

# City of Ithaca

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### JOB APPLICATIONS WANTED

**TITLE:** Youth Program Leader - Part-Time - 17.5 hours/week

**LOCATION:** City of Ithaca - Youth Bureau

**SALARY:** \$24.7308/hour, with subsequent increases to \$30.9137/hour

**The City of Ithaca values diverse perspectives and life experiences. We encourage people of all backgrounds to apply, including people of color, women, LGBTQ+, veterans, people with disabilities who meet the qualifying medical standards, and those with lived experiences.**

A career at the Ithaca Youth Bureau (IYB) is waiting for you! The IYB is committed to a work environment that is equitable, where each individual can thrive. The IYB provides youth from diverse backgrounds with the tools they need to build a successful life for themselves and change the world for the better. We believe that all citizens can be physically, mentally and spiritually healthy, as well as socially and civically engaged. We help prepare youth, from all backgrounds, to live successful lives as adults by providing a variety of recreation and youth development opportunities that will help youth develop to their full potential. The Youth Program Leader position will work in the Outings Program. Outings provides a wide range of adventure programs for youth. Our goal is to provide a challenging, educational, noncompetitive environment that gives youth an opportunity to go beyond their self-imposed limitations. There are 4 main components of Outings:

The ***Pathfinders Program*** is designed to bring diverse groups of 4th and 5th graders together from urban and rural areas to enhance personal and emotional growth, build self-esteem, and enrich friendships.

The ***Explorers Program*** helps build self-confidence and teaches social skills with small groups of disenfranchised youth. Activities may include hiking, high & low ropes activities, teambuilding, climbing, caving, canoeing and camping trips.

***Ithaca Bike Rental*** is a full-service bike rental that rents bikes to visitors and residents, agencies, not for profits, and offers biking experiences to youth groups.

***Outdoor Adventure Programs*** include Tree Climbing, Indoor Rock Climbing, High Adventure Challenges, and so much more. These programs typically work with youth ages 5-13.

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** The work of an Outings Youth Program Leader involves being part of a team supporting and encouraging young people to do and be their best. Responsibilities include planning, organizing and leading outdoor activities, including but not limited to, leadership development, hiking, biking, climbing, canoeing, and camping. Record keeping, computer and organizational skills are also needed. This position provides services that support the personal, social, cultural, and academic growth of young people from diverse racial, ethnic, economic, religious, and cultural backgrounds as well as different genders, sexual orientations, and identities. Experience working with diverse groups of youth, aged 5 – 18, facilitating dialogs with diverse groups, and being skilled at connecting and building trusting relationships with youth are important aspects of the work.

The work is performed under the general supervision of a Youth Program Coordinator with leeway permitted for the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the details of the work, creativity is encouraged. Supervision is exercised over part-time seasonal staff, volunteers and student interns. Does related work as required. Clean driving record and current driver's license required as staff need to drive a 15 passenger van in order to transport students to and from activities.

Outings programs are conducted primarily out of doors year-round and can involve strenuous activities. Being in good physical condition and willing to work in extreme weather conditions are required.

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**Additional Qualifications (helpful, but not required):**

- Red Cross First Aid certification
- CPR for the Professional Rescuer
- High/Low Ropes Course Facilitator
- Knowledge of teambuilding games and debriefing techniques
- Knowledge of bike repair

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Either:

- A. Graduation from a regionally accredited college or university or one accredited by the New York State Board of Regents to grant degrees with a Bachelor's degree in sociology, psychology, social work, counseling, education, recreation, physical education, or a closely related field with similar course curriculum; or
- B. Graduation from a regionally accredited college or university or one accredited by the New York State Board of Regents to grant degrees with an Associate's degree in sociology, psychology, human services, education, recreation or a closely related field with similar course curriculum and two (2) years of full-time paid experience, or its part-time and/or volunteer equivalent, working in a human services agency, educational environment or recreation program in a capacity which involves the provision of direct services to clientele; or
- C. Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and four (4) years of experience listed in (b); or
- D. An equivalent combination of training and experience as defined by the limits of (a), (b) and (c).

**NOTES:**

- 1. College degrees in fields of study other than those specified in (a) and (b) above may be substituted for the required experience up to a maximum of two (2) years, in accordance with the following formula: 1 year college education = 6 months of qualifying experience.
- 2. College coursework that did not result in the attainment of a job-related degree as defined above may be substituted for a portion of the required work experience at the rate of: thirty (30) credit hours of job-related college coursework shall be the equivalent of one (1) year of full-time work experience; provided, however, that in no event shall college coursework toward an Associate's degree be substituted for more than eighteen months of work experience if the Associate's degree has not been obtained; nor shall college coursework toward a Bachelor's degree be substituted for more than forty-two (42) months of work experience if the Bachelor's degree has not been obtained; nor shall college coursework toward a Master's degree be substituted for more than six (6) months of work experience if the Master's degree has not been obtained.

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS:** Applicants must be residents of Tompkins County.

**EXAM REQUIREMENTS:** A civil service exam will be required at a later date.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED:**

- City of Ithaca application
- Copy of high school and college transcripts

Applications must be received by the City of Ithaca Human Resources Department no later than 4:30 PM EST on the last filing date indicated below. All applications must be submitted electronically through our online application program. We do not accept paper applications, faxed applications, e-mailed applications or photocopies of applications.

Submit required application materials by January 17, 2022:

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