/We _____ (initial of parent/guardian if Participant under 18yrs) acknowledge certain RISKS OF INJURY, DANGERS and HAZARDS are inherent to participation in the Activity. The dangers and hazards include but are not limited to: falling on or over steep, uneven, slippery or jagged ground, walking where branches, rocks, roots, fences or other obstacles or hazards may cause a person to trip or fall, walking through or beside streams canoeing/kayaking on creeks, rivers, ponds and lakes, injury from tools like shovels, hammers or other hand tools, sudden extreme weather conditions, encounters with wildlife, interaction with vehicle traffic, program related transportation by CVC staff, and miscellaneous health problems related to over-exposure to the sun, insect bites, poisonous plants, fatigue and exertion.

I/We _____ (initial of parent/guardian if Participant under 18yrs) acknowledge that CVC, including its employees, agents, and community partners, will not be liable to me and is hereby released from any claims, demands, suits, proceedings arising from or in any way related to any accident, injury, damage, loss or other claim for death, bodily injury, personal injury or property damage, including income loss replacement and/or health care costs, resulting from or in any way connected with my participation as a volunteer in the Activity, projects, work and activities howsoever arising, save and except those arising from and directly caused by the gross negligence or deliberate acts of CVC.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK

I/We _____ (initial of parent/guardian if Participant under 18yrs) have read the above. I/We understand that in participating in the previously described Activity, I/We are assuming the risks associated with doing so.

Name of Participant:

Participant Signature:

Name of Parent/Guardian (if Participant under 18yrs):

Parent/Guardian Signature (if Participant under 18yrs):

Name of Witness:

Witness Signature:

Date:

PLEASE SIGN AND SEND PAGES 3 AND 4 TO:

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