

The Christian Disciple Farm 2024

A VBS/Day camp for children with special needs and their families

Calling for 200 compassionate, dedicated volunteers

Youth groups, Mission teams, Church groups and individuals

Listed below are the many positions we need to fill. There is a wide assortment, so I'm sure we can put your talents to work. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Sue Rheingans at (262)365-8632 or email her at suerheingans@aol.com or visit the website at www.epworthleague.org. Once you've decided on a volunteer job, you will need to fill out a volunteer registration form. Please fill out the form online from the website. If you are coming as a group make sure to mark that on the registration form.

Buddies: *Must be 14 or older.* You will assist a camper with special needs in whatever way necessary to help them get the most out of their camping experience. Assistance may involve keeping track of a wandering child, helping with craft projects, making sure camper gets medications from nurse, helping campers with transfers, feeding, pushing a wheelchair over rough surfaces, etc. Prior to camp you will get information about your camper's special needs. Therapists and group leaders will provide you with guidance on how to help your camper during camp. Buddies need to be at camp all five days, and a training session will be provided prior to camp.

Group Leader: *Must be 18 or older.* You would be responsible for a group of about 10 children, some with buddies. This involves getting the group from one activity to another, and having knowledge of each camper's special health concerns. You will also be responsible for tying the camp theme and message all together throughout the day and keeping the group occupied during possible down times. This job requires enthusiasm and high energy. Group leaders **must** be at camp all five days.

Assistant Group Leader: *16 or older.* You would be responsible for assisting the group leader. You may also be called upon to lead the group in the group leaders' absence.

Craft Activity Volunteers: *14 or older.* Assist the craft leaders.

Help with Horses: *14 or older.*

Assist campers with fishing: *14 or older.* You will be responsible for helping in the fishing area. Campers will need help with baiting, casting and getting their fish off the hooks. It is all catch & release.

Group Games: *14 or older*

Help with rockwall: *16 or older.* Need people to get the kids into their harnesses.

Assist groups with musical instruments: *16 or older.*

Work with a music leader to assist each group once during the week to create music using an assortment of hand instruments (bells, tambourines, boom wackers) along with a xylophone and drums.

Carnival Helper: *12 or older:* Help with games, food or tickets.

Teen & young adult Craft leader: *18 or older.* Work with the teen and young adult group each day with crafts.

Video/Photography person: *16 or older.* Multiple people with digital cameras and digital video cameras are needed each day to take pictures of camp and the festival (Please bring your own camera or digital video camera if possible).

Nurses: We need two nurses each day. You would be responsible for administering medications, tending to minor injuries that occur on the grounds and possibly g-tube feedings. The nurses can be different each day.

Kitchen Help: *14 or older.* This would involve setting up and serving lunch each day to all the campers and volunteers, and cleanup.

Grounds Keepers: *14 or older.* This job would involve making sure the grounds stay clean and safe. Would involve such things as preparing areas for rain, troubleshooting with tents, electrical cords, cooling systems, making sure fresh water is available daily in various sites, taking trash to the dumpster and much, much more.

Registration & help desk: We need people each morning to check in all the volunteers and campers. Monday would be from 7:00-9:30, other mornings would be 8:00-9:30. A few people need to be able to stay all day to maintain the help desk. One meeting ahead of camp would be desired.

Childcare for 2 year olds and younger: *14 and older.* We need help watching children who are under 3. Parents who wish to participate in camp in either the Moms or the Dads group may have children who are too young to participate in camp. We offer to watch these children for them so they can enjoy the camp experience themselves. We also watch some children for volunteers.

I'll help wherever needed: This is for the person who wants to help and is willing to do whatever is needed.

After or before camp runner: *18 or older.* Someone willing to do grocery or other shopping. This would hopefully be someone who wants to help with camp but can't make it during camp.

Other: Is for anything I may have forgotten but that you know we need.

If you qualify for any of the jobs below and you would be willing to serve in that capacity please write it in under other on the registration form.

Physical Therapists: We would love to have some physical therapists as consultants on the team that designs the adventure activities. We would also like help facilitating some of the activities, and assistance for buddies in ways to help their camper participate.

Occupational Therapists: We would like to have a couple of occupational therapists at camp each day to facilitate some of the art activities and assist the buddies with ways to help their campers. Help with designing and staffing a quiet area for campers who are on overload.

Speech Therapists: Help buddies with understanding the different methods of communication their camper may be using, and help with difficult feedings.

Special Education Teachers: We could use your help with working with the group leaders and helping them make adaptations so that everyone can participate in the activities.

There are always **special jobs available**, depending on the theme and the activities that are going to take place. If you have any special talents or skills you would like to share with the kids please list them on the registration form under the other section of the job choices. This year's theme is Camp Firelight.

Camp set up-Saturday, July 27th: Please check on the front page of the registration form if you will be able to help with set up. We will need lots of help to get everything set up ahead of time. Set up will begin at 10AM and go till 4PM. You will be provided with lunch. Arrive anytime during that time frame.

Cleanup of the farm on Friday after camp: Clean up will begin at 2:00 on Friday, August 2nd. You don't need to mark this anywhere on your registration form just be aware of it and stay to help if you can.

If you are reading this and are wondering if there is anything you can do ahead of camp to help, the answer is yes!!! Give us a call, or look on the website on the volunteering page for the "Other Jobs for camp and festival".

Thanks for considering volunteering at The Christian Disciple Farm. May God guide you in your decision.

