



Counselor Information Pages 2022

Thank you for your interest in Special Camp 2022! Please take a moment to read the following information regarding the Counselor application process.

The Priority Deadline is March 31, 2022. Returning your application by this deadline allows the Staff to thoroughly review all applications and begin the session placement and enrollment process. After March 31, Special Camp cannot guarantee that there will be Counselor positions available. While applications are considered in the order that they are received, **Special Camp reserves the right to accept only those applicants who demonstrate the qualities necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of a volunteer Counselor.** In order to ensure the safety and well-being of all camp participants, Counselor applicants will be evaluated through a one-on-one interview with a member of the Special Camp Staff. Due to the nature of the program, we are not able to accept all applicants. We appreciate your understanding that submitting an application does not guarantee acceptance as a volunteer Counselor.

APPLICATION OVERVIEW

Counselors will complete their application through Active Network, our application site. You will need to create an account to start your application (returning Counselors can login with their user name and password). **The application will not auto-save**, so be sure to complete it all at once. Please note: Active Network may prompt you to sign up for an Active Membership. This NOT a Special Camp requirement, but is an additional offering from the application site.

Once you have submitted your application, you will receive an email confirming that Special Camp received your application. Please provide a reliable email address at which you can receive update and other important communication from Special Camp. **By submitting the application, you are agreeing to commit to the entire session of camp.** Confirmations of acceptance and session placement will be emailed by April 15, 2022.

AGE ELIGIBILITY

Counselor applicants must be entering the 9th grade or above for the 2022-2023 academic year.

TUITION AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Counselor Tuition 2022 is \$115, which includes the **non-refundable \$15 registration fee**. This fee partially underwrites the cost of our programming. Tuition may be paid in full or by payment plans through the Active Network program. A deposit of \$25 is required at registration. If you prefer to pay by check or cash, please contact* our office.

Need-based financial assistance is available. Please contact* our office to request a scholarship form.

NEW COUNSELOR INTERVIEWS

You will be invited to sign up for an interview once the Special Camp Staff has reviewed your application. Each interview last approximately 20 minutes and takes place via Zoom. Please note, returning Counselors may be subject to an interview.

COUNSELOR HONOR CODE

All accepted Counselors are asked to sign and adhere to the Special Camp Honor Code, which will be signed at the All-Counselor Staff Meeting on Tuesday, July 12. The Honor Code collectively affirms the standards that bind our

volunteer Counselor community. By signing this code, Counselors agree to serve and represent Special Camp to the best of their ability.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Special Camp is in alignment with St. Margaret's Episcopal School as we continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic. Special Camp and St. Margaret's adhere to all California Department of Public Health and Orange County Health Care Agency guidelines in accordance with the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Our guidelines are detailed on our [Special Camp - Health and Safety Protocols 2022](#) document. Please note, the guidelines could evolve as we get closer to the start of Special Camp 2022. Special Camp also asks that each family sign and return the [Special Camp - COVID-19 Informed Consent Form 2022](#).

Please note: participants must **properly wear a mask while indoors** (including on the bus and in restrooms). Due to social distancing guidelines, Campers and Counselors will be required to sit separately on the bus.

MAGNUS HEALTH FORMS

Special Camp utilizes Magnus Health to manage all medical records for our participants. Counselors (and likely their parent/guardian) will need to login to complete the medical release forms and other critical health information for this summer's program. New participants will be contacted within a few weeks with your login credentials for Magnus Health. Returning participants can login at any time to complete the required steps.

IMPORTANT DATES

New Counselors must complete one full in-person training seminar:

Counselor Training Seminar, option #1
Tuesday, June 21 (12:30pm – 4:30pm)

Counselor Training Seminar, option #2
Tuesday, June 28 (8:30am – 12:30pm)

All Counselors must attend the All-Counselor Staff Meeting:

All-Counselor Staff Meeting (via Zoom)
Tuesday, July 12 (2:00pm – 3:00pm)

CAMP DATES AND HOURS

Session One: July 18 – 22, 2022

Mondays: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Tuesdays: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Session Two: July 25 – 29, 2022

Wednesdays: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Thursdays: 8:30am – 4:30pm

Session Three: August 1 – 5, 2022

Fridays: 9:00am – 3:00pm*

*Geraldine Parent Family Gathering &
Awards Ceremony, 3:00pm

PLEASE NOTE: Counselors must arrive at 8:15am on Monday mornings of camp. They must also arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the start of camp Tuesday through Friday. Following the conclusion of each camp day, Counselors are required to attend a 20-30 minute Counselor meeting.

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