

Middle Tennessee Camp Bluebird

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Dear Middle Tennessee Bluebird Volunteers,

Camp Bluebird will be held at YMCA's Camp Widjiwagan (3088 Smith Springs Rd Nashville, TN 37013). Camp Bluebird offers a unique experience for adult cancer patients.

Amidst the beauties of nature, campers are provided a creative, educational, and supportive atmosphere.

You have indicated an 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 camper volunteers/buddies/assistants to attend all three days and two nights of camp. Please send your reply 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 Bill Hanger or me.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 646-4414.

You must complete and return the attached form even if you have previously attended camp. This helps insure our records are accurate. If you have email, please send me an email so we can be sure we have your correct address. Also, include your vehicle type and tag #. This is a necessity.

Also please share this information with anyone you know who would be interested in participating as a volunteer. Volunteers are needed to assist with the preparations for camp and for clean-up after camp.

I know you are as excited as I am about this camp and what it means to the campers, their families, and those of us who work with cancer patients. I thank all of 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 most rewarding program. Please let me hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Irene Bradford
Camp Director

Email: ibradfor@bellsouth.net

Phone: 646-4414

Volunteer Application for Camp Bluebird

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Address: Street _____ Fax: _____ E-mail _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Occupation: _____

Vehicle Type: _____ Tag. # _____

Have you or close friend ever been diagnosed with cancer? Yes No

Has a family member ever been diagnosed with cancer? Yes No

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

- Camper Volunteer/Buddy/Assistant: If you are new to this role you must attend a brief training session. You must be at camp all three days and be able to be at camp prior to the time the campers arrive on Friday morning.

Why do you desire to be participating in Camp Bluebird? Use the back if necessary. _____

ALL volunteers will also be participating in crafts, decorations, set-up, and take-down as needed; and any other task that needs 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) in which you would like to participate if you cannot participate for the entire camp:

- Crafts – assist campers; assist with set up and take down – Friday afternoon or Saturday afternoon
- Transportation of campers to camp on Friday morning or pick up on Sunday
- Set-up crew on Thursday afternoon/evening
- Music – be specific _____
- Provide Service i.e. Massage therapy, art or music therapy, healing touch, educational offering, or entertainment, manicures, pedicures, hair cuts, etc. Please specify type of service and time(s) you are available
Be specific _____
- Finishing crew – Sunday morning after final sharing

All volunteers are expected to be a part of the finishing crew (help campers pack and leave after final sharing on Sunday; pack camp supplies, load supplies and equipment).

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 other written and video formats. The undersigned hereby releases STHS and its directors, its 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 _____

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

Signature: _____

Please return this form as soon as possible to:

Irene Bradford, Camp Director, 521 Westward Winds Drive, Nashville, TN 37221

If you have questions please contact me at 646-4414.

Email: ibradfor@bellsouth.net

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
- 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
- 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
- Check assignment board for duties (meals, etc)
- Write in scrapbooks for campers in your cabin and others you know
- 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, etc.
- Assist with packing up and cleaning camp
- Do not leave until released by camp director

For dining hall cleanup through- out the week-end:

- Collect trash from tables and other areas
- Tidy tables and chairs
- Put scrapbooks neatly on side table
- Shut off lights – if you are the last one out at night.

** If your spouse is a camper, please remember that you have asked to volunteer and you will have responsibilities to YOUR camper. Your spouse has a volunteer that should be taking care of them and their needs.