



Dear Potential Volunteer,

Camp Courage is a weekend overnight camp for children ages 6 – 12, and teens ages 15 – 19 as junior counselors, who are grieving the death of a loved one. At this annual camp, children gather to have typical camp fun such as crafts, archery, games, sing-a-longs, swimming and boating, combined with the guidance of professional counselors and trained volunteers to address their losses. The goal of Camp Courage is to provide a safe environment for children to express their thoughts and feelings, and recognize that they are not alone in their grief.

Camp Courage 2019 will be held June 21 - 23 at Pioneer Trails on Big Blue Lake, and we are looking for volunteers who have a heart for children and a desire to assist them in their grieving process. We have several volunteer opportunities for both the camp weekend and during the planning process. Previous experience working with grieving children is not required. If you would like to be considered for a volunteer position, please complete the enclosed Volunteer Interest Form and return it to Harbor Hospice.

The Harbor Hospice Board and management team have supported the life-changing experience of Camp Courage for 26 years. We believe that providing grief support in the early stages of development can have positive lifetime effects. We hope that you will consider joining us in working with grieving children and their families in our community.

If you have any questions about camp or the enclosed form, please feel free to contact us at 231-728-3442 or 800-497-9559.

Sincerely,

Laura Ecker, LPC  
Bereavement Counselor/Camp Courage Director

Kari Allen, LLMSW  
Social Worker/Camp Courage Director



## Camp Courage 2019 Volunteer Interest Form

### **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

I am a:     new Camp Courage volunteer     returning Camp Courage volunteer

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_     male     female

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size (adult sizes):

\_\_\_ XS    \_\_\_ S    \_\_\_ M    \_\_\_ L    \_\_\_ XL    \_\_\_ XXL    \_\_\_ XXXL

### **PLEASE MARK THE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES YOU ARE INTERESTED IN**

#### Opportunities Before and After Camp Weekend:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> inventory/organize supplies                               | <input type="checkbox"/> assemble mailings and handouts       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> data entry (requires computer skills)                     | <input type="checkbox"/> prep craft projects                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> print/laminate various items                              | <input type="checkbox"/> make phone calls                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> assemble camper backpacks                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> run errands (pick up supplies, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> create souvenir photo calendar (requires computer skills) |   |

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Opportunities During Camp Weekend (June 21 – 23, 2019):

Camper Check-In (Friday morning)

*Duties include setting up check-in area, greeting families, checking in campers, assisting camp nurse, assisting camp photographer, directing families to cabins, and/or supervising camper activities. Time needed is Friday 8:30 – 11:30 am.*

Camp Counselor (Thursday – Sunday)

*Camp Counselors must be at least 20 years old and able to stay at camp from 5:00 pm Thursday through 2:00 pm Sunday. Counselors work in teams of two or more, depending on the number of campers per cabin. Training on working with bereaved children is provided.*

I prefer to work with the following age group:

\_\_\_ 6 – 8            \_\_\_ 9 – 10            \_\_\_ 11 – 12            \_\_\_ no preference

Crafts Team (Friday – Sunday)

*The Crafts Team is responsible for setting up/cleaning up crafts, assisting campers as needed during craft activities, and displaying craft projects for closing ceremony. Days/times needed are Friday 9:00 am – 8:00 pm, Saturday 1:00 – 8:00 pm, and Sunday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Training on working with bereaved children is provided.*

Snack Team (Friday and Saturday)

*The Snack Team is responsible for setting up/cleaning up two snack times (Friday at 3:00 pm and Saturday at 2:30 pm), and setting up/assisting with s'mores for Friday evening campfire (7:00 – 8:45 pm).*

Please return completed form to:

Scolnik Healing Center of Harbor Hospice  
Attn: Camp Courage Director  
1050 W. Western Ave., Suite 400  
Muskegon, MI 49441