

Dear Prospective Volunteer,

Thank you for your interest in the WV Elks Major Project camp. The camps are designed for individuals who are mentally and/or physically challenged.

Campers attend at no cost to their parents or guardian.
Volunteer must be sixteen years old or older.

Both Camps will be held at Glenwood Park, Mercer County 4-H Camp in Princeton, WV

FIRST CAMP -- Starts Wednesday July 17th with check-in at 12 noon
Closes Sunday July 21, with check out at 2:00 PM

SECOND CAMP -- Starts Monday July 22 with check-in at 12 noon
Closes Friday July 26 with check out at 2:00 PM.

As a volunteer you will receive free housing, meals, and plenty of snacks with the campers. All we ask is for a true desire to work with some very special people. Maturity, an enthusiastic attitude and a willingness to experience new things is a must. I can guarantee that you will end the week with an increased sense of self and new direction in your life. It will be a week you will not soon forget or stop talking about.

At the WV Elks Camps, campers are encouraged to try new things and enjoy a week away from home with lots of new friends. Through arts and crafts, outings, games, swimming, and evening events, campers are assisted in maximizing their abilities and minimizing weaknesses. We will try to help them develop good hygiene techniques, physical skills & social skills, and creative thinking. But most importantly we want all campers to have fun.

Some activities include bowling, swimming and water fun, as well as daily arts and crafts, and Special Olympic games. Each evening has a different theme from carnival to talent shows to a visit from St. Nick himself.

After reviewing applications, confirmation letters or a personal phone call or text will be made to those volunteers selected for the WV Elks Camp. In accordance with Elks Camp Policy, we will conduct mandatory staff training meetings. Recently, these sessions have been earlier in the day that camp starts. This is done to minimize the amount of time that you will have to spend traveling.

Feel free to copy this application and give it to a friend - the more the merrier!

Parents or volunteers feel free to call if you have any questions. Please note the individuals to call below.

We hope to see you at camp.

Sincerely,

Rick Romino, President
Board of Directors

SEND A COPY OF ALL 4 PAGES OF THE APPLICATION TO:

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WEST VIRGINIA MAJOR PROJECT, INC. DISABLED CAMP

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Application Deadline – May 30, 2024

PLEASE NOTE NEW CAMP MAKE-UP AND DATES

FIRST CAMP: Begins Wed. July 17 at 12 noon Closes Sun. July 21 at 2:00 PM

SECOND CAMP: Begins Mon. July 22 at 12 noon Closes Fri. July 26 at 2:00 PM

THIS INFORMATION WILL REMAIN STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

If you are under 18 yrs. old, your parents / guardians must sign the consent & release forms on pages 2, 3, 4.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ T-Shirt Size _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ St. _____ Zip _____

Phone- Home: _____ cell: _____ work _____

Relation to Volunteer: _____

If this person will be out of town any part of the week, please give the following information.

Destination: Hotel or Person visiting _____

Phone numbers where they can be reached: _____

Date of departure: _____ Date of return: _____

EDUCATION

High School _____

Graduate Yes ___ No ___ If "No" Grade _____

College Attending /Attended: _____

Degree: YES ___ NO ___ Major: _____ Graduation Year: _____

EXPERIENCE

Have you volunteered at our camp before? Yes () No ()

Do you any certifications or license?

CPR/First-Aid ___ Sign Language ___ RN ___ Water Safety ___ EMT/Paramedic ___

Other _____

Special skills or interests? _____

____ Arts & Crafts ___ Fun & Games ___ Sports/Physical Activities _____

Would you like to chair or co-chair an activity? Yes ___ No ___

Do you have any experience working with Special Needs individuals? Please list any work, volunteering, or educational experience and/or background, where you had contact working with physically or mentally challenged individuals. (use additional page if needed.)

When will you be available to work? (which week, certain days, certain time during day, etc.)

MEDICAL INFORMATION:

Do you have any allergies that limit your activity in a camp setting? _____

Do you have any health and/or medical conditions that would affect you or limit your participation at camp?

Is your Tetanus immunization up to date? Date of last immunization _____

Please Note: If you are on any type of medication, it must be checked in with the camp nurse and locked in the medicine chest.

No medicine of any kind is permitted in the bunk houses.

The medication must be brought in the original pharmacy container with the label completely in tact

CAREGIVERS – You may be asked to assist other staff members with some camp duties.

For Example: decorating, break duty, kitchen duty, etc..

PHOTO RELEASE: The West Virginia Elks Major Project, Inc. take photographs and films daily of our camp and the participants during all activities to be used for fund-raising and publicity purposes. This consent allows The West Virginia Elks Major Projects to use your photograph or film for these purposes.

I hereby give my consent to the West Virginia Elks Major Project, it's director, officers, volunteers, or cooperating agents to use my photograph for publication. I understand any pictures, prints, slides, audio and/or video tape recordings shall be used by the West Virginia Elks Major Project for recruitment, promotional use or educational purposes. The aforementioned photographs or films may be modified, edited, or retouched for the purposes previously specified.

Yes () No () Signature _____

IF UNDER 18 YEARS OLD

My parents / guardian reviewed this application, photo release, the rules and guidelines, and the liability release on pages 3-5 with me and we understand the contents. Signature of parent / guardian signifies they consent to all provisions and are willing to allow their child / legal ward to volunteer at our camp.

Signature – Parents / Guardian - _____



West Virginia Elks Major Project Camp Volunteer Rules and Guidelines



*The parents / guardian have entrusted us with one of their most prized possession – their child.
We will conduct ourselves in a respectable manner and exercise the utmost maturity at all times.*

Please read the following Rules and Guidelines carefully, then sign the compliance statement that follows.

- ** Maturity – You are expected to be mature and self-disciplined.
- ** No Horse Play -- You and /or a camper may get injured, equipment or furniture can get damaged or broken, parents and visitors may witness it. These things cost time, money, and the image of our camps. Please expend your energy on the campers.
- ** Respect – It is your responsibility to respect the camp leadership and nurse, as well as helping to maintain a healthy camp environment.
- ** No Cell Phones – There are phones at each camp and we provide calling cards so that everyone has access to a phone. If you feel that you must bring a phone to camp, the phone is be kept with your belongings in your cabin. We will not talk on phones while we are with the campers.
- ** Curfew – A curfew will be established by the Director, and the staff will be expected to adhere to it. It takes an enormous amount of energy to work with special needs children and we expect you to be mature enough to get the proper rest.
- ** Valuables – We ask that you not bring anything of any value, or a large amount of cash. All your food will be provided for you, and we also provide an assortment of snacks and sweets.
- ** No Smoking or Tobacco - We ask that you not smoke or use smokeless tobacco around or in sight of the campers. There is no smoking allowed in any of the 4-H camp buildings.
- ** No Alcohol, Drugs, or Weapons – Possession or use of any alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs are strictly forbidden, and will be grounds for immediate dismissal from camp. We will contact the local authorities if necessary. If you come to camp and are believed to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs you will be immediately dismissed. Possession of any type of weapon is also forbidden, and will be dealt with by dismissal from camp.
- ** Staff will follow the signing in and out of camp procedure set up by the Director. A guest policy will be explained during the training session. However, no one under the age of 12 is permitted during camp days. They will only be permitted at the open and close of camp when picking up or dropping off of campers.
- ** Please do not discuss pornographic information, sexual activity, obscene, lewd, or other sensitive material or topics with the campers. Do not tell off-color or sensitive jokes to campers. Please do not use offensive or profane language.
- ** Caregivers – You may be asked to assist other staff members with some camp duties. For example, you may be asked to help with kitchen duty, break time, setting up or decorating for a party or activity. This will not interfere with “caregiver” duties
- ** Clothing – Please do not wear any clothes advertising alcohol or tobacco products, nudity of any kind, or containing vulgar or obscene language, gestures, or pictures. No halter tops, see-thru cloths, tube tops, mini-skirts, ‘shorty’ shorts or string bikinis. We are conducting a camp for individuals who may be impressionable, so please dress respectfully. Try to look neat, because you never know when parents will show up or the media will pay us a visit.
- ** Your attendance at the Training Session prior to camp is imperative.

The above Rules and Guidelines set forth by the WV Elks Major Project must be adhered to during the camp. They are set forth to ensure a safe environment for campers and staff throughout the duration of camp. I have read and understand the rules and guidelines and by my signature agree to abide by the policies detailed above, and those instituted by the Camp Director or Nurse.

Signature of Volunteer: _____ Date _____
 If Under 18 Years Old
 Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date _____

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of being a volunteer at the 2023 West Virginia Elks Major Project, Inc. Disabled Individuals Camp, the undersigned does hereby expressly release, acquit and forever discharge the West Virginia Elks Major Project, Inc., the West Virginia Elks Association, Mercer County 4-H Camp, and the respective agents, employees, officers, and representatives of said entities, of and from any and all liability or claims for damages, of whatever kind in nature, which may arise, whether directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, from my volunteering at said camp. In executing this Release of Liability, it is the express intent of the undersigned to waive any and all claims for personal injury, property damage or loss of any kind and character, including, but not limited to, tort claims of any and all types, which may relate in any manner, no matter how remote, to my volunteering at camp.

The undersigned expressly represents that I have read the foregoing Release of Liability and that I understand the meaning and effect of the Release of Liability; and I have signed the same as a free act and deed, with full knowledge of the consequences thereof.

Signature this _____ day of _____, 2024.

If volunteer is under 18 years old, their parents or legal guardian must sign.

As the parents of _____ who is applying to volunteer for said camp, I / we have read and understand the meaning and effect of the Release of Liability, and by my signature, agree to all of the provisions.

Signature this _____ day of _____, 2024

Father Signature _____

Mother Signature _____

Legal Guardian _____

PLEASE SEND A COPY OF ALL 4 (FOUR) PAGES TO:

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AND ANOTHER COPY OF ALL 4 (FOUR) PAGES TO:

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