

CHAMP CAMP 2014

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Champ Camp counselor! This year, the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation (AARBF) is looking forward to providing the 29th year of fun for approximately 120 burn-injured children, aged 5-18 who benefit from the love and leadership provided by role models like you.

Champ Camp relies on the work and dedication of more than 70 trained and experienced volunteers. The most important job of a Champ Camp volunteer is to make camp safe and fun through your energy and guidance. Prior experience working with burn-injured children is not required. This tiring, yet rewarding experience is an opportunity to make a lasting impact on the lives of child burn survivors. Many longtime volunteers will tell you that being a Champ Camp counselor is one of the most satisfying volunteer and life experiences of their lives.

Champ Camp is the largest burn camp worldwide and AARBF is recognized widely for the **quality** of our recreational programs. AARBF provides extensive training to ensure each volunteer is ready for the fun and challenges of managing a cabin, usually consisting of 6 children with one or two co-counselors.

To provide the safest possible environment for all participants; each volunteer must submit to a LiveScan criminal background check. **All trainings are mandatory.** In addition, we hold interviews as an opportunity for you and our camp staff to determine if there is a good fit.

If you have any questions about the commitment involved or the duties of a counselor, please contact Xena at kirky2@sbcglobal.net, Jeeter at jetter4life@comcast.net or Daniel "Apollo" Chacon at dchacon@aarbf.org. You can learn more about AARBF and Champ Camp at AARBF.org. Please visit the Photo Gallery to view pictures of past camps.

Time Commitment

Volunteers need to be available for the following dates for interviews, training and camp. While we may be able to be flexible with interview session dates, the trainings and camp dates are set and **mandatory**.

Event	Dates	Location
Information/Interview	April 6 th or 13 th , 2014	Regional Locations
New Counselor Training	May 10 th & 11 th , 2014	Wonder Valley Ranch, Sanger, CA
Training	June 5 th (4pm start) -7 th , 2014	Wonder Valley Ranch, Sanger, CA
Camp	June 7 th -14 th (approx. 11 a.m.), 2014	Wonder Valley Ranch, Sanger, CA

Information/Interview Session

April 6th or 13th, 2014

Regional Locations: Bay Area, Fresno, Burbank

- Based on need, interviews are typically conducted the Bay Area, Fresno and Burbank. When your application is received you will be sent an invitation with all of the details for the session.
- All new applicants are **REQUIRED TO ATTEND ONE** "Informational/Interview Session". At the session, each applicant will have the opportunity to speak with the camp director and AARBF staff and gain additional information about the volunteer and camp experience. Additionally, each applicant will be assessed for their fit with the programs and this years' staffing needs.

Training Sessions & Camp

(See above for dates & times)

These events take place at Wonder Valley Ranch in Sanger, CA. (www.wondervalley.com)

- Please account for personal travel time required to and from when scheduling time off
- You are **REQUIRED TO ATTEND** the entire time (see training and camp dates above). This is important because of the impact on the children and overall camp program. Please contact us if you have questions or concerns about these dates.



Please send all information to the Northern Region Office:

Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation, Attn: Daniel "Apollo" Chacon, 4534 Mission St, Suite 5, San Francisco, CA 94112

If you have any questions please contact: 1(800) 755-BURN • Fax (415) 495-7224 • dchacon@aarbf.org

Application Information and Selection Process:

- The application deadline is March 14th, 2014.
- You must be at least 21 years old on the first day of camp to apply.
- The number of new counselors selected is based on the number of returning counselors and the anticipated number of campers this year.
- Once you have been accepted as a counselor, a LiveScan background check will be required. It's a simple process that takes a short time, and small fee.
- If accepted as a counselor, you will be asked to sign the "Champ Camp Counselor Contract." A copy can be sent to you upon request.

To begin the application process, PLEASE DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Submit the New Counselor application and two professional reference letters to: Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation, Attn: Champ Camp, 4534 Mission St, Suite 5, San Francisco, CA 94112 or by Fax to (415) 495-7224 or email dchacon@aarbf.org.
2. Start making the necessary arrangements for the required dates listed above.
3. If you have any questions please contact Daniel Chacon by phone at (800) 755-2876 or email at dchacon@aarbf.org.

Thank you for your interest in Champ Camp and the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Jeeter and Xena

Camp Directors

Daniel "Apollo" Chacon

Regional Manager – Northern California



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CHAMP CAMP NEW VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

☐ Check here if you DO NOT want your address/phone information distributed to other camp volunteers (Ex: Carpool list)

Name: _____ DOB: _____ Age: _____ Gender: _____

Address _____ Apt. _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone () _____ Work Phone () _____ Cell Phone () _____

E-mail (required): _____ Please contact me via (circle one): E-mail Home Cell Work

Occupation: _____ Place of Work: _____

☐ I have participated in past AARBF events and have completed a Live Scan Background check for AARBF

☐ I am a new volunteer and will be getting a Live Scan Background check. Please send me information.

SECTION A - BASIC INFORMATION

Have you ever had a warrant for your arrest? _____ Been accused or convicted of a felony or misdemeanor? _____

Are you on probation? _____ Parole? _____ Out on bail? _____ Please explain if you answered yes to any of the questions:

Do you speak any language besides English? _____ What Level? ☐ Some ☐ Moderate ☐ Fluent

Are you currently certified in: First Aid _____ CPR _____ Lifeguard _____ WSI Instructor _____ Can you swim? _____

What age group do you feel most comfortable working with? Please rank 1-4, in order of preference with 1 being your first choice: PreK to 1st grade _____ Grade School _____ Middle School _____ High School _____

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY Whom should we notify?

NAME	PHONE NUMBER	RELATION
	()	
	()	

NOTE: We require all volunteers to have personal medical insurance to attend camp.

Name of Insurance: _____ Policy #: _____

Medical Provider: _____ Phone Number: () _____

Will you be taking any medications at the time of camp? If yes, please describe: _____

Do you have any health concerns that we should know about while you are at camp? (Asthma, allergies, pregnancy, etc.)? _____



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S E C T I O N B - T E L L U S A B O U T Y O U R S E L F

Describe your experience working with children: _____

Can you play a musical instrument, such as a guitar, or do you have a talent for sports, singing, dancing, magic or any other type of entertainment children would enjoy? If so, explain: _____

Have you ever worked with the burn-injured or special needs population? _____ Are you a burn survivor? _____

Please share your experience: _____

How did you become interested in Champ Camp? _____

What are your expectations or desires in becoming a counselor for burn-injured children?

Have you been involved in Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation activities/functions before? If yes, briefly explain:

Are there other non-profit organizations or affiliations you have been involved with? Please describe your experience working as a volunteer for other community based organizations and nonprofits:

Is there any additional information about yourself that you would like us to know?

Every volunteer uses a child appropriate nickname while at camp. (Examples: Chipper, Bubbles, Cowboy, Peanut, Speedy, Jersey, Smiley, etc.)

Please list two possible nicknames, 1. _____ 2. _____ (You must provide two options, in case the name is already in use, if you can't think of one we'll help you out)

S E C T I O N C - S I G N A T U R E S

☐ Enclosed are two letters of recommendation. I understand that if accepted to be a Champ Camp Volunteer Counselor that I will need to attend New Counselor Training May 10th-11th, 2014 and be at camp & training for its entirety from June 5th-14th, 2014. Following the May training, I am willing to sign the counselor contract and comply with the terms stated in the Champ Camp Handbook.

☐ I certify that the information provided in this Champ Camp Volunteer Application is true, correct and as complete as possible.

SIGNATURE: _____ **Date:** _____



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