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2014 Oklahomans Without Limits (OWL) Camp Application

July 20-July 25 2014

University of Central Oklahoma

Edmond, OK 73034

Application Deadline:

April 1, 2014

Space is limited. Camper spots will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

NewView hosts several activities throughout the year for blind and visually impaired children and youth throughout Oklahoma, with our Oklahomans Without Limitations (OWL) Summer Camp as the foundation of this program.

Each summer NewView hosts a **free**, week-long summer camp for children ages 8-18 who are blind or vision impaired. Parents can rest easily as their students will spend time at this over-night camp with volunteers from around the state. OWL Camp began in 2000, and has grown to 30-40 campers each July. Each camper is teamed with a sighted peer counselor who provides encouragement, assistance, and friendship.

Camp activities are carefully planned and designed to encourage collaboration, improve confidence, self-esteem, and independence, and challenge societal and self-imposed limits through a variety of indoor and outdoor activities in an accessible environment. The focus is on capability rather than disability.

New activities are added each year to keep things new and challenging for returning campers. Camp favorites have included dance parties, swimming, beep-ball, fishing, archery, arts and crafts, martial arts, shopping trips, basketball, hay rides, rock climbing, kayaking and dragon boat rowing on the Oklahoma River, and of course, our annual talent show.

Please either type or print legibly using blue or black ink.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Street Address _____

Mailing Address (if different from above) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Gender _____ Age _____ DOB _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

How do you prefer to be contacted? Phone Email Both

What school do you attend? _____

What year are you in school? _____

How did you find out about OWL Camp? _____

T-Shirt Size:

Adult T-Shirt Small Medium Large X-Large

Youth T-Shirt Small Medium Large X-Large

Parent or Guardian Information

First Contact _____

Second Contact _____

Relationship to Student _____

Relationship to Student _____

Daytime Phone _____

Daytime Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Email _____

Emergency Contact (if different than above)

Name _____ Phone _____

Relationship to Student

OWL Camp Permission and Liability

I grant permission for my child, _____ (insert name of student), to participate in all OWL Camp activities schedules for July 20-25, 2014. I will not hold NewView Oklahoma, any of the leaders, staff, volunteers, or organizations providing services responsible for any accident which may occur during the week of OWL Camp.

Name of Parent or Guardian (PRINTED) _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

Emergency Care

I, the undersigned parent or person having legal custody of _____ (insert name of child), DO HEREBY AUTHORIZE the person(s) designated as sponsor(s) for the activity or trip, in which the above named minor is participating, to initiate and provide for any medical examination, anesthetic, medical, surgical, x-ray, or dental diagnosis or treatment and/or hospital care to be rendered to the above named minor under general or special supervision and upon the advice of a physician. In giving this consent, I recognize and understand that in situations where the above named minor requires immediate medical or hospital care it may not be possible for the above referenced authorized sponsor to contact me and that in such situations, I will not be able to knowledgeably evaluate and choose amongst the available alternative treatments or procedures. If any such situations arise, I authorize a physician, surgeon or dentist to exercise his professional judgment regarding any available alternatives and to render such care and perform such treatment as he or she, in his or her professional judgment, determines to be necessary for the health or safety of the above named minor.

Child's full name (PRINTED) _____

Parent/Guardian full name (PRINTED) _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

Treatment Information (PLEASE COMPLETE)

Physician's Name

Physician's Phone

Allergies

Date of last tetanus shot

Medicines (You must include ALL medications. **Put dose and time.** All medications will be administered by the camp nurse.)

Disease/ Cause of Blindness

Visual Acuity

Level of Assistance Needed

Does your child require large print or Braille? Please specify. _____

Does your child use a cane? _____

Does your child get homesick? _____

A COPY OF YOUR CURRENT INSURANCE CARD
MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM

Photo Permission: I grant permission to NewView Oklahoma to use now or at any time in the future any photograph, film, or videotape in which my child appears. I understand that no royalty or any other form of compensation for use of these photos will be given to me or my child. I understand the story, photo, film or videotape is public information with the purpose of increasing awareness about blindness. This material may be released by NewView without further permission or consent by me in accordance with the permission set forth above.

I hereby grant permission for _____ (insert child's name) to attend OWL Camp and agree to the terms and conditions listed above.

Name of Parent or Legal Guardian (PRINTED) _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian _____

Please have your student answer the following questions. These questions are to help us find the best sighted buddy for your child.

1. Will this be the first time you have been away from home for an extended period of time?
2. Have you ever been to a summer camp? If so, what camps?
3. If you have ever been to OWL Camp, which activities have you enjoyed most? Why?
4. What is your favorite color?
5. What is your favorite activity/thing to do? Why?
6. What are your two favorite subjects in school? What do you like the best about them?
7. If you could choose one thing to do at camp, what would it be?

8. Do you have any experience playing music? If so, what instrument? If not, what instrument interests you the most?

9. What is your favorite kind of music? Favorite song?

10. Is there any additional information that you feel will be helpful to us?

You can mail, fax, or email your application.

Please send in your application

(including a copy of your current insurance card) to

Megan Adkins at NewView Oklahoma 710 W. Wilshire Suite 102 Oklahoma City, OK 73116

Fax it to (405) 286-9828, Attn: Megan Adkins

Email it to mmadkins@newviewoklahoma.org

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call our office at (405) 286-9699.



OWL Camp Rules & Regulations July 2014

At NewView Oklahoma our mission is to empower people who are blind and vision impaired to achieve their maximum level of independence through employment, rehabilitation and community outreach. OWL Camp is an integral part of our youth outreach programs. We do hope your child participates in this program. Below is information pertaining to camp that you may wish to read.

Should your student have any interest in taking on a **leadership role** at camp (and he/she is of age—16+), they are more than welcome to apply for the position of counselor or counselor in training (descriptions seen below). This past year, we had both counselors and C.I.T's who were visually impaired as well as sighted. Should your student decide to apply, he/she will be provided with a sighted assistant. The assistant is not a "buddy" as the assistant will be merely be a sighted guide.

Camp Structure: Who will be at camp?

NewView Oklahoma Administration: Lauren Branch, President and CEO of NewView Oklahoma, Cathy Holden, Director of Rehabilitation COMS

Camp Director: The director is an employee of NewView Oklahoma who both plans and facilitates the camp activities. He/she is in charge of camp but also reports to Cathy Holden, the Director of Rehabilitation.

Camp Nurse: There will be a certified RN at camp 24/7. Her name is Julie Hensley. She collects and catalogs ALL medications (whether prescription or over-the-counter) at check-in. She is in charge of administering all daily medications. Further, she cares for students in the case of fatigue, sickness, or other medical issues.

Camp Staff: Employees from NewView Oklahoma who come to aid in whatever capacity at camp. Oftentimes, these people help with set-up and break-down of our activities; they run errands; they keep camp running smoothly.

Camp Counselors: These are college-age students who are at least 21. These individuals lead the different squads* (there are usually 4) throughout camp. Counselors are asked to keep track of each of their students' whereabouts at all times of the day and night. They are asked to ensure that students receive proper medication, nutrition, and sleep during their stay at camp. Moreover, they are charged to befriend, encourage, and foster independence in their students.

Sighted Buddies: These are volunteers, ages 14+, who are paired with each student. Each buddy is paired with one specific camper for the duration of camp. Buddies will wake up and assist their camper in getting ready for the day; help their camper all day long with daily tasks; and help their camper get to bed at the assigned hour. Not only are buddies responsible for staying with their camper **at all times**, but they must also work to develop a relationship, ensure the safety, and provide lots of energy for their campers all week long. This is a 24-hour job every single day of camp. It falls to the buddy to make sure that student's basic needs are met—medication, proper nutrition, and sufficient sleep. (We do have a nurse on site, so buddies will not be administering medication, only making sure that his/her student gets to the nurse at the proper time).

Camp Security: These individuals help ensure the safety of everyone at camp by monitoring the halls during curfew hours (for example, 10:00 pm to 6:30 am).

Personnel from various organization with which we have planned activities

*Squads are typically composed of two counselors, one counselor in training, six sighted buddies, and six campers.

Sample Daily Schedule (Weekly schedule will be available one month prior to camp)

6:30 am	Curfew ends
7:00-7:40am	Medicine administration rotation
7:30-8:30am	Breakfast
8:30-8:45am	Assembly and Brief for the Day
8:45-9:00am	Travel to morning activities
9:00-11:30am	One long or two short programs
11:30-12:00pm	Travel time
12:00-1:00pm	Lunch
1:00-4:30pm	Afternoon activities: one long or three short programs
4:30-5:00pm	Travel Time
5:00-5:30pm	Warm and Fuzzies
5:30-6:30pm	Dinner
6:00-9:00pm	Scheduled fun activities
8:00-8:40	Medicine administration rotation
9:00pm	Curfew: Younger kids with buddies to go to rooms
10:00pm	Curfew: Older kids with buddies to go to rooms
11:00pm	Counselor meeting with NVO Staff

Orientation & Training:

All Staff members and volunteers are required to attend an orientation at a location chosen by OWL Camp supervisors. Members will become familiar with the daily operations of camp as well as their expected responsibilities and camp policies and procedures. All staff members and volunteers must be in compliance with all camp policies upon arrival for orientation and will be asked to verify their understanding by signing the rules and regulations manual.

Safety:

- All visually impaired children will be paired with a sighted buddy who will accompany him/her throughout the week and help him/her with his/her needs—sighted guide, medication times, camp activities, etc.
- All participants (staff, volunteers, counselors, sighted buddies) who will have access to the University of Central Oklahoma University Suites and are 18 and older will have a background check.
- **Camp monitors will be on duty during curfew hours.** They are there for your safety. A camp monitor is not allowed to enter any dormitory or sleeping quarters unless it is an emergency.

Accountability:

- Everyone is to adhere to the buddy system at all times. Volunteers and campers are never to go off alone or leave someone else alone.
- Relationships are not allowed at camp. No purple!

Cell phone Usage:

Your time at camp is special. Any diversion, especially one caused by texting, calls, or social platform participation, takes away from all parties. The Camp Director will have a cell phone if your child needs to use one; otherwise, cell phone use is strictly forbidden during all camp hours—this includes from the time you arrive until camp concludes. Volunteers and campers are not to have cell phones at all, not even in their rooms. Leave all cell phones at home.

Counselors and staff members are the only people permitted to have cell phones at camp. Should parents need to contact their children, they will be provided with the contact information for the Camp Director. Parents, please call the Camp Director with any questions or concerns you may have or if you wish to speak with your child during the week of camp.

Child Abuse:

Corporal punishment or any form of physical, emotional or sexual abuse, or any endangerment of a camper is grounds for immediate dismissal and will be reported to the proper law enforcement agency.

Commitment:

Volunteers are not permitted to leave the premises of activities or residence **at any time**. Should parents of volunteers or volunteers themselves have any issues arise, please contact the Camp Director and he/she will help with accommodations.

Curfew:

Volunteers and campers are to be in their *assigned* rooms during curfew hours. Any person who is not in his/her respective room during the curfew hours will be reported to the Camp Director.

*Curfew hours will be printed on the final schedule.

Drugs and Alcohol:

The use or possession of alcohol or illegal drugs of any kind is strictly forbidden. Any illegal activity, including use or possession of illegal drugs or supplying drugs, alcohol or tobacco in any form to minors, will be reported to the proper law enforcement agency and will result in your immediate dismissal. In order to maintain an alcohol and drug free environment, we maintain the

right, at all times from the beginning of camp to the end, to conduct random inspections of all dorm rooms, vehicles, and personal possessions. Smoking and possession of tobacco products are not permitted on the camp premises.

We maintain a **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY** regarding underage drinking or irresponsible behavior that potentially results in negative effects to our campers, staff or NewView organization.

Possession and/or use of any alcoholic beverages in camp or during camp-sponsored activities (including camp-sponsored time off events) is PROHIBITED. If camp monitoring personnel witness any behavior involving drinking or irresponsible behavior, they will immediately notify camp supervisors – no exceptions.

Electronics:

No electronics are allowed at camp including but not limited to cell phones, ipods, personal computers, and gaming devices. Leave these devices at home. Should a student arrive with such devices, said devices will be gathered at the beginning of camp and kept in a lock box in a safe location until the conclusion of camp.

Exceptions:

- Counselors are permitted to have cell phones for emergency and logistic purposes only.
- The use of digital cameras is permitted.

Food:

Staff members and volunteers are discouraged from bringing food in any living areas.

Over-the-counter or Prescription Medication: A nurse will be available at all times during camp. All medication will be collected and locked up safely by the nurse on the first day. NO MEDICATION, whether over-the-counter or prescription, should be kept in your room or on your person. We do not want an accidental ingestion to occur by a child, so **all medication must be managed during camp by the nurse on duty.**

Regulations for the Living Quarters

- There are to be no girls in boys' rooms. Likewise, there are to be no boys in girls' rooms. Bedrooms are for sleeping. We will not be in there any other times.
- Adult counselors are not to enter the room of a minor without another adult or volunteer present.

Transportation:

Transport to different activities will be by bus. NewView OWL Camp adheres to the regulations on the number of students allowed in each bus. Therefore, depending on the size of camp, we will have the number of recommended buses to accommodate our group.

Buses will be the mode of transportation unless other modes of transportation are required in the case of an emergency. In cases of emergency, transport by means of a staff vehicle is permitted. Should students need to be transported in a staff vehicle, that staff member would have had a DMV report in order to transport students. Staff members may not transport students without clearance from both the Camp Director and the Director of Rehabilitation, Cathy Holden.