



2014 Oklahomans Without Limits (OWL) Camp
July 19-July 25, 2014
University of Central Oklahoma
Edmond, OK 73034

Each summer NewView hosts a 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 who provides encouragement, assistance, and friendship. Each group is supervised by a trained counselor.

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.

This is an excellent opportunity to share your love of music while gaining valuable leadership skills and making a difference in the life of children. There are several ways to be involved with OWL Camp.

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2014 OWL Camp Volunteer Opportunities:

The **Counselor** position is for volunteers ages 21 and up. This is the highest volunteer position at camp. Group leaders must be high energy and highly responsible. You will be asked to lead songs, create chants, and use basic problem solving skills to resolve issues within your group. Counselors are given an enormous task as they are entrusted a group of sighted and visually impaired children.

It falls to counselors to be responsible for making sure that students' basic needs are met— medication, proper nutrition, and sufficient sleep. [We do have a nurse on site, so counselors will not be administering medication, only making sure that students get to the nurse at the proper time.] Counselors are asked to keep track of each of their students' whereabouts at all times of the day and night. Moreover, you are charged to befriend, encourage, and foster independence in your students.

The **Counselor in Training** position is for volunteers ages 16 and up. Counselors in training are just that. You are training to be a counselor for future camps. You are given increased responsibility (more than a sighted buddy) but you are not leading a group by yourself. CIT's will often set up for and facilitate camp activities. You are also mentored by a counselor in order to prepare you to be a counselor in the future.

The **High School Buddy** position is for volunteers 14 and up. Sighted Buddies need to be able to befriend and care for the child with whom he/she is paired. Our goal is to make camp safe and fun for all of the participants, this cannot happen without committed sighted buddies. The position requires high levels of leadership, energy, accountability and responsibility.

Please visit www.newviewoklahoma.org to download your OWL Camp volunteer application.

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