

CAMP GOOD DAYS & SPECIAL TIMES

# JR. GOOD DAYS

*Volunteer with Us!*



**FREE LOCAL DAY CAMP FOR  
CHILDREN IMPACTED BY CANCER  
OR SICKLE CELL ANEMIA**



# *Powered By Volunteers*

Camp Good Days programs are made possible by our dedicated and compassionate volunteers.

## **CAMP COUNSELORS**

Our Camp Counselors (ages 18+) are the soul of our programs! This is the area we need the most support! These volunteers provide supervision, encouragement, and support to the Campers assigned to them. They partake in program activities right alongside the Campers throughout the day.

## **JR. HELPERS**

Jr. Helpers (ages 15-17) provide additional support to our staff throughout the program. Since these volunteers are minors, they are not directly responsible for Camper supervision, rather they assist with setting-up and facilitating activities, serving meals, and other tasks that help the program run smoothly.



# SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

## DATES & TIMES

Each day starts around 8 - 9 am and ends around 4 - 5 PM

**Buffalo Region:** June 26 - 29, 2024

**Rochester Region:** July 22 - 24, 2024

**Syracuse Region:** July 22 - 24, 2024

## LOCATION

### Buffalo Region

- St. Philip's Recreation Hall
  - 950 Losson Rd. Cheektowaga 14227

### Rochester Region

- CGD Headquarters Office
  - 1332 Pittsford Mendon Rd. Mendon 14506

### Syracuse Region

- CGD Syracuse Office
  - 356 North Midler Ave Syracuse 13206

## ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Our field trip schedule varies year to year! Below are some of the area attractions we may visit throughout the week.

### Buffalo Region

- Billy Beez
- Darien Lake

### Rochester Region

- Strong Museum
- Seneca Park Zoo

### Syracuse Region

- Seabreeze



# VOLUNTEER APPLICATION PROCESS

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We have a thorough application and onboarding process to ensure the safety of our Campers, volunteers, and staff.

- **Volunteer application** (link available on our website). The application requires:
  - 3 References – References cannot be relatives or CGD staff
  - Biography – Brief overview of your schooling, work, and volunteer experiences. Experience with children or with individuals who have medical needs should be included.
  - Rank top three program choices
- **Reference Check:** We will reach out to the references you provide by email to complete a short reference form. Applications with missing/incorrect emails for references will not be processed.
- **Background Check:** NYS and our camping accreditations require that all volunteers undergo a criminal background check and sex offender registry check. A link will be sent to complete this step once the above is complete.
- **Training:** New volunteers are required to attend a training in late spring/early summer. Returning volunteers are strongly encouraged to attend training for a refresher.

# HEALTH & SAFETY

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## MEDICAL NEEDS OUR CAMPERS

- Volunteers are not expected to have medical knowledge or experience to work with our Campers. Our mandatory volunteer training will go into detail on how to support our Campers.
- Volunteers in the Camp Counselor role are not expected or allowed to provide medical care to Campers (with the exception of carrying rescue devices, such as inhalers or epi-pens).
- Each day, we will have at least one registered nurse with us who will administer medication and provide any necessary medical care.
- Our nursing bags are fully stocked with basic over the counter medication and first aid supplies, should a need arise. These go with us on every field trip.



Due to many of our Campers being immunocompromised, we ask that volunteers who develop cold, flu, or COVID-19 like symptoms to refrain from attending the program.

# Preparing for Camp

Applications will be available via our third-party online registration system called CampDoc. The link is available on our website ([www.CampGoodDays.org](http://www.CampGoodDays.org)). Please complete the application in its entirety and a CGD staff member will be in touch with next steps.



## QUESTIONS?

If we didn't answer your question, reach out to:

**Buffalo:** Samm Reynolds at [SReynolds@CampGoodDays.org](mailto:SReynolds@CampGoodDays.org)

**Rochester:** Erin Fleischer at [EFleischer@CampGoodDays.org](mailto:EFleischer@CampGoodDays.org)

**Syracuse:** Brooke Bartelli at [BBartelli@CampGoodDays.org](mailto:BBartelli@CampGoodDays.org)

Note: Applications are available to any person 18 years of age or older, without regard for race, color, sex, religion or national origin. Applications subject to approval of Camp Good Days & Special Times directors, program committee and volunteer coordinators. Applications must be fully completed to be considered.