

Sloop Volunteer on the *Clearwater*

Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc., is a not for profit, membership-supported, environmental education and action organization working towards the restoration and protection of the Hudson River and adjoining waterways. Since 1969, Clearwater has operated the 106' replica of a 19th century packet sloop, the *Clearwater*, offering education programs and waterfront festivals along the Hudson from Albany to New York Harbor, northern NJ, and LI Sound.

Each week of the sailing season (generally early April to late October), four to six volunteers augment the *Clearwater's* permanent crew. During their weeklong stay, volunteer crewmembers live aboard the sloop. Prior experience in sailing or teaching is helpful, but not required, since we provide training. However, a love for the Hudson and a commitment to cleaner waterways and a more environmentally aware public are a must!

VOLUNTEER DUTIES:

- ◆ Volunteers **teach students** who sail with us about the ecology and history of the Hudson.
- ◆ Volunteers, like the rest of the crew, do **chores** regularly (i.e., doing dishes, mopping, etc.).
- ◆ A certain level of **physical ability** is required to volunteer onboard.
- ◆ **Living spaces are cramped and amenities are very limited.**

We welcome volunteers of all backgrounds and talents, ages **18 and older**. The volume of applications is highest in summer, and lowest in early spring and late fall. An individual's chances of being chosen vary accordingly. Please submit applications at least 8-10 weeks in advance of desired sailing dates. If you are under 18 and interested in sailing and teaching please look at our Youth Internships and Youth Empowerment Programs.

We require that all those accepted as volunteer educators be official, dues-paying members of the Clearwater organization, fostering a sense of ownership and involvement that goes deeper and lasts longer than a week on board. In addition, our **volunteer fee of \$125** provides you with sail training by our professional crew, education training on a variety of topics, three delicious meals a day, and the experience of a lifetime out on the Hudson River.

Once acceptance is confirmed, we will provide volunteers with a guide of what to expect and what to bring.

Volunteers are absolutely essential to everything we do on board the sloop and we appreciate our members' generous willingness to help. If you have any further questions please call the office at 845-265-8080.

***Important Note: in an effort to ensure the safety of everyone on board the boat, Clearwater will run sex offender background checks on all potential volunteers prior to their acceptance.**

To apply, please complete the following form and send it to:

Hudson River Sloop *CLEARWATER*
ATTN: Educator
724 Wolcott Ave
Beacon, NY 12508

HUDSON RIVER SLOOP CLEARWATER VOLUNTEER EDUCATOR APPLICATION

NAME _____ AGE _____ M F
ADDRESS _____ PHONE (day) (____) _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE (eve) (____) _____
EMAIL _____

Note: Completed applications should be received at least **8-10 weeks** before the earliest date of availability in order to insure consideration for preferred dates. **Volunteers must be able to commit to a full week!** Due to the large number of applicants, we are often unable to respond in a timely fashion to those not selected.

1. Are you a Clearwater member? _____ When did you first join? _____
2. Have you applied to volunteer before? _____ When _____
3. Have you volunteered onboard before? _____ When? _____
4. Have you volunteered for Clearwater in other ways? _____ When? _____
5. Are you willing to crew during maintenance weeks, which involve very little sailing and a lot of painting, carpentry, general hard work, learning, and *fun* in the upkeep of the sloop?
Yes No, thanks

6. Circle which of following topics do you feel most confident teaching about:

Navigation • History • Fish • Plankton • Chemistry • Environmental Issues • Knots • Art • Music

7. Do you have any teaching experience (schools, camps, recreation programs, etc.)?

8. What is your chief occupation and what special skills or interests can you share onboard (musical ability, carpentry, etc.)?

9. Do you have experience working and living in a tight community?

10. Why do you want to volunteer on the *Clearwater*?

11. **PLEASE INDICATE 3 CHOICES OF WEEKS YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO VOLUNTEER**
(Check our website for volunteer training days which start the weeks onboard)

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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Date Rec'd _____ *Date Interviewed* _____ *By:* _____