

# Love is in the Air!

It was a very quiet January in the office, but some of our volunteers (Jeradin - left, Adison - right) came to get us ready for Valentine's Day!

Let's take a look at what February has in store!

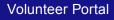
# **Extraordinary Everyday Breakfast**

## Wednesday, March 1

Every year we hold an event to honor people that have made an especially big impact on our Candlelighters community. We will be needing a small number of volunteers to help us run the event! Please sign up through the

Volunteer Portal if you wish to participate!

- Set Up & Floor Direction Volunteers | 6:15am-8:15am | 5 Volunteers
- Helping set the table decorations and any other decorations, guides guests to their assigned tables. Registration Volunteers | 6:45am-8:10am | 3 Volunteers
  - Responsible for checking in sponsors and other guests. Must be 20 years of age or older.
- Photography Volunteers | 7am-9:10am | 2 Volunteers
  - In charge of manning the photo op area and taking photos during the event. Must bring your own camera!
- Tear Down Team | 9am-9:45am | 4 Volunteers
  - Help toss or pack up any decorations we want to take with us.





# **Camp Firefly Volunteer Applications are LIVE**

## Monday, June 12 - Saturday, June 17 | YMCA Camp Whittle, Fawnskin, CA

You've been waiting for it and it's finally here. Camp Firefly is one of the most engaging and interesting volunteer opportunities we offer - running a summer camp for our diagnosed kiddos and their siblings! This will be our first year back at YMCA Camp Whittle since 2019. Since we are getting back into the swing of a regular sleepaway camp, there are a few changes, but we hope that you will support us, Camp Firefly, and the kids!

Volunteers will have to be present in MIND and BODY for the ENTIRE WEEK.

### We are looking for multiple volunteers in each role:

- Camp Counselors: The heart and soul of camp they directly in charge of kiddos and have the biggest effect on facilitating fun!
- Activities Specialists: Maybe you don't want to be in charge of kids the whole weekend, but you're still game to help! Our Activities Specialists run the special activities that our planning committee creates as well as helps with other important tasks at camp.
- Utilities Specialists: Are you super handy? Utilities Specialists are the movers and doers. They make sure camp is camping. They make sure stations are hydrated, start the bonfire, move equipment and anything else you can think of.

### Volunteer Requirements:

- Must be 20 years of age by June 12, 2023.
- Be available to be present, mind and body, at camp from June 12-17
- Must pass a background check (we cannot accept any volunteers with a charge or conviction of violent crime, drug offenses, or felonies).
- New camp volunteers must go through an interview process.
- Attend camp trainings DATES TBD.

We are moving onto a new Camp software so ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST APPLY regardless of having volunteered at camps prior.

If you are a camp volunteer from any of our previous years, please join us at our new Facebook group - the one stop forum for all things camp related! If you know anyone that would be interested in volunteering this summer, feel free to forward them this email or the link to the camp application.

Camp Firefly Volunteer Application

Camp Firefly Facebook Group

# **Flexible Opportunities**

## Hospital Goodie Bags:

Being admitted into the hospital is never fun. Help our kiddos pass the time by creating different themed goodie bags that we deliver to the hospital during our Family Services visits! Bags must follow the chosen theme and be dropped off at the office by the specified date.

Please note that rather than being scheduled on the 15th and 30th of every month, we have switched the dates to the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month.

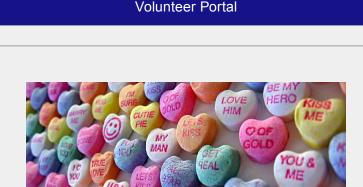
- April (4th Wed of the month): Spring-y!
- May (2nd Wed of the month): May the 4th be with you! (Star Wars)

## **Birthday Card Club**

This is one of our popular monthly positions. You can pick up cards from our office, write birthday messages, attach labels and then return them to our office for shipping. Sign up on the portal, but if you do not see an orange help wanted flag, it generally means the position has been filled.

## **Angel Cards**

We also celebrate the lives of our angel children by sending a card to their family during their birthday month. Like the birthday club, these can be picked up from the office, completed at home at returned. Sign up available on the portal.





## Quote of the Month:

"If January is the month of change, February is the month of lasting change. February is for doers."

- Marc Parent

Volunteer Portal

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