

## **2023 OWL Camp: Volunteer Buddy Application**

Thank you for your interest in volunteering for the Oklahoma Without Limits Camp! Apply today to be a Volunteer Buddy to an OWL Camper.

**MONDAY, JUNE 26 – FRIDAY, JUNE 30**

University of Central Oklahoma (UCO)  
100 N University Dr., Edmond, OK 73034  
Drop-off time and pick-up time TBA

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 10, 2023**

Space is limited, and the maximum number of Volunteer Buddies is determined by a 1:1 ration of campers

### **IMPORTANT! PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING:**

- **TRANSPORTATION NOT PROVIDED**

Unfortunately, NewView Oklahoma will be unable to provide transportation. We need the help of parents/guardians to be responsible for getting their child to and from the campsite. If your family has a special circumstance, please let us know.

- **ADMINISTRATIVE DEPOSIT**

OWL Camp is generously sponsored by community foundations, corporate community partners, and other supporters of NewView Oklahoma. However, due to increasing participation, last minute cancellations, and no-call/no-shows, there is a \$50 administrative, non-refundable deposit and is due upon submission of this application.

No applicant will be denied acceptance for inability to pay. Payment arrangements may be made with the Program Director and a limited number of scholarships are available.

- **REQUEST FOR SCHOLARSHIP**

To receive a scholarship waiver, applicants must write a short narrative (1-2 paragraphs) requesting their need for assistance and submit it with their completed application.

We understand situations may arise that prevent your child from attending camp after being accepted; in such cases, you will need to notify the Program Director as soon as possible in order to remain in good standing and eligible to apply the following year. With limited space, and spots filled on a first come first serve basis, it is important to let us know if your child will not be attending, so that we may be considerate of those on the waiting list.

Applicants who are unable to attend mandatory meetings, training, or the entire duration of camp will not be accepted.

## **VOLUNTEER BUDDY DESCRIPTION**

Volunteer Buddies are matched to an OWL Camper, who is blind or visually impaired, for the entire duration of camp. Volunteer responsibilities include waking up and assisting their camper in getting ready for the day; helping their camper all day long with daily tasks; and helping their camper get to bed at the assigned hour. Not only are buddies responsible for staying with their camper AT ALL TIMES, but they must also work to develop a relationship, ensure safety, and provide tons of energy and motivation for their camper all week long. This is a 24-hour job, every single day of camp; it is also the responsibility of Buddies to ensure campers receive their medications according to the medication schedule, eat daily nutritious meals and snacks, stay hydrated during outdoor activities, and get the proper amount of rest during their camp stay. The maximum number of Volunteer Buddies is determined by a 1:1 ratio of campers.

## **VOLUNTEER BUDDY QUALIFICATIONS**

- Have high level of leadership, energy, accountability, and responsibility
- Meet the age requirement of 14-20 years old
- Must be able to serve the entirety of the weeklong, overnight camp
- Complete volunteer application and submit any additional required documents
- Interview with NewView Oklahoma Program Director
- Complete Blindness and Sensitivity Training which will occur before the campers arrive

## **VOLUNTEER INFORMATION**

First Name:

Last Name:

Gender:      Male              Female              Other

Email:

Select t-shirt size below:

Youth	Small	Large
Adult	Medium	X-Large

Age:

Date of Birth:

## **EXPERIENCE**

- 1) How did you hear about OWL Camp?
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) Have you ever participated in or volunteered at OWL Camp at any level? If so, when and what did you do?
  
  
  
  
  
- 3) Please describe any previous volunteer experience:
  
  
  
  
  
- 4) Please describe any experience working with children who are blind or visually impaired, or children with disabilities:
  
  
  
  
  
- 5) Why do you want to be a Volunteer Buddy?
  
  
  
  
  
- 6) What do you hope to gain from this volunteer experience?

**PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION**

1) Full Name:

Street Address:

Mailing Address (If different than Street Address):

Cell Phone:

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Email if information needs to be sent:

2) Full Name:

Street Address:

Mailing Address (If different than Street Address):

Cell Phone:

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Email if information needs to be sent:

**EMERGENCY CONTACT**

1) Full Name:

Relationship:

Cell Phone:

Other Phone:

Email:

2) Full Name:

Relationship:

Cell Phone:

Other Phone:

Email:

### **HEALTH AND MEDICAL INFORMATION**

The following information **MUST** be complete.

Physician's Name:

Physician's Phone:

Allergies?      Yes                      No

If yes, please list ALL allergies and/or dietary restrictions:

Medical/Health Issues?      Yes                      No

If yes, please describe medical/health issues:

Behavioral Issues?      Yes                      No

If yes, please describe behavioral issues:

Date of last Tetanus Shot:

Disease/Cause of Blindness (If vision impaired):

Visual Acuity (If vision impaired):

Do you take any over-the-counter medications?      Yes                      No

If yes, please list ALL over-the-counter meds with administration instructions and times. Also see next section for REQUIRED DOCUMENTS.

### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

**The following documents MUST be submitted. Late or incomplete documents/forms may result in not being able to participate.**

- **DOCTOR'S LIST OF MEDS:** Please send a current physicians or doctor's list of all medications with specific instructions and times.
- **COPY OF INSURANCE CARD:** Please send a copy of your current insurance card.

**Thank you for completing the application to be an OWL Camp Volunteer Buddy. Important information and updates will be sent through the contact information you have provided in this application. If you have any questions, please let us know.**

**Send complete application by mail or email to:**

**Monica Reynard, Program Director**  
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**Oklahoma City, OK 73118**  
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