

# belonging AWAITS

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

for individuals and groups interested in serving youth on the **AUTISM SPECTRUM**

### Become an important part of the magic!

Volunteering is a wonderful way to become part of the meaningful mission of Camp Encourage while also connecting with other volunteers, professionals, parents, campers, and supporters. Each camp opportunity is an unmatched experience for all involved! For further details or to apply to sign up, visit [campencourage.org](http://campencourage.org) or contact us at 816.830.7171 or [info@campencourage.org](mailto:info@campencourage.org). We look forward to welcoming you or your group to the camp "family!"



## VOLUNTEER ROLES

Full time volunteer roles during the week of camp include: Counselor, Group Leader in Training, Medical Personnel, Photographer, and Activity Facilitator. Part time volunteer opportunities during or outside camp sessions include: preparing for camp in our office, greeting campers with encouraging signs upon arrival, moving materials to and from our campgrounds, assisting with camp activities, assisting with carnival festivities, and more. Access the QR code to the right for detailed descriptions.



## 2026 CAMP DATES

- Overnight Session One: Saturday, March 21 to Sunday, March 22
- Summer Session One: Thursday, June 11 to Sunday, June 14
- Summer Session Two: Monday, June 29 to Thursday, July 2
- Summer Session Three: Saturday, July 25 to Tuesday, July 28
- Alumni Reunion: Saturday, August 29 to Sunday, August 30
- Overnight Session Two: Saturday, October 10 to Sunday, October 11

## APPLY TODAY\*

When you volunteer, you positively impact each and every camper. Many recall special memories of camp for years to come. For a lifetime, in fact. And, it's not just the campers that have these forever memories. Many volunteers share how much the experience changes their lives as well. So what do you say? **BELONGING AWAITS. VISIT [CAMPENCOURAGE.ORG](http://CAMPENCOURAGE.ORG).**



*\*Cash Incentives are provided for those that apply early and those that recruit full time volunteers.*



## **CONNECTION OPPORTUNITIES** *for volunteers.*

*For further details and to register, use the QR code to the right.*



### **Through Our Eyes**

**January 31**

Guests will be introduced to a panel of amazing autistic adults that will share the real and raw truth of their life on the spectrum. Discussions will include life then and now, relationships, work life, and so much more. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

### **Volunteer Happy Hour**

**February 19**

Plan to join us at Cliff's Taphouse from 4:00 to 6:00pm for happy hour! We will treat you to appetizers while we mingle and catch up! This will be a great opportunity to network as well as meet other volunteers new or returning! Know of someone who might want to join you in the goodness this year, bring them along!

### **Tie Dye and S'mores**

**April 11**

Join us for an afternoon of tie dying and s'mores making! Feel free to bring your own picnic and a blanket or chairs, if you'd like. In addition to connecting on a lovely April day enjoying s'mores by the fire, there will be tie dye supplies set up under the covered pavilion. Please feel free to bring your own articles to tie dye (shirt, socks, headband, tote bag, etc.!) It is sure to be a good time for all!

### **Ice Cream, Boating, and Fishing**

**May 23**

In addition to connecting on a lovely May day and enjoying ice cream, there will be boating (canoes, kayaks, and pedal boats) and fishing, both within 5-10 minutes of walking time. It is sure to be a good time for all!

### **Swim Socials**

**June 6 (at Tall Oaks)**

**August 30 (at Heartland)**

Let's say hello to summer with a splash! Please join us for a pool party at one of our beloved campgrounds. Participants will have the pool to themselves while sharing time together in a safe, welcoming space. Bring a towel and swim wear appropriate for swimming, jumping, and playing (able to stay in place and be comfortable during play without the wearer having to worry about adjusting it). If preferred, feel free to bring life jackets and goggles. Life guards will be on duty, floaties will be available, and snacks and drinks will be provided.

### **Skating Social**

**September 26**

Let's roll! Gather with us to skate at this Liberty, MO rink where we will have the facility all to ourselves. We will provide pizza and drinks, and the concession stand and arcade will be open for you if you choose to purchase additional items.

### **Winter Gathering**

**December 6**

'Tis the time of year to come together and spread sweet cheer! This will be the final Camp Family event of 2026! This Winter Gathering is free for current and interested campers and their families, volunteers, supporters, Board, and staff. No need to bring anything other than your dear self! We'll provide warm beverages (coffee and hot cocoa), some delicious sweet treats from McLain's, and other surprises, including announcing this year's Volunteer of the Year!