



Summer Camp Volunteer Buddies

The Beignet Fest Foundation & Summer Camp Professionals, Kidcam Camps, are recruiting Summer Day Camp Volunteers to work from one to six weeks of summer camp program for children with autism.

Camp Benny - University of Holy Cross - New Orleans, LA

Position Overview: As a Kidcam Camp Summer Camp Buddy (Volunteer) you will gain experience in the field of camp counseling and working with children by learning camper-management, operational and leadership skills and putting them into practice.

Duration: A Camp Benny Buddy program can be one - six weeks of Service / Experience Hours.

Age and Eligibility:

- The age requirement for a Buddy is a minimum of 14 years old and will receive school service/credit hours for their time commitment to Camp Benny.
- This is a volunteer position and is not paid.

Core Responsibilities:

- **Camper Interaction:**
 - Engage campers in scheduled activities, motivate and encourage camper participation.
 - Help campers follow camp rules and guidelines.
- **Assisting Camp Counselors with Important Duties:**
 - Help organize and lead activities.
 - Setting up and cleaning up activity areas.
 - Assisting with mealtimes.
 - Ensuring camper safety and well-being.
- **Role Modeling:**
 - Set a positive example for the campers in terms of behavior, attitude, and participation.
- **Teamwork and Communication:**
 - Work closely with other CITs, counselors, and camp leadership.
 - Keep open communication with camp leadership.
 - Ensure a smooth and enjoyable camp experience for everyone through teamwork.
- **Leadership Development:**
 - Focus on developing leadership skills.
 - Learn how to lead activities, communicate effectively with both campers and fellow staff members, and make decisions in a camp environment.
- **Training and Orientation:**
 - Attend all training and orientation programs to familiarize yourself with Kidcam/Camp Benny's policies, procedures, and the camp's overall culture.
 - Learn about safety protocols, behavior management and program activities.

Required Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- First Aid certification (will be provided if necessary).
- Interest in working with children with diverse needs in a camp setting.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills.
- Enthusiasm, optimism, patience, positive attitude and a love for working with children.
- Ability to adapt to changing situations and solve problems.
- Willing to work well in a team environment.
- Must be willing to be fully engaged with campers in various activities.
- Flexibility and creativity to adapt to unforeseen changes as they arise.
- A problem solver! You think fast on your feet and prioritize quickly.
- Ability to remain calm under pressure.
- Must be able to part with your phone during working hours.
- Open to communicating challenges with camp leadership and receive constructive feedback.

Physical Demands & Working Conditions:

Must be physically and mentally able to meet the challenges of navigating and working in destination-based facilities. This is SUMMER camp—staff must be adaptable to changing roles and responsibilities in a fast-paced environment. The work can at times be highly stressful and intense, yet very rewarding. Patience, compassion, and a willingness to work with children of all abilities, including those on the autism spectrum, are essential.

Keep in mind that successfully completing a volunteer, CIT program can be a steppingstone to becoming a full-fledged camp counselor in the future if that's a career path you're interested in pursuing.

Interested volunteers should complete the form at 'Work at Camp' page at

CampBennyNola.org at CampBennyNola.org

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