

Volunteer Guidelines Agreement Form

Volunteers provide a valuable service to Camp Blue Wave and each volunteer's time is appreciated. In order to provide excellent opportunities for both volunteers and campers, all selected day camp volunteers will be expected to follow guidelines during the course of all summer camp activities.

Parents, please read carefully! By your child becoming a camp volunteer, you both are agreeing to adhere to these guidelines. Please sign the bottom and return prior to starting. All volunteers must return guidelines agreement form in order to start volunteering.

1. Be a student in good standing at school.
2. Participate in all aspects of summer camp and actively engage with the campers by playing games, singing songs and interacting. Be a TEAM player, be flexible and respect the schedule.
3. Remain at the Camp with your camp group and counselors during camp hours. You should bring your own lunch with you each day to camp.
4. Be aware of and responsive to campers needs at all times as extra eyes and hands are essential to day camp. Field trips are especially important times to be visually aware of the campers. Motivate and support campers in building character, skills, and relationships that lead to positive behaviors, better health, and smart life choices.
5. Demonstrate appropriate behavior, enthusiasm, excitement, humor, patience, and self-control at all times during summer programs. Always maintain a friendly, cooperative and professional attitude.
6. Do not discuss topics not suitable for young children while in the company of campers. (i.e. Contents of adult-related television shows, songs, jokes, slogans, etc.)
7. Dress in comfortable clothing such as tennis shoes, shorts and t-shirts not advertising any alcohol, tobacco or other adult related products. Shorts should be mid-thigh length. Shirts must cover your stomach.
8. Do not bring personal electronics such as iPods, phones or I pads to camp.
9. Only bring a cell phone for emergency use. Phones will not be used during camp hours for personal calls or texting.
10. Notify your lead camp counselor at least a day before if you must be late or leave early from a day of camp due to an appointment (i.e. doctor, dentist). Camp volunteers are a vital part of the success of each camp day and we need to plan accordingly if you must be out on a scheduled day. Please contact Rob at 352-871-3979 or Kylee at 352-316-5696 if you wake up sick and can't attend camp on your scheduled day.

Volunteer Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

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- Be on time-Treat this opportunity as a job and as learning experience with how to behave in a professional situation.
- Be on task-You have earned the opportunity to work with us this summer. This opportunity is because you have shown yourself to be a responsible young adult who is capable of taking on some more responsibility. You are earning service hours that you must have for graduation and having fun while doing it. You may even have a direct impact on a child's life that can be extremely beneficial for this child. You are a role model!
- This is not social time. We have a responsibility to give these students the best possible experience we can. We must all be attentive to what's going on around us with all of the kids.
- Leave your cell phones and communication devices in your backpacks.
- Treat your time here as a job! You must communicate if you are going to be late or absent. You must communicate the schedule that you would like to work for the summer camp. My cell phone number is 352-871-3979.
- Unfortunately we do not have a lunch break. You must bring your lunch and we all go to eat together. Just because it is lunch time we are all still "on duty" and must be prepared to help any of the students that may need it.
- Field Trips-Not everybody will be allowed to go on field trips. I will try to work it out so everybody gets to go on some of them.
- Future-If this job this summer is something that you handle in a mature responsible manner you may have the opportunity to actually earn some money with our program in the future. This is a great tryout to get the chance for a really good job in the future.
- You are not here to babysit the kids. You are here to do the activities with them. Play the games if they ask you and help them if they need help. Our number one goal is to make sure the kids have fun in a safe environment. MAKE CONNECTIONS!!
- Many of our campers are brand new to our camp and are scared to make friends. We have to make sure every kid has a place and someone they feel comfortable being around. No one wants to be left out.

Characteristics of a Great Counselor

- Smile
- Stays Positive
- Knows the names of the campers
- Be interested
- Be engaged
- Be Fun
- Energetic
- Be Patient
- Be Friendly
- Be a Positive Role Model
- Be Sensitive
- Take care of yourself
- Selflessness