



Variety the Children's Charity of St. Louis Volunteer Opportunities at Adventure Camp Summer 2025

Interested in a meaningful and fun volunteer opportunity that will have a profound impact on children and teens with special needs in the St. Louis community? Want to be part of a group having fun and making a difference? If so, we encourage you to apply to be a volunteer at Adventure Camp.

Variety is a catalyst for transformative change in the lives of local children with disabilities, providing access to critical medical equipment, therapies and innovative recreation and performing arts programs. Adventure Camp is a specially designed camp for children and teens ages 4-20 with disabilities. Volunteers support camp operations and provide support and encouragement through daily camp activities.

Volunteers may apply to volunteer for up to 2 of the 6 weeks of summer camp activities. Camp hours are typically 8:30am – 3:00pm and camp will be held at different locations through the St. Louis region each day. Variety welcomes interested volunteers of all abilities but individuals currently eligible to receive support from Variety are ineligible to volunteer.

Volunteers opportunities include:

- Assisting a camp group (assigned by age) and the counselors and lead counselors to:
 - Assist campers with camp activities by providing encouragement, modeling participation and offering hands on support when needed.
 - Foster a fun and positive environment by engaging in activities and encouraging interaction and participation among all campers in the group.
 - Help campers transition between activities.
 - Assist with setup and cleanup of camp activities.
 - Support the lead counselor, camp specialists and camp management team as directed in facilitating a safe and impactful camp experience.

To be a Variety Adventure Camp Volunteer, you will be expected to:

- Be punctual and check in and out daily with camp management and assigned Lead Counselor.
- Communicate appropriately with other staff in the group, campers, and families.
- Attend mandatory training(s) and volunteer on the dates agreed upon.
- Comply with all camp policies, procedures and safety guidelines.
- Follow instructions from camp management.
- Foster a positive, respectful, safe and collaborative environment.
- Complete a background check for all volunteers 18 or older. Track service hours, if needed, and provide appropriate paperwork to camp staff for verification no later than 2 months following the conclusion of volunteer service.
- Be at least 14 years of age.