



Merrohawke 2026 Teen Apprenticeship Application

(to be completed by the teen!)

All interested teens aged 14+ are asked to complete this application by March 31, 2026.
Mail to Merrohawke Nature School (address below). If accepted, the total fee is \$629 (includes weekend overnight and training). *Financial aid is available.*

YOUR Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

YOUR email address that you check most often through summer: _____

YOUR primary telephone number: _____ T-Shirt Size _____

Emergency Contact:

Name and relationship _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

More About You

Please indicate your apprenticeship program interest area(s) by circling all that apply.

NOTE: Maritime apprenticeship positions aboard F/V Erica Lee are highly selective, with limited availability due to onboard passenger capacity and U.S. Coast Guard regulations. Most apprentices participate in our forest programs.

FOREST

F/V ERICA LEE

Circle which Apprentice level you are applying for:

Level 1 (first time)

Level 2 (returning)

How many years have you been involved with Merrohawke Nature School? _____

List the Merrohawke programs you have participated in:

Education, Certifications, and Past Work Experience

Below, list any certifications (Lifeguard? First Aid? CPR?), volunteer, or work experience you have attained. Please also include any maritime, wilderness, or outdoor programs you have attended besides Merrohawke.

So You Want to be an Apprentice...

Please answer the questions below. Use the space below for your response. Don't sweat it . . . this isn't an English exam, but please write more than one or two sentences. Feel free to type it out or attach a separate page if you prefer.

Apprentice Level 1 Question: Why have you continued to attend Merrohawke programs over multiple years? What inspires you to apply to be an Apprentice? Please be as specific as you can.

Apprentice Level 2 Question: How will this year be different from your last summer apprenticing with Merrohawke? How have you grown as a person? What did you learn last year that will help you this year? Please be as specific as you can.

Skills (See the last page.)

What skills are you most excited about learning at Merrohawke this summer? (Please color or mark in some way.) What skills are you most interested in sharing? What are your strengths? (Use a different color and let us know which is which.)

Student & Parent Agreements

(TEEN) I, _____, understand that becoming a Merrohawke Apprentice does not guarantee future employment at Merrohawke. I understand this is an opportunity to grow my leadership, self-development, and practical skills that may also be used for college applications and resume building. _____ (sign here)

(PARENT/GUARDIAN) I, _____, give permission for my child to participate in the apprenticeship program. I understand that becoming a Merrohawke Apprentice does not guarantee future employment at Merrohawke. I understand this is an opportunity for teens to grow leadership, self-development, and practical skills that may also be used for college applications and resume building. In this way, I will support my teen to communicate independently with Merrohawke staff regarding scheduling and other needs. _____ (sign here)

The Commitment

1. **Mandatory participation in the Apprentice and Staff Training Weekend from May 30 to 31, 2026. Includes one overnight camping (dinner and breakfast included) in Boxford, Mass.**
2. **Assist as an Apprentice with Merrohawke summer programs a minimum of two mutually agreeable weeks as a Level 1 apprentice or three mutually agreeable weeks as a Level 2. (At Merrohawke's discretion, this second-year commitment may be amended based on the applicant's demonstrated qualifications and performance, including possible direct employment.)**
3. **Complete daily online reflective journal entries during the apprenticeship weeks.**

Schedule

What week(s) are YOU available this summer?

Our summer programs span 9 weeks, from June 15, 2026, through August 14, 2026. ***Please list only the weeks that you are available.*** (Daily time commitment is typically 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday - Friday.) We will announce a staff schedule on or before late May. This will be sent to the teen, **not the parent/caregiver.** *The teen must manage their apprenticeship experience.*

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this application. If you have any questions, please, contact sarah@merrohawke.org. We anticipate contacting accepted applicants by Friday, April 10, 2026. A mandatory parent/caregiver information night will be hosted via zoom on May 14, 2026, at 7 p.m. *This call is for parents/caregivers only.*

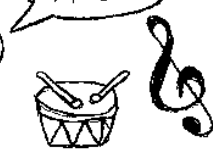

With gratitude for you,

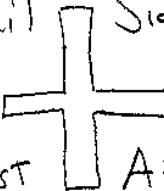

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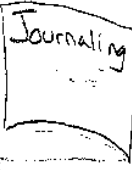

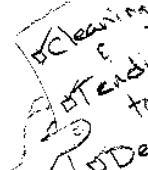
Summer Camp Director and Lead Teacher

Applicants are considered without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, disability, marital status, citizenship, genetic information, or any other characteristic protected by law.

Helping the Land  Hiking and Wandering 


Singing & MUSIC  'Once upon a time...'  Storytelling

Trail Side  First Aid  Hazard Safety

Journaling  Photography  Cleaning & Maintaining to Details 

 Weather

 Animal Tracks


 Trees

 Mammals

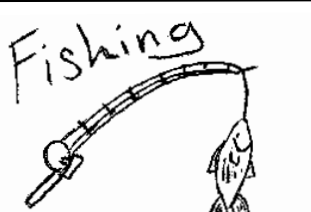
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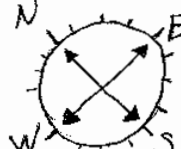
 Protists, Fungus & Plants



 Reptiles and Amphibians

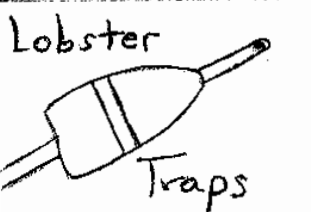
 Nature Museum and Mysteries

 Shelters  Wild Edibles



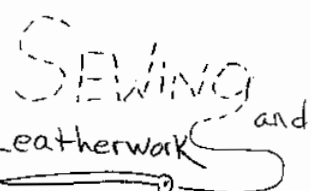
 Fishing

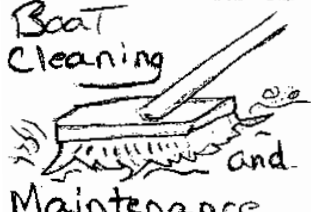
 Navigation

 FIRE Skills!  Helping Others


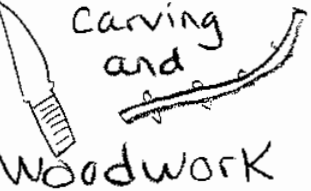
 Lobster Traps

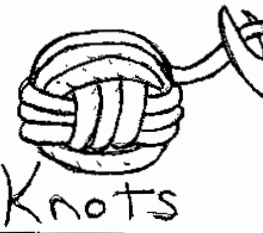
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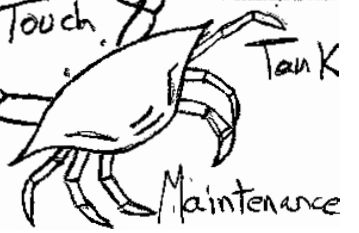
Sensory  Awareness  Games  SEWING and Leatherwork

 Boat Cleaning and Maintenance

 Tackle, rods and Reels

 MAP MAKING  Carving and Woodwork

 Knots

 Touch Tank Maintenance