



# VOLUNTEER IN TRAINING PROGRAM

## LEADERSHIP TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR BURN SURVIVORS

**Camp BUCKO** is a residential summer camp intended to provide a fun-filled, adventure packed week for children between the ages of 7 and 17 who have sustained a burn injury.



As a burn survivor you are aware of the physical and emotional pain involved with a burn injury allowing you to offer an understanding to the campers in our program. For this reason we are offering a **Volunteer In Training (VIT)** program for young adults between the ages of 17 & 20, at no cost to the participant. The purpose of our VIT program is to offer leadership training through outdoor activities, goal setting, team building, and event planning. Our goal is to provide transferable life skills that will help support burn survivors as they enter adulthood.

We believe peer support between burn survivors is powerful and **Camp BUCKO** embraces the concept of young adult burn survivors being good role models for BUCKO Campers. Understanding the financial challenges facing young adults, **Camp BUCKO** provides some financial assistance to help these young adults volunteer at camp. A VIT stipend for \$249 will be made available to second year participants and graduates of the Volunteer program up to and including the age of 21. In addition, successful applicants to our VIT program may be eligible for the Wendy Bird Johnson Scholarship in the amount of \$200, to be used toward a leadership training course, separate from camp.



If you are interested in applying to the **Camp BUCKO Volunteer In Training** program please contact:

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**Requests for applications must be made before Friday February 19, 2010**

Please refer to the attached description of our Volunteer In Training program for more information about the first year, VIT1 and the second year, VIT2.

**Camp BUCKO 2010**

**Sunday August 8<sup>th</sup> to Saturday August 14<sup>th</sup>**



# Volunteer In Training Program Description

## VIT1

- ◆ Participate in team building exercises and learn camp-related skills
- ◆ Develop leadership skills , teaching skills, event planning and group skills

The first year of our program, VIT1, will accept applications from teens between the ages of 17 & 19. The VIT1 participants may be housed together and supervised by the VIT program facilitator. The VIT1s will stay together as a group for most of the camp week. They will have skill development activities on a daily basis, participate in team building exercises and plan a camp activity. Throughout the camp week, VIT1s may be assigned to shadow an activity leader or to assist with an activity. All VIT1 participants will be involved in some camp programming for the younger campers and will be placed with a cabin group for part of a day to observe the role of a camp cabin leader. This will allow the VIT1s time to interact with campers and volunteers.



## VIT2

- ◆ Application of skills learned from year one
- ◆ Further enhancement of leadership skills, cabin leader skills and personal development.

After successful completion of year one of the program, application can be made to the second year of our program, VIT2. Accepted applicants will be expected attend the pre-camp Volunteer Orientation, scheduled for Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup> & Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup>. This orientation will take place at the Kinark Outdoor Centre and assistance will be offered for transportation. The VIT2s will be assigned to a cabin of younger campers and will participate in the cabin group activities while assisting the cabin leaders. During the camp week, the VIT2s will attend some training sessions with the VIT1s. The VIT2s will be accountable to the VIT Program Facilitator and their cabin captains and will be expected to respect their cabin's rules. They will participate in the nightly volunteer meetings. Successful graduations of the VIT program will be invited to apply as a camp volunteer the following year.

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Some VIT hours may be applied to your community involvement requirements.