

16th Annual Summer Camp for Visually Impaired Youth *Focus on Music!*

The 2014 Oklahomans Without Limitations (OWL) Camp will be held July 21-25, 2014 on the campus of the University of Central Oklahoma. The camp is open to 8-18 year olds with a visual impairment. Visually impaired campers will be paired with a "sighted buddy" for the week that will help them navigate the many activities planned. NewView raises funds to offset the costs for the camp and no fee is charged to vision impaired children to ensure that every child has the chance to participate.

The theme of this year's camp is MUSIC.



Through a partnership with the Oklahoma Youth Orchestra, campers will be engage in performance-based learning to give the students a culminating experience to share their new talents. Each program for the various age groups is designed to meet the needs of what we will consider to be non-musical campers. The programs have been developed to introduce a music component to students who may have little to no music education background. The Science Museum Oklahoma will provide the perfect opportunity for visually impaired campers to experience the exciting world of sound through the display's many tactile and auditory activities. Working with the Oklahoma City Museum of Art, visually impaired campers will spend a fun filled afternoon creating sound art. Throughout the week, campers will be exposed to a variety of music and opportunities to learn a variety of styles of dance.

Visually impaired children and youth rarely, if ever, have the chance to experience many of the activities offered during this camp in their daily lives. For many, it is their first time away from home and certainly their first summer camp experience. The campers' sighted buddies see vision loss as nothing more than a difference that can be accommodated. This helps the campers to enjoy the thrill of camp and the comfort of feeling normal while hanging out with others their age that are visually impaired.

The Oklahomans Without Limits Summer Camp for visually impaired youth is the only camp of its kind in the state. With the support of community partners and generous donors, NewView Oklahoma can provide blind and visually impaired youth statewide with an unforgettable camp experience that will prepare them to live happy, independent and productive lives!

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