

Summer Camp Experience for Kids with Cancer and Their Siblings

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A Summer Camp for Kids with Cancer (& Similar Disorders) and Their Siblings

At Camp Hobé, kids with cancer (or similar disorders) and their siblings enjoy traditional camp activities in an environment designed to support their medical, physical, and emotional needs. Our program provides varied experiences for all campers regardless of ability level or restriction. We need volunteers to give almost 20,000 hours of service each year, so that camp is a wonderful experience for the kids. The camp is sponsored by Camp Hobé Incorporated and Primary Children's Hospital. The program is accredited by the American Camp Association and is designated as a Children's Oncology Association International Gold Ribbon Camp.

We are currently recruiting for volunteer counselors, activity leaders, kitchen staff, medical staff, and lifeguards. Volunteers are needed for three camp sessions: Day Camp / Hobé Juniors for ages 4-6 years (June 7-9, 2018), Kids Week for camper ages 7-11 years (June 10-15, 2018), and Teen Week for camper ages 12-19 years (June 17-22, 2018). Interested applicants must commit to the following:

- Attend an in-person interview in March / April
- Attend mandatory training day in May (usually the third Saturday)
- Be present for the entire camp session if selected as a volunteer, from onsite staff workshop through final staff meeting. This includes staying overnight at the Tooele campsite. Food and lodging are provided during this time.
- See reverse for more information.

We would greatly appreciate your help in advertising these positions by either posting these notices or making an announcement in appropriate settings. Applications and job descriptions are available at http://camphobekids.org/home/volunteer/ or by contacting our office (801-631-2742, info@camphobekids.org). The priority application deadline is March 1st.

If you are involved in publishing newsletters, we would appreciate the chance to be featured as we begin recruiting volunteers. Thank you for your willingness to share this information. If you have any questions, please contact me at wapitimama@camphobekids.org or 801-631-2742.

Sincerely,

Christina Beckwith Executive Director

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Camp Hobé Needs YOU!!!

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Volunteering with us could be one of the best experiences of your life! There is much to learn from our inspirational campers and we never run out of fun! Volunteers are needed for 3 camp sessions: Day Camp / Hobé Juniors for ages 4-6 years (June 7-9, 2018), Kids Week for ages 7-11 years (June 10-15, 2018), and Teen Week for ages 12-19 years (June 17-22, 2018). Volunteers stay overnight at camp during their assigned session and serve in these roles:

- Counselors-in-Training (Kids Week and Day Camp only)
- Cabin Counselors
- Activity Leaders or Counselors (nature, music, arts and crafts, field games, drama, archery, poetry, ropes)
- Kitchen staff (head cook, kitchen assistant)
- Medical staff (nurse, physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant)
- Lifeguards (Red Cross certified or equivalent)

Camp Hobé is held at the Elks Camp Wapiti site in beautiful Settlement Canyon, 30 minutes southwest of Salt Lake. The site offers 17 cabins, a main lodge, shower and bath facilities, and an infirmary with treatment rooms. Recreational facilities include an outdoor pavilion, an outdoor amphitheatre, a swimming pool, an arts and crafts cabin, and a sand pit volleyball court.

Requirements

All volunteers must apply each year, whether new or returning. Volunteers are chosen based on the applicant's strengths, the camp's needs, and past performance (for returning volunteers). We make hiring decisions carefully, so that we can have the best volunteer leadership team. We do not guarantee any applicant a spot at camp, whether you are new to our program or have volunteered with us previously. To be considered, volunteers must meet these requirements:

For a Counselor-in-Training (CIT) position (Kids Week and Day Camp ONLY):

- 1. Be 16 to 18 years old by May 15, 2018
- 2. Complete and submit a CIT application here https://camphobe.campmanagement.com/staff
- 3. Send a written letter of reference with your CIT application
- 4. Send a short essay with your CIT application
- 5. Complete an in-person interview
- 6. Be able to attend Staff Training in May (usually the third Saturday)
- 7. Pass a criminal background check if you will be 18 years old by March 31st.

For a Counselor / Medical Staff / Kitchen Staff position for any session:

- 1. Be at least 21 years old (by 5/15/18) for Teen Week and at least 19 years old for Kids Week or Day Camp
- Complete & submit a Volunteer application here https://camphobe.campmanagement.com/staff
- 3. Complete an in-person interview
- 4. Be able to attend Staff Training in May (usually the third Saturday)
- 5. Pass a criminal background check.
- 6. If you are a former Camp Hobé camper: You must serve as a CIT for at least 1 year if you attended Hobé as a camper in 2017. This does **not** apply to you if you attended Camp Hobé as a camper in earlier years, or if you never attended Camp Hobé as a camper.

Application forms and job descriptions are available on our website at http://camphobekids.org/home/volunteer/. Complete the correct application by March 1st (priority deadline). Applications must be completed by the applicant (not by a parent, relative, friend, or significant other). Once we review your application, we'll contact you to schedule an interview. Volunteer training is conducted during May and onsite before the camp session.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 801-631-2742 or wapitimama@camphobekids.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

Wapiti Mama (aka Chris Beckwith), Executive Director, Camp Hobé