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## VOLUNTEERING AT CAMP JABEZ

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### *Volunteers in Service*



# VOLUNTEERING: LAYING UP TREASURE IN HEAVEN

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*The work is never done.* We have all heard that said and true it is around the camp. Volunteers are a wonderful group of people who have a heart to be involved in a worthwhile cause helping us to bear the burden of the labor.

Many, many organizations could not exist without volunteers. **Camp Jabez is a missionary endeavor where you can give of your gifts and labor to further the message of the Gospel.**

Following are guidelines and information that will be important to your work at Camp Jabez.

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### GETTING STARTED

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The ideal way to get started is to attend the orientation **tour on the third Saturday of each month starting at 10:00 AM.** This will give you an overview of the total involvement of the Gospel Mission in various missionary endeavors. Please email the camp office to be scheduled for this tour. If a tour cannot be attended, our staff will endeavor to accommodate you at a more convenient time.

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### BASIC INFORMATION

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As a general rule, volunteer youth are able to start when in the sixth grade. There can be exceptions to this depending on the maturation level of the youth. Safety is always a concern for volunteers. **Working on the campgrounds requires good common sense and wisdom.**

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### TIME REQUIREMENTS

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The most important thing about volunteering is a consistent schedule. A number of people need to be scheduled with the goal of having volunteers each day. **Three to four hours per month is the minimum amount of time to be invested.**

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### SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

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**It is very important that we maintain a perfect safety record.** This takes training and a cautious spirit especially around large animals. You will be thoroughly trained in your job endeavor. Some jobs will require more training than others...please be patient and steadfast. You will need to sign certain liability forms before you can perform some jobs.

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### BACKGROUND CHECK

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All regular volunteers working with youth, are required to have a **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI)** check before volunteering. This is a free service through the Gospel Mission and is done in Dayton. It only takes a few minutes.

## HEALTH ISSUES

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Do you have any medical issues we need to know about? Camp Jabez does not carry insurance for injury if one occurs. Your personal insurance must cover you on your volunteer activities. **Please advise leaders of any physical handicaps, medical problems, and medications you are taking, or allergies. i.e. bees, asthma, etc.**

## HORSES, FARM ANIMALS, WILDLIFE, PETS

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**Please do not approach horses or other animals on the premises without permission of Camp Jabez staff.** Our ranch dog, Patches, is very friendly. Please treat her kindly and with respect as well as cats and other wildlife. Personal pets are not allowed to be brought with you to the camp.

## GROUP VOLUNTEER SERVICE REQUEST

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Due to the large number of requests, it is the camp's policy with volunteer groups to book on a first come, first serve basis. Therefore, please confirm ASAP that a date for your project. **The normal project group size is 6 to 20 volunteers.** For youth under 18 years of age, an adult supervisor must be provided for every 6 youth. A one-time group project usually requires 4 to 6 hours. Starting time is flexible depending on project and other activities. You may be asked to provide your own safety equipment i.e. goggles, masks or gloves, depending on your assigned project.

## RESOURCES WHILE YOU ARE AT CAMP

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**Tap water is safe but is well water with the normal after taste.** Bottled water dispensers are located in the First Aid station and at the Canteen. You are also welcome to bring your own bottles of water.

Two out-houses are centrally located in the middle of the camp along with sanitation stations.

The picnic shelter is available with propane grills. These may only be used by adults. You will need to bring your lunch.

## USE OF FACILITIES WHILE YOU ARE AT CAMP

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When you are volunteering, we do not set aside time for fishing, boating, climbing wall, hiking, or sport activities. Please do not get involved in these areas. **Your group may also make arrangements to come for a fun day and use the facilities.**

## COLOSSIANS 3:17 AND WHATSOEVER YOU DO...

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*in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.*

**It is our desire that you have a wonderful working experience at Camp Jabez.** May the Lord bless as you endeavor to give of your gifts, talents and energy to Him who has done all for us.

**In case of emergency call 911.** Location is 3191 St. Rt. 380, five miles south of Xenia, four miles east of Spring Valley. One half mile south of Spring-Valley Painters Creek Road.

After contacting emergency services, please call main camp office at: 937-223-4513 if camp staff is not present. Phone is answered 24 hours a day.

Please see that one person in your party has a cell phone. Camp phones are not readily accessible.

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