

CAMP GOOD DAYS & SPECIAL TIMES

# OVERNIGHT CAMPS

*Volunteer with Us!*



**FREE SUMMER CAMP SESSIONS FOR  
CHILDREN IMPACTED BY CANCER  
OR SICKLE CELL ANEMIA**



# *Powered By Volunteers*

Camp Good Days programs are made possible by our dedicated and compassionate volunteers.

## **CAMP COUNSELORS**

Our Camp Counselors (ages 18+) are the soul of our programs! This is the area we need the most support! These volunteers provide supervision, encouragement, and support to the Campers assigned to their cabin for the duration of the program. They partake in program activities right alongside the Campers. They also may be asked to help fill-in where needed to assist with food service, activity set-up/clean-up, etc.

## **COUNSELORS-IN-TRAINING (CIT)**

CIT's (aged 17) provide additional support to the Camp Counselors in their cabins. Since these volunteers are minors, they are not directly responsible for Camper supervision. CIT's also assist with facilitating program activities under the direction of the summer staff.

## **PROGRAM SUPPORT**

Other volunteer roles work to support the program by helping in the kitchen or leading activities such as woodworking and fishing.

# VOLUNTEER APPLICATION PROCESS

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We have a thorough application and onboarding process to ensure the safety of our Campers, volunteers, and staff.

- **Volunteer application** (link available on our website). The application requires:
  - 3 References – References cannot be relatives or CGD staff
  - Biography – Brief overview of your schooling, work, and volunteer experiences. Experience with children or with individuals who have medical needs should be included.
  - Rank top three program choices
- **Reference Check:** We will reach out to the references you provide by email to complete a short reference form. Applications with missing/incorrect emails for references will not be processed.
- **Interview:** All first-time volunteers will need to meet for a 30-minute interview over Zoom with a CGD staff member. A scheduling link will be provided to you.
- **Background Check:** NYS and our camping accreditations require that all volunteers undergo a criminal background check and sex offender registry check. A link will be sent to complete this step once the above is complete.
- **Training:** New volunteers need to attend a virtual training in late spring/early summer. All volunteers (new & returning) will need to attend the on-site orientation the evening before their program starts.



# PROGRAM DATES

**Overnight Camp volunteers are expected to commit to the entire duration of their program.**

## **CAMP CHILDHOOD USA I**

- For children, ages 13-17, who have a parent or sibling who has been diagnosed with or has been treated for cancer or sickle cell anemia within the past five years.

## **CAMP CHILDHOOD USA II**

- For children, ages 8-12, who have a parent or sibling who has been diagnosed with or has been treated for cancer or sickle cell anemia within the past five years.

## **DOING A WORLD OF GOOD (DAWG)**

- For children, ages 13-17, who have been diagnosed with cancer or sickle cell anemia.
- A unique program, where Campers will be joined by children from other countries, such as Spain and Germany, who also have been diagnosed with either disease.

## **CAMP B&ST**

- For children who have lost a parent or sibling to cancer or sickle cell anemia (those bereaved beyond five years may be waitlisted, depending on space availability).

## **TEDDI'S TEAM**

- For children, ages 8-12, who have been diagnosed with cancer or sickle cell anemia.

# TYPICAL DAILY SCHEDULE

**Camp activities may include:**

## **MORNING PROGRAM**

- Fishing
- Polar Swim
- Archery
- Swim Lessons

## **DAY PROGRAM**

- Nature Walk
- Swimming (Pool & Waterfront)
- Field, Court, and Yard Games
- Canoeing/Kayaking/Paddle Boards
- Boat Rides
- Mini Golf
- Jumping Pillow
- Playground
- Woodworking
- Arts & Crafts

## **EVENING PROGRAM**

- Pool Party
- Carnival/Game Night
- Campfire
- Dance



Campers have the opportunity to choose their activities during the day and evening activities are for the whole camp. Volunteers are encouraged to partake as much as possible, unless there are limited resources or spots available for an activity.

# LIVING ARRANGMENTS

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## RECREATIONAL FACILITY

Our summer Camp is located in Branchport, NY on the shores of Keuka Lake. Complete with a swimming pool, indoor and outdoor eating areas, cabins, a recreation building, waterfront access, and more.

## HOUSING

- Volunteers reside in the cabin with their assigned Campers and fellow volunteers.
- All cabins are fully equipped with electricity and water including: toilets, sinks, and shower stalls.
- Volunteers have the choice of an upper or lower bunk bed (bedding is not provided).
- Beds are sanitized between each program and the facilities are cleaned regularly throughout the program.

## MEALS

- No one goes hungry at camp! Meals are typically served at 8:30 am, 12:30 pm, and 6 pm, with plenty of snacks and refreshments in between!
- We do our best to meet volunteer's dietary needs/restrictions with advance notice.

While we have indoor activity spaces for inclement weather, volunteers can expect to spend a lot of time outside during the day.



# HEALTH & SAFETY

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## MEDICAL NEEDS OF OUR CAMPERS

- Volunteers are not expected to have medical knowledge or experience to work with our Campers. Our mandatory volunteer training will go into detail on how to support our Campers.
- Volunteers in the Camp Counselor/CIT role are not expected or allowed to provide medical care to Campers (with the exception of carrying rescue devices, such as inhalers or epi-pens).
- Our Medical Director and nursing team support all medical/health needs.
- Our infirmary is fully stocked with basic over the counter medication and first aid supplies, should a need arise.

In the event that a volunteer begins to exhibit any COVID-19 related symptoms, they will be moved to an isolated location, and asked to arrange transportation for immediate pick-up if they did not drive themselves.



# SUMMER CAMP FAQ

## **Where do I apply to volunteer?**

Summer Camp volunteer applications are available through a third-party online registration called CampDoc. We will have the link available on our website. You will receive an email 1-3 weeks after your registration has been reviewed regarding next steps. We ask that you please do not follow up on your application within that time period, as we will be working on processing many of both Camper registrations and volunteer applications.

## **Why didn't I get chosen for my first-choice program?**

We do our best to place volunteers in the preferred program, but we ultimately have to make placement decisions based on where the supervision needs are. Our Camp Childhood USA program is the largest program and requires the most volunteers.

## **What paperwork will I need to provide if I am accepted?**

- Health insurance information
- Complete health and waiver forms
- **CIT's only:** Proof of Physical Evaluation (within a year from the start of the program)
- **CIT's only:** Vaccine record

## **Can I volunteer for more than one program?**

Thank you for wanting to dedicate more time to our programs! Should there be a need for more volunteers in additional programs, we absolutely will take the help. Please note, we cannot provide housing between two programs should the ones you volunteer for be back to back. We often have weekend retreats during those times.

## **What is the physical demand of the role?**

We pack each program full of activities, which means days can be long and a lot of time on your feet. Days can start between 7 - 8:15 AM (depending on if Campers partake in morning activities) and end about 9 - 10 PM (depending on late night activities for older Campers).







## **What should we pack?**

The packing list will be emailed to you in your welcome packet.

## **I will need to check my email or take a call during my program, is that ok?**

Camp is an unplugged community. Volunteers are not allowed to have electronic devices in the cabins. Volunteers are asked to leave their phones in their car. Volunteers have the opportunity to check their phones at night in their cars. If you absolutely must make a call during the day, arrangements can be made with a Camp Leader. Camp is not responsible for stolen, lost, or damaged belongings.

## **Will I need to bring money?**

You do not need to bring any money to Camp, however, we do have a Camp store on-site with Camp merchandise items ranging from \$5-\$30. Everyone will receive a free water bottle and t-shirt.

## **Will we go on field trips?**

We occasionally go on field trips to local attractions such as Keuka State Park and Roseland Water Park. Parents will be notified if their child's program session will be going on a field trip.

## **Can I leave Camp property during a program?**

We ask for safety reasons that volunteers stay on-site for the duration of their program. The one exception is if you choose to go on a morning run. In that case, prior notification would be needed to be made with Camp leadership. Counselors in training (17 year olds) are never allowed to leave property during a program.

## **Does the camp allow visitors?**

We typically do not allow visitors, unless prior approval is obtained by the Camp leadership team.



# *Preparing for Camp*

Applications will be via our third-party online registration system called CampDoc. The link is available on our website ([www.CampGoodDays.org](http://www.CampGoodDays.org)). Please complete the application in its entirety and a CGD staff member will be in touch with next steps.

## ———— **QUESTIONS?** ————

If we didn't answer your question, reach out to [volunteers@campgooddays.org](mailto:volunteers@campgooddays.org)

Note: Applications are available to any person 17 years of age or older, without regard for race, color, sex, religion or national origin. Applications subject to approval of Camp Good Days & Special Times directors, program committee and volunteer coordinators. Applications must be fully completed to be considered.

