

MDA SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION SHEET

A few facts regarding camp and the responsibilities of a volunteer counselor.

Camp Location

Southeast 4-H Educational Center is a privately owned; barrier-free camp leased by the Muscular Dystrophy Association for a six-day camp session. It is located in Wakefield, Virginia.

Transportation

Campers and volunteer attendants will provide their own transportation to and from camp.

Charges for Camp (NO CHARGE)

As a volunteer, you do not receive financial compensation for your services. MDA pays the camp directly for all expenses incurred during the session for campers and attendants.

Your Responsibilities at Camp

As a volunteer counselor, you will be assisting individuals with muscular dystrophy and related neuromuscular disorders with daily activities. This may include pushing their wheelchairs or helping a camper with walking, eating, toileting, bathing and dressing. The campers who will be attending this session are both male and female and range in age from six to twenty-one. The degree of disability varies not all of them use wheelchairs; some are able to walk but may need assistance.

Of foremost importance is your relationship with your camper. It is especially important for you to feel free to ask him/her the things to know in regard to lifting, bathing, dressing, etc. These campers are accustomed to receiving such assistance and will probably tell you freely.

You should have a cheerful, warm and congenial personality, but above all you should possess a deep desire to help a "special person". The camp is for them, but without you it would not be a reality.

Camp Acceptance and Orientation

You will be notified as to whether or not you have been accepted to the program via letter and/or phone call. There are many applicants and each is considered individually. This takes time so please be patient. We will hold orientation at camp on June 7th and part of June 8th. Upon arrival at the camp you will be expected to remain at camp for the entire session and adhere to the rules and regulations that are set forth. This is very important to the campers and staff -- and crucial to the success of the camping program.

Special Note

Since the majority of youngsters with muscular dystrophy are boys, there is a great need for male volunteers. If you have a friend who may be interested, please have him contact the MDA office for a volunteer application packet. Also, if you belong to a club or organization please inform them about the camp and MDA's need for volunteers.

PLEASE CONTACT BONNIE DOZIER IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

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CAMP DATES ARE SATURDAY JUNE 7TH TO FRIDAY JUNE 13TH 2008.