

Youth Deckhand Program



Updated March 2019
North House Folk School

Overview:

North House Folk School is a craft-based non-profit that seeks to teach craft while building community on the shores of Lake Superior. In addition, the organization is committed to remaining relevant and useful to the local community, providing opportunities for hands-on learning to Cook County residents.

North House owns the 50' schooner *Hjordis* and maintains a summer schedule of 2-hour sails from June-September. The Youth Sailing Program provides learning opportunities and involving youth in everyday operations of a working sailboat.

Program Goals:

- Utilize *Hjordis* – the floating North House classroom – for educational programming
- Engage local youth
- Cultivate deckhands/captains for the future
- Leadership/life skills/job training

Eligibility: Age 16+ by start of program and a Cook County resident.

Schedule/Expectations:

- Participate in sail training June 5-6
- Sail 4 2-hours sails/week (8 hours)
- Attend 1 2-hour weekly training; mid June - mid August
- Assist with 1 maintenance days/month (painting, cleaning, etc.) scheduled in advance

Rain Plan:

Weather often dictates when *Hjordis* can sail. Program participants scheduled for a shift will receive notification no later than an hour before a scheduled sail that the sail has been cancelled.

Compensation: \$500 stipend + \$500 tuition bonus upon completion of program

Curriculum:

Sail Training

Historical: History of boating on Great Lakes.
Practical: knots and knot work, charts, rigging, rope handling terminology, sail theory, job opportunities

North House/Craft

Introduction to North House, folk craft

Environmental Education

Fresh water studies

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*Please complete this sheet and submit it with your application.

Name					
Address					
City		State		Zip	
Phone		E-mail			

Please have a parent or guardian sign below:

_____ has my permission to apply to participate in the Youth Sailing Program at North House Folk School. I understand that participation in this program requires a 10 hour/week commitment from June 13th-August 15th (as the school schedule allows). Submission of this application does not guarantee participation. Participant must pass the Coast Guard mandated drug testing program. There is a \$30 fee for this test, which will be reimbursed upon completion of the sailing season, provided that the participants' sailing duties are fulfilled.

_____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name (printed) _____
Parent's Phone _____

Application Materials Enclosed

- __ Questionnaire Response (see below)
- __ List of three references (including name, address, phone, e-mail)

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Applicant Questionnaire

(on a separate sheet of paper please respond to these questions)

1. Please describe why you want to participate in the Youth Sailing Program and serve onboard the Hjordis this summer. (100 words)
2. Describe your experiences boating or recreating on the water.
3. During the busiest weekends of the summer, the Hjordis hosts up to 30 passengers each day. Describe an experience where you provided customer service or assisted the public, and lessons that you learned from that experience.
4. Please list any dates that you will be UNAVAILABLE to sail on the Hjordis (due to a job, family vacations, other commitments, etc) between June 12-August 14, 2018.
5. Take a look at some of the other courses offered at North House found at www.northhouse.org. If you had to pick a class, what would you take and why?

References

Please list three (3) references and their contact information.

Name:_____

Phone:_____

Relationship:_____

Name:_____

Phone:_____

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: Saturday, April 13th 2019