



Dear Camp Courage/Camp Courage – Teens volunteer applicant,

Thank you so much for your interest in volunteering at Camp Courage and Camp Courage – Teens. Being a part of creating this safe, fun, welcoming week for kids who know the pain of grief will probably be like nothing you have ever experienced. You will laugh at your goofiness on the main stage, play hard at sports and challenge courses, create in arts 'n crafts alongside the campers, tear up as they share their stories, and witness some of the most profound examples of resilience.

A week as a Cabin Counselor, Activities Counselor, or Nurse is hard work. However, your time at this Camp will be filled with laughter, hope, and newly discovered friends. Your presence conveys a message to the campers of acceptance and encouragement, fostering a new understanding that they are not alone in their grief, that their grief is okay, and that there is hope in tomorrow. The kids you meet will teach and inspire you. Undoubtedly, you will not leave Camp the person you were when you arrived; you will have made a difference in the lives of the campers.

Camp Courage and Camp Courage - Teens are each a four-night/five-day overnight experience for kids experiencing the death of someone significant. The cause of death varies from long-term illness, short-term illness, suicide, murder, and accidents. The length of time since the death and the relationship to the person who died vary as well. The common thread that runs through each of them is the death of someone they love.

Program Dates

Camp Courage

Campers ages 6 – 10

Saturday, June 3rd – Friday, June 9th, 2023

Camp Courage – Teens

Campers ages 11 – 18

Saturday, June 10th – Friday, June 16th, 2023

Location: Sunnyhill Adventures in Dittmer, MO, about 40 minutes southwest of the Annie's Hope office in Glendale, MO.

Cabin Counselors are assigned a cabin of campers along with three other counselors. They are responsible for those campers 24/7 for five days. The counselors accompany the campers to every activity and event.

Activities Counselors are assigned to support various areas, tasks, or activities – such as arts and crafts. There will be 3-5 Activities Counselors. When not working on a specific activity, these volunteers will assist Cabin Counselors.

Camp Nurses will administer meds and attend to scrapes and cuts. The Nurse may volunteer for one week, both weeks, part of one week, or part of both weeks.

After your application is reviewed, you will be contacted to schedule an interview with Annie's Hope staff. You will be notified about acceptance after the interview.

Before Camp, there will be a Pre-Camp Party for potential campers and volunteers on Saturday, April 22nd. This will allow you to meet some of the campers and fellow volunteers. Plus, the parents/guardians of the kids are often anxious about sending their children to an overnight camp with "strangers." Meeting you will significantly alleviate some of their fears.

Please know how grateful we and the campers are for your interest in helping kids in a time of need. Call for any further information.

In peace,

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