



Counselor Information Pages 2023

Thank you for your interest in Special Camp 2023! Please take a moment to read the following information regarding the Counselor application process.

The Priority Deadline is March 31, 2023. Returning your application by this deadline allows the Staff to thoroughly review all applications and begin the session placement 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.** 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 Curacubby, our application site. The first few questions of the application are parent/guardian focused. Following those questions, we expect Counselor Applicants to personally complete their own application.

Returning Counselor Applicants: accounts have been created for Counselors who participated in Special Camp 2022. Click on the "Returning Counselor Applicants" link on our website and you will be directed to the Curacubby login page where you will be prompted to create a new password.

New Counselor Applicants: Click on the "New Counselor Applicants" link on our website and you will be directed to the Curacubby login page where you will be prompted to create an account.

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 the end of April.

AGE ELIGIBILITY

Counselor applicants must be entering the 9th grade or above for the 2023-2024 academic year.

ADDITIONAL NEW COUNSELOR REQUIREMENTS

Video Introduction: We ask that all New Counselor Applicants submit a 1-minute video to introduce themselves and share their interest in Special Camp. This is simply an opportunity for us to learn a little bit about you; so no need to be formal! The video should be sent to Lindsay.Eres@specialcamp.org.

Interview: Once your Video Introduction has been received, you will be invited to sign up for a New Counselor Interview. Interviews take place via Zoom and last approximately 20 minutes. Don't be nervous; we are excited to get to know you better!

Training: All New Counselors must complete one full in-person training seminar (details on the next page).

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 Monday, July 10. 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.

TUITION AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Counselor Tuition 2023 is \$125, which includes the **non-refundable \$25 registration fee**. Our Tuition partially underwrites the cost of our programming. Tuition may be paid in full or by payment plans through the Curacubby program. 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.

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. Currently, we ask that all camp participants and employees complete a daily health screening, remain at home if any symptoms are present, and report any positive COVID-19 test results to the Camp Director.

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

Counselor Training Seminar, option #2

Thursday, June 15 (9:00am – 2:00pm)

Saturday, June 24 (9:00am – 2:00pm)

All Counselors must attend the All-Counselor Staff Meeting:

All-Counselor Staff Meeting

Monday, July 10 (1:00pm – 2:30pm)

CAMP DATES AND HOURS

Session One: July 17 – 21, 2023

Mondays: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Tuesdays: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Session Two: July 24 – 28, 2023

Wednesdays: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Thursdays: 8:30am – 4:30pm

Session Three: July 31 – August 4, 2023

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.

YEAR-ROUND CONTACT

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