

Middle Tennessee Camp Bluebird

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Dear Middle Tennessee Camp Bluebird Volunteers:

Camp Bluebird will be held April 12 - 23, 2017 at YMCA's Camp Widjiwagan, 3088 Smith Springs Road, Nashville, TN., 37013. Amidst the beauties of nature, Camp Bluebird offers a unique experience for adult cancer patients. Here campers are provided a creative, educational, and supportive atmosphere.

Thank you for your interest in becoming a full-time volunteer at Camp Bluebird.

In order to give campers the care and support they need, it is necessary for Camp volunteers/buddies/assistants to attend all three days and two nights of camp. Please submit your application as soon as possible. If you are volunteering for the entire camp it should be understood that we will need you as a camper volunteer/buddy/ assistant unless you have been given another specific assignment by Myrna Garrett or myself.

You must complete and return the attached form *even if* you have previously attended camp. This helps ensure that our records are accurate. If you have e-mail, please send me an e-mail at the below address so we can be sure that we have your correct address on file. If you prefer, you may return this application via email. I will send acceptance information via email as soon as it is determined.

Also please share this information with anyone you know who might be interested in participating as a volunteer and have them contact me.

I know you are as excited as I am about this camp and what it means to the campers, their families, and all of us who work with cancer patients. Thank you for any time and help you can give to help with this camp. I am looking forward to working with you on this exciting and rewarding program. Please let me hear from you soon.

If you will be there for dinner on Thursday evening, April 20th, please indicate that on the application form. Our theme for this camp is "Under the Sea."

Sincerely,

Irene Bradford,
Camp Director
ibradfor@bellsouth.net
615-477-4439

If you have questions, I can be reached at ibradfor@bellsouth.net or 615-477-4439. *Please do not contact me via Facebook.*

Middle Tennessee Camp Bluebird is funded through the Saint Thomas Health Foundation.



Camp Bluebird

2017 Dates

Spring Camp

April 20-23

Fall Camp

Sept. 29-Oct. 1

Middle Tennessee Camp Bluebird Volunteer Application

April 21 – 23, 2017, 2017

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Email Address: _____ Occupation: _____

Have you ever been diagnosed with cancer? Yes No
Has a family member or close friend ever been diagnosed with cancer? Yes No

If yes, please explain on the back of this form.

Camper Volunteer/Buddy/Assistant:

We are having a required meeting of **ALL VOLUNTEERS** on Thursday evening. You must be at camp all three days and be able to be at camp on **Thursday evening by 7:00 pm**. We will have a meeting on Friday morning at breakfast for ALL volunteers.

Why do you desire to participate in Camp Bluebird? Use back of sheet if necessary.

ALL volunteers will **also** be participating in set-up, decorations, crafts, take-down/finishing crew as needed; and any other tasks that need to be completed.

Volunteers are **EXPECTED** to participate in **ALL sharing sessions and devotions**. These are **NOT optional activities**. You need to be there with your camper.

Check the area(s) that you would like to participate in if you cannot participate for the entire camp:

- Crafts—assist campers; assist with set-up and take-down—Friday afternoon or Saturday afternoon
- Provide Service i.e. massage therapy, art or music therapy, healing touch, educational offering, haircuts, etc. List below:

I will be present on Thursday, April 20th, at 6:00 pm for dinner: Yes No

The undersigned hereby transfers and grants to STHS the exclusive right to use and authorizes others to use all or any part of my interview/ photograph/video in related media such as books, magazines, journals, pamphlets, electronic, news releases, newsletters, and any other written and video formats. The undersigned hereby releases STHS and its directors, members, trustees, officers, employees and agents, from any and all claims, demands, causes of action and suits, including, but not limited to, claims for invasion of privacy, defamation, breach of contract, or other breach of duty arising out of or in connection with the use of this interview, photograph or video. This authorization will expire at any time I submit a written request to Irene Bradford.

Signature _____ Date _____

Middle Tennessee Camp Bluebird was founded in 1985 through the generous philanthropic support from individuals, organizations and corporations who had a vision to provide holistic care for cancer patients in Middle Tennessee. Their vision continues to be realized today through Camp Bluebird's twice annual 3-day camp weekends. The average cost to attend one weekend of Camp Bluebird is \$500 per person. Thanks to charitable donations from individuals like you, this expense is offset allowing cancer patients the opportunity to attend Camp Bluebird for a nominal fee.

Please consider a tax-deductible donation to the Camp Bluebird Fund. You may enclose a check with your application or donate online at stthomas.ejoinme.org/Donate.

I have read the Volunteer Policies and Expectations and understand what is expected of me.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return this form as soon as possible to: Irene Bradford, Camp Director: 521 Westward Winds Drive Nashville, TN 37221

Middle Tennessee Camp Bluebird Volunteer Application

ROLE EXPECTATIONS FOR VOLUNTEERS/COUNSELORS

For your camper:

- Get your camper settled in the cabin – meet them in the dining hall
- Make sure your camper can find his/her way around camp and to appointments (classes, meals, etc)
- Take chair to group(s) for your camper if needed
- Assist your camper with meals, get their drink and other items as needed
- Eat with your camper until they have connected with other campers
- Know where your camper is at all times
- Assist with activities as needed
- Notify camp nurse if camper unwell
- Provide a smile and listen
- Help camper pack on Sunday and check for items left behind

For camp:

- Assist during set-up **if needed.**
- Interact with campers at meal times
- Bus tables when you are finished eating – yours and others
- Arrange chairs for groups and activities
- Arrive promptly for activities
- Assist with setting up for activities (crafts, classes)
- Collect trash and tidy general living areas
- Offer to help when you see others working
- Report problems with plumbing, scheduling, etc.
- Assist with packing up and cleaning camp
- Do not leave until released by camp director

For dining hall cleanup through- out the weekend:

- Collect trash from tables and other areas
- Tidy tables by wiping with provided clothes
- Sweep around tables
- If chairs have been moved return them to the original location.
- Shut off lights – if you are the last one out at night