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Dear CHAMP Camp Counselor,

Your CHAMP Camp 2010 Application is in your hands! The excitement and anticipation are building as we look forward to a challenging summer filled with fun and friendship. Please take a few moments to read this letter carefully before completing your application. CHAMP Camp is an overnight camping experience for children and adolescents with tracheostomies and those requiring respiratory assistance, including the use of ventilators. Enclosed you will find a description of the criteria for campers to participate. PLEASE review it carefully before referring campers.

The mission of CHAMP Camp is to promote the recreational and educational benefits of outdoor living and to encourage citizenship, spiritual awareness, and fellowship within a camp setting. It is also a time for campers to be independent from families, a valuable and important step in growing up. CHAMP Camp was started in 1991, and we are looking forward to celebrating another successful summer of camping this June!

CHAMP Camp 2010 will be held at Recreation Unlimited in Ashley, Ohio, just north of Columbus. We have been utilizing this accessible facility since 1993. We've reserved the dates of SATURDAY, JUNE 19th through FRIDAY, JUNE 25th.

*ORIENTATION for all COUNSELORS will begin at 11:00 a.m. on SATURDAY, June 19th. Participation in orientation will develop a spirit of enthusiasm and goodwill and help prepare for a harmonious endeavor. CAMPERS will arrive on Sunday afternoon, June 20th, and we will all depart on Friday morning/early afternoon, June 25th.

Campers will be housed in cabins according to their ages and developmental needs. Their daily routines and activities reflect their interest, as well as the number of years they have participated in camp activities. We staff each cabin accordingly, and we take into consideration your preferences, your profession, and your personal strengths. We will do our best to honor the choice indicated on your application.

As counseling staff, you will live in the cabins with the campers and work together to coordinate 24-hour care and encourage full involvement in all facets of our camp program. A "typical" week for campers includes swimming,

Children Have A lot of Motivation and Potential

fishing, arts and crafts, nature, campfires, climbing, recreational games, canoeing, making friends, and lots of other neat stuff.

Everyone's adherence to camp policies is essential to the smooth operation of the camp community:

1. The use and possession of alcoholic beverages of any kind is strictly prohibited.
2. There will be no smoking or use of any tobacco products on the camp premises or in any camp program off the property.
3. The use of marijuana or narcotics is prohibited at any time or any place.
4. Offensive language is not permitted at camp by the campers or the staff.
5. We will use positive behavior management techniques.
6. We are unable to accommodate friends or your family at camp without appropriate notice to the Camp Director.
7. Regarding time off: The role of a camp counselor involves being on duty at camp, except when on official time off or on unassigned free time. If you are assigned to be up all night, you will be given time off the following day.
8. Full, wholehearted participation and involvement is required of being a counselor. It means being part of everything that goes on at camp... being at meals, campfires, being at places on time, and being with campers at all times.

The camp experience is enhanced by a group of terrific counselors. Positive attitudes and actions are expected, and being together and having fun will be part of the many benefits you will enjoy when you are a camp counselor.

Another benefit you could enjoy is winning an 8GB iPod Nano! We are in need of more nurses for camp, so if you can successfully recruit a nurse to camp, you will be placed in a drawing to win an iPod Nano, color of your choice. Contact Jamie Mitchell for extra applications.

Have we enticed your camp spirit? We hope so! Please return your completed application by April 2nd, 2010. You will be notified by email or telephone of your acceptance. COUNSELOR HANDBOOKS will be ready for distribution in mid-May, as well as a supply list and map. You can learn more about us at www.champcamp.org, and if you have any questions, please contact us in the CHAMP Camp office at 317-679-1860 or email us at admin@champcamp.org.

In the spirit of camp,

Jamie Mitchell, Executive Director
And the CHAMP Camp Team