



Camp Oakhurst

Summer 2017 Volunteer Activity Counselor Program

Please read this information before filling out a volunteer application.

Camp Oakhurst's 2017 Summer Camp is seeking **Volunteer Activity Counselors** for this year's youth and young adult camp sessions that run from June 26 to August 5. **Volunteer Activity Counselors** at Camp Oakhurst gain valuable hands-on work experience through participating in a wide range of volunteer tasks, including helping to plan, organize and help facilitate recreational activities for our campers with disabilities. These activities include: arts/crafts, music, drama, media arts (iPad-based), swimming, cooking, nature studies, sports and camp theme day activities.

Volunteers at Camp Oakhurst will not only assist our trained counselors and activity specialist staff to provide therapeutic recreational activities and an enriching summer camp for children and young adults with disabilities, but the volunteers will have a unique and valuable eye-opening experience right in their local community. If a volunteer applicant or their parents have any questions about the requirements or process, please feel free to contact Charles Sutherland at info@nysh.org or at 732-531-8607.

Volunteer Activity Counselor Requirements

Applicants must be at least 16 years old for volunteering to work with our campers in our daily recreational activities. Please note volunteers must turn 16 before June 26, 2017, in order to volunteer in our daily recreational activities, with the exception being on our **3 Theme Days, on July 6, July 20 and August 3**, when volunteers can be 13 years old, as long as the volunteer turns 13 by June 26, 2017. See the attached volunteer shift schedule for details.

We are seeking volunteers who will serve as good role models, follow all rules and have a positive attitude toward others and be respectful and mindful of all the campers and the staff they will interact with.

Application Process

We have a formal application process for summer volunteers. Our expectation for volunteers is that they will assist in our recreational activities in a mature, responsible and appropriate way, and will keep to their agreed upon volunteer shift schedule. Only a limited number of volunteers that can be selected to be a **Volunteer Activity Counselor**, so all applicants are

expected to be on time and ready to help for the shifts they sign up for and all volunteers are required to adhere to the requirements above and process that follows:

1. The attached volunteer application must be completed in full. **The deadline is Friday May 19, 2017.** Applications may be submitted by scan/email to info@nysh.org or faxed to 732-531-0292 or mailed to Camp Oakhurst, 111 Monmouth Road, Oakhurst, NJ 07755.
2. Applicants will receive an email or phone call confirmation within a week of submitting a volunteer application form. Applicants will be informed at that time if they will be invited to Camp Oakhurst for a volunteer interview and will then be **scheduled for an in-person interview at Camp Oakhurst.**
3. **All applicants must provide one non-family member adult reference** (teacher, guidance counselor, coach, job or volunteer supervisor, etc.) and must bring with them to the in-person interview either the letter of reference or the contact information for a phone reference.
4. Applicants that meet the requirements of volunteering, successfully complete an in-person volunteer interview at Camp Oakhurst, and whose reference is satisfactory, will then be notified they are accepted as a Camp Oakhurst summer volunteer and will be provided a date to attend a mandatory **Volunteer Orientation** prior to being scheduled as a Camp Oakhurst summer volunteer. This **Volunteer Orientation** will take place in late May or early June.
5. After attending the **Volunteer Orientation**, volunteers will be asked to **submit their volunteer shift requests by Friday, June 16.** Please know that we require a minimum of 3 volunteer shifts per 2 week camp session to volunteer at Camp Oakhurst. Volunteers can choose to volunteer for 1, 2 or all 3 youth/young adult camp sessions. See the attached schedule. For volunteers ages 13, 14 or 15 who want to volunteer for one or more of the **3 Theme Days**, either 1 or 2 or all 3 of the Theme Days can be requested.

We thank you for your time and we look forward to meeting you and working with you!

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