WHAT ARE PEOPLE SAYING ABOUT CAMP BLUE SKIES?

CAMPERS
"I love all of Camp Blue Skies. The only thing I don’t like is leaving."
"I tried the zipline for the first time. I learned how to take a leap of faith, then it wasn’t scary anymore!"

PARENTS
"You have created an environment for our children that I did not think possible. I did not think my son would ever be a camper again. Now he, as he says, ‘cannot wait until next year!’"

CAREGIVERS
"Our folks had an awesome time!!! Thanks to all of you for providing this wonderful and exciting opportunity! Thanks for helping to be life changers and a blessing."

VOLUNTEERS
"Camp Blue Skies has sparked an interest in my soul that makes me feel a permanent part of the extended family of campers, volunteers, and staff. Lifelong bonds and memories are created at Camp Blue Skies."
Camp Blue Skies provides overnight camps (5 days/4 nights) for individuals 21 and older with developmental disabilities.

Campers make friends, acquire new skills, and experience fun activities in a safe and friendly environment. Along with recreational and outdoor activities, we encourage and teach skills for individual independence.

CAMP LIFE

Safety is our top priority, and we work to ensure that all campers are comfortable.

- Cabins have bathrooms and showers.
- The camper-to-counselor ratio is approximately 2:1, and each cabin or activity group has a volunteer experienced with the population.
- Campers and counselors move about the grounds in activity groups.
- Nurses are on site 24-hours a day to handle any medical needs. A doctor is available on call.

ACTIVITIES

The Camp Blue Skies philosophy takes a three-pronged approach:

- **RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES** such as fishing, nature hike, high ropes activities and field games.
- **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES** such as a variety show, karaoke, interactive drumming and dance.
- **LIFE SKILLS EDUCATION** such as fitness and nutrition programs, innovative arts/crafts and team-building activities.

APPLY ONLINE TODAY

WHEN: Sessions are in fall. Applications open in early June. See website for details.

WHERE: YMCA Camp Harrison near Boomer, about 90 minutes northwest of Charlotte. Camp Harrison is American Camping Association (ACA) accredited.

FEE: $375 includes five days of activities, four nights of lodging, all meals/snacks and a T-shirt.

ELIGIBILITY: To ensure a successful camp experience, we ask that campers be physically mobile, be able to verbally communicate their needs, have appropriate social skills, and be able to conduct personal and daily living skills within a supported environment. We are not able to accommodate wheelchairs.

If you have questions about eligibility or the camp fee is a concern, please contact us for more information.

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

Volunteers are at the heart of Camp Blue Skies. All levels of experience are needed and appreciated. On-site training is provided.

Volunteer roles include cabin counselors, program activity assistants, day volunteers, and medical professionals (pharmacists, nurses and doctors).

GIVE A GIFT

Gifts of all sizes are appreciated and provide necessary funding in a variety of ways. Examples range from $25 for supplies for arts and crafts to $850 "Send a Camper to Camp" scholarship, which supplements the discounted camper fee to fully cover the camper’s expenses for a week.

Help us offer this life-changing, unforgettable experience to campers. Donate online or contact us to discuss giving opportunities.

GREETINGS FROM CAMP BLUE SKIES!

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