

CONCUKMTV01-24 – 04/03/2024-01/09/2024, CONCUKMTV01B-24 – 15/04/2024-13/10/2024

YMCA FAIRTHORNE MANOR ACTIVITY LEADER – 4 Volunteers

Work: Sports/Kids/Education
Vols: up to 4
Age: 18+
Location: Southampton, UK
Requirements: VEF, YMCA App form, CGC, 2 references



PROJECT:

The YMCA Fairthorne is offering the opportunity to international volunteers to carry out a 6 project with starting dates on March the 4th and the 15th April and will provide you with valuable experience and training to run a variety of activities with children.

Here is what the host says: "Each year we welcome thousands of visitors to YMCA Fairthorne Manor's 94 acre site on the South Coast. The site includes sweeping grounds, mature woodland, a lake, access to the River Hamble and a range of exciting outdoor activities. It's a place of firsts, whether it's a toddler playing in the mud, being away from home, new activities or a school trip to remember. Enabling young people to grow and thrive is only made possible with the help of top-notch volunteers from around the globe. Can you help add the sparkle to everything we do? Volunteer with us to help support happy, healthy lives for all."

About the YMCA

The YMCA started in 1844 in London and has grown to become a worldwide organisation with 45 million members in 125 countries. The YMCA has adapted to the needs of today and works with all ages, races, religions and cultures. Each YMCA now operates on a local scale, delivering services that meet the needs of their local community, in keeping with the wider organisation's values and aims. At YMCA Fairthorne Group, they are proud to be affiliated with the wider YMCA movement – the world's largest and longest-running youth charity.

The YMCA Fairthorne Group operates throughout Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton from 30 venues. Their programmes include 14 early years settings, school holiday Daycamps, community activities, residential centres, camping and housing for young people.

Part of the YMCA Fairthorne Group, YMCA Fairthorne Manor, provides a wide range of programmes on-site, including high quality childcare for children aged 0-5yrs, school holiday Day-camps, residential programmes for groups, a family campsite and community activities.

WORK:

You will ensure all visitors to YMCA Fairthorne Manor have an experience which embodies all of the YMCA core values: Welcoming, Active, Listening, Inspiring, Caring, Exciting. During your stay at Fairthorne Manor you will act as a host to the incoming groups, leading on activities and games, running evening entertainments, ensuring meal times are running smoothly, taking part in the campfires, playing games with the younger children, welcoming families to the events and generally making a big difference to the YMCA Community.

Behind the scenes you will ensure the smooth running of our large operation, from helping to look after the beautiful woodland and grassland areas, maintain activities and assisting the estates team.

YMCA wants you as a volunteer if...

- You know how to have fun
- You want to make friends from all over the world
- You love being outside, come rain or shine
- Enjoy inspiring young people
- Wants to make a difference to the local community
- Want to learn new skills and improve on the amazing ones you already have!
- Like the idea of your days being varied.
- Making every visit to Fairthorne.

What you get in return...

- Full training and development opportunities
- 3 meals a day
- Free accommodation in shared dorm style rooms
- A small cash payment upfront on arrival of £420
- Travel expenses for doctors/dentist
- The chance to work with a really varied community
- Great fun in the great outdoors
- The chance to build friendships that last a lifetime
- Learn new skills to stand you in good stead for many careers
- Mentoring from our experienced staff team
- The opportunity to learn about and be part of a huge international YMCA movement
- A full outdoor uniform that is yours to keep afterwards
- Fun staff and volunteer social events.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD: You will be allocated a basic room, which (depending on its size) you will share with up to 4 other volunteers. It should also be remembered that this is a public facility and therefore Health and Safety laws do apply. This means it must be kept clean and tidy at all times with rubbish removed daily. **FOOD:** 'Canteen style' with a limited choice but with a vegetarian option. There is no 'self' catering option. Three meals a day are provided, which includes a cooked breakfast and / or cereals, lunch and a cooked evening meal. Meals are at set times. **IMPORTANT: Please remember it's not a 5* hotel. YMCA is more like a youth hostel with dormitory-style accommodation and basic facilities.**

LOCATION:

YMCA Fairthorne encourage all volunteers to take the chance to get out and Explore the UK. YMCA Fairthorne is situated just outside of Southampton and less than two hours from London.

Situated in a 94 acre land in Botley, it truly is a stunning landscape where volunteers can enjoy the nature, but also not too far away from Southampton which is one of the biggest Cities on the South Coast where volunteers can do the following:

- Shopping

- Visit the Solent Sky Museum
- The theatre
- Southampton Football Club - Go to a game!
- Visit the Tudor houses
- Travel to Stonehenge

TERMINAL: Nearest airport: Southampton – Eastleigh or London Gatwick. **Nearest train stations:** Botley Railway Station

HOW TO APPLY:

- All applicants must request an application pack and send a completed **VEF, two professional references, including one from their most recent school/ college or employer.**
- **Zoom Interviews:** will be arranged individually
- After Zoom interview, if confirmed on the project, volunteers need to send a **certificate of good conduct /police check** from your home country

UK VISA COSTS:

EU, EEA and Swiss citizens must apply for a VISA through the new UK points-based system taking affect from 1 January 2021. This is a charity workers visa – Concordia and the host will provide you with assistance in this VISA application.

The cost for the VISA will be **£298** for volunteers from the following countries:

Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden or Turkey.

Non-EU citizens must also apply for a charity workers visa and the cost will be approximately **£298**.

EXTRA FEE: £50 (GBP) - a small contribution to Concordia's administration fees.