



Counselor

Cassie Wegryn - Respiratory Therapist

Cassie came to us through Ohio State University for a student experience and never left! And we are sure glad she didn't! You only have to look through the camp pictures to see the love and compassion that Cassie has for the campers she serves and counselors she serves with.

How did you get involved in CHAMP Camp? During my summer semester in the OSU Respiratory Therapy program in 2018, we students had the opportunity to sign up for CHAMP Camp to learn more about kids who live with trachs and ventilators outside of the hospital and who live normal lives even with these respiratory ailments. I was selected to go along with 4 other students, and I've come back every year since!

After your first year, why did you come back? After spending a whole week with these kids, I felt like I truly made a difference in their lives. They come to this camp for a week to escape being a "patient", and can just be a normal kid, and I thought that was so special. I also loved the community and all the counselors that go above and beyond to make this the best week of the kid's year, and I knew I wanted to keep being a part of that.

What is your favorite memory from CHAMP Camp? Every year I have amazing memories, but the pranks that I have been a part of in Raymond Cabin are definitely my favorite!!

How does your week at camp impact the rest of your year? Honestly, I feel so rejuvenated after spending a week at CHAMP Camp. It helps me remember why I got into healthcare in the first place. It also makes me feel so lucky that I can make such an impact in these kid's lives!

Why should someone in your profession consider being a counselor at CHAMP Camp? I think it's the best way to get to experience how patients inside the hospital can also live happy lives outside of the hospital. It's also an amazing way to get involved in the local community and help improve the quality of life for a child.

Cassie may have just given away her role in pranks...we are watching you this year!



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