



Counselor

Sam Climie - Respiratory Therapy Student

Sam participated as a student from the Ohio State University School of Respiratory Therapy and is not a licensed Respiratory Therapist with hopes of returning to camp in June! We asked her to tell us a little about her experience and why others should consider being a counselor at CHAMP Camp...

You came to camp last year as a respiratory therapy student from OSU. Why were you interested in attending CHAMP Camp? I was interested in attending CHAMP Camp because I had heard great things about it from other students that had attended, and I had always been interested in working with kids. I thought it sounded like a unique opportunity to help kids have a great experience while also getting the chance to improve my skills as a respiratory therapist.

How do you feel that your experience at CHAMP Camp increased your skill set as a respiratory therapy student? CHAMP Camp has taught me that it is so important just to be able to listen and talk to the kids that I work with and that they are no different than anybody else. I gained so many skills at CHAMP Camp as a respiratory therapist by learning about different equipment and techniques for doing things. During CHAMP Camp I also got to work with other healthcare professionals and was able to see other aspects of healthcare that I was less familiar with.

What was your favorite experience at camp? One of my favorite experiences at CHAMP Camp was sneaking around and pranking the boys' cabins which resulted in a water balloon fight, where everyone was running around having a blast. Another favorite memory of mine was simply watching the friendships that were formed between the girls in my cabin throughout the course of the week, seeing how close they became and the bond they had was a special moment.

Graduating and entering the workforce is a busy time, but you still hope to come to camp in 2024. Why is it worth making time in such a busy time of your life? CHAMP Camp is worth making the time for because it is chance to give back and create amazing memories and experiences for kids that may not get an opportunity to do activities such as boating, fishing, climbing, swimming. Seeing the smiles and joy that the campers have in almost every opportunity and the friendships that are made during camp are so rewarding to see.

Why would you tell other OSU students that they should participate in camp? I would tell other students to participate in camp because of the differences that camp can make in someone's life and because it will challenge students to grow and step out of their comfort zones in the best way possible. It is also so inspiring to see the kids face their fears and experience new things.

We love when students return!



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