



2017 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Contribute your time and make a difference in a child's life! Please read below for full descriptions of volunteer opportunities throughout the year at Rainbow Days. **ALL VOLUNTEERS that have interaction with children must complete a VOLUNTEER APPLICATION, and pass a CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK.** Additionally, certain volunteer placements require a volunteer interview with program staff, orientation and/or drug screening before placement, which is indicated below. Please visit our website: <http://rainbowdays.org/more-ways-to-help/volunteer/> to submit your application!

To sign up as a volunteer or for more information, please click [here](#) for a list of summer opportunities, or you may contact **Jermaine Slaughter**, Rainbow Days' **Volunteer Coordinator**, at JermaineS@rainbowdays.org or 214-217-3811.

SUMMER CAMPS

KIDS UNIVERSITY – JUNE

Two separate four-day summer educational experiences for children, ages 4-12, residing in area shelters conducted at the UT Dallas campus located in Richardson. Kids University is designed to make learning fun while promoting the importance staying in school, pursuing higher education, and exploring different career options. Kids' University 1: June 6 – 9; Kids' University 2: June 19 – 22.

Class Instructors*: Design, plan and present 1 day of age-appropriate lessons and activities. Instructors will teach six 40 minute classes for one day of camp. Classes are grouped by age groups ranging from 4-12 years. Instructors will provide all materials adjusting the classes to the different age groups. Each class will consist of 15-25 kids. *Single day or multiple day commitment welcome.* Volunteer interview required. *Time Commitment: 10:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. for one full day. Set up and clean up time not included.*

Camp Mentors*: Camp Mentors are assigned to help with the same group of children (approximately 15-25 children, ages 4-12) for 4 consecutive days leading them daily through pre-planned activities. Children are divided into groups based on age. Volunteer interview and drug test required. *Time Commitment: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for 4 consecutive days. Must commit to full timeframe and all 4 days of camp.*

Bus Chaperone AND Camp Mentors*: Serve as a bus chaperone on buses to/from the shelters to camp with all ages of children. In the morning, mentors meet Rainbow Days staff at the Bus Depot and ride the bus to pick up children at assigned shelters. Once arriving at camp, Bus Chaperone duties shift to Camp Mentor duties. See above for description. Then, at the end of the day, escort children back on the bus back to their shelter. Volunteer interview & drug test required. *Time Commitment: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for 4 consecutive days. Must commit to all 4 days of camp.*

Craft Coordinators*: ***Excellent Group/Team Volunteer Opportunity!*** Coordinators work in conjunction with the Program Director to plan and provide craft projects for the children attending camp. Craft Coordinators will provide six 40 minute classes for one day of camp. Classes are grouped by age groups ranging from 4-12 years. Instructors will provide all

materials adjusting the classes to the different age groups. Each class will consist of 15-25 kids. Volunteer interview and criminal background check required. *Time Commitment: 10:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. Single or multiple day commitment welcomed.* Crafts must be gender-neutral and age appropriate. Activities may need more preparation for the younger age groups. *Set up and clean up time not included.*

Lunch Helpers/Playtime Mentors: *Excellent Group/Team Volunteer Opportunity!*

Assist staff with lunch distribution and help prepare for outside games, activities and clean up. Engage in positive interactions and play with campers by throwing a football, hoola hooping with children and other outdoor activities. Demonstrate, recognize and acknowledge positive behaviors. Volunteer orientation required. *Time Commitment: 12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Single or multiple day commitment welcomed. Final day of camp requires additional end-of-day clean-up and loading time.*

Baby & Toddler Playtime Helpers: *Excellent Group/Team Volunteer Opportunity!*

Entertain and help care for the baby and toddler siblings of Kids' University "graduates" on the last day of camp. Love of small children is a must. Some activities will be provided, but additional toddler toys and games are welcome! Orientation and criminal background check required. *Time Commitment: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on either Friday, June 9, 2017 and/or Thursday, June 22, 2017.*

Camp Set-Up (12 volunteers each week): *Excellent Group/Team Volunteer Opportunity!*

Assist staff in transporting camp supplies and materials from Rainbow Days offices and storage site to camp location the day before camp. Also help in moving tables and chairs and setting up rooms for camp. Active placement involving bending and lifting. Volunteers with access to trucks, SUVs or other large vehicles are welcomed. *Not a direct-service opportunity. Time Commitment: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Single day commitment Friday, June 9th and/or Thursday, June 22nd.*

Party Planners (12 volunteers each week): *Excellent Group/Team Volunteer Opportunity!*

Decorate for a graduation party in one of 6 classrooms to celebrate the "graduates" of Kids' University on the last day of camp. Create signs and encouraging posters. Orientation required. *Time Commitment: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Single day commitment Friday, June 9th and/or Thursday, June 22nd.*

Camp Clean-Up (12 volunteers): *Excellent Group/Team Volunteer Opportunity!*

Assist staff in transporting camp supplies and materials from camp to Rainbow Days offices and storage site on the last day of camp. Active placement involving bending and lifting. Volunteers with access to trucks, SUVs or other large vehicles are welcomed. *Not a direct-service opportunity. Time Commitment: 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Single day commitment on Friday, June 9th or Thursday, June 22nd.*

Graduation Gown Cleaning (2 volunteers needed):

Pick up 170 colorful graduation gowns after graduation ceremony, wash, fold and organize child-size gowns and return to UT Dallas or Rainbow Days offices. *Not a direct-service opportunity. Time Commitment: Gowns picked up at UTD after graduation at 4:00pm on June 9th OR pick up gowns at Rainbow Days office on Monday June 12th and returned by Monday, June 19th. For Kids University #2 gowns picked up at UTD after graduation at 4:00pm on June 22nd or at Rainbow Days office on Monday June 26th and returned by July 7th.*

**To inquire about becoming a Class Instructor, Camp Mentor, Bus Chaperone, and/or Craft Coordinator, please contact Kelly Wierzbinski, Program Director, kellyw@rainbowdays.org*

CAMP BRAVO! – JULY

Two separate four-day camps in July emphasizing the visual and performing arts for children, ages 4-12, culminating in a final production before an audience of community volunteers and parents. Children have the opportunity to learn about different art forms, grow in their self-confidence and creativity. Camp Bravo is located at a local church in Dallas. Camp Bravo! 1: July 11 - 14; Camp Bravo! 2: July 25 - 28

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Camp Mentors*: Camp Mentors are assigned to help with the same group of children (approximately 15-20 children, age 4-12) for 4 consecutive days leading them daily through pre-planned activities with other adult leaders. Children are divided into groups based on age. Volunteer interview and drug test required. *Time Commitment: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for 4 consecutive days. Must commit to all 4 days of camp.*

Bus Chaperones AND Camp Mentors* (At least 6 per week of camp): Serve as a bus chaperone on buses to/from the shelters to camp with all ages of children. In the morning, chaperones meet Rainbow Days staff at the Bus Depot and ride the bus to pick up children at assigned shelters. Once arriving at camp, Bus Chaperone duties shift to Camp Mentor duties See above for Camp Mentors description. Escort children back on the bus and back to their shelter. Volunteer interview and drug test required. *Time Commitment: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for 4 consecutive days. Must commit to all 4 days of camp.*

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Baby & Toddler Playtime Helpers: *Excellent Group/Team Volunteer Opportunity!* Entertain and help care for the baby and toddler siblings of campers on the last day of camp. Love of small children is a must. Some activities will be provided, but additional toddler toys and games are welcome! Orientation required. *Time Commitment: One day, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on either Fri., July 14 and/or Fri., July 28*

Camp Set-Up: *Excellent Group/Team Volunteer Opportunity!* Assist staff in transporting camp supplies and materials from Rainbow Days offices and storage site to camp location the day before camp. Active placement involving bending and lifting. Volunteers with access to trucks, SUVs or other large vehicles are welcomed. *Not a direct-service opportunity. Time Commitment: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Single day commitment on Monday, July 10.*

Party Planners: *Excellent Group/Team Volunteer Opportunity!* Plan, purchase, decorate and host a wrap party in one of 6 rooms to celebrate the “performers” of Camp Bravo! on the last day of camp. Help them feel like “Movie Stars” and be sure and ask for their autograph. **Create signs and encouraging posters.** Orientation and criminal background check required. *Time Commitment: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Single day commitment on the last day of camp, July 14 or July 28*

Camp Clean-Up: *Excellent Group/Team Volunteer Opportunity!* Assist staff in transporting camp supplies and materials from camp to Rainbow Days offices and storage site on the last day of camp. Active placement involving bending and lifting. Volunteers with access to trucks, SUVs or other large vehicles are welcomed. *Not a direct-service opportunity. Time Commitment: 2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Single day commitment on last day of camp July 28.*

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OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CAMP – AUGUST

A four-day outdoor camp offered in August to children, ages 6-12 residing in area shelters that encourages team work, physical education and nutrition. Activities offered include horseback riding, hiking, archery, petting zoo, swimming, crafts, games, sports, music, Rainbow Days' support groups and other experiential learning. August 7 – 10.

Note: Camp is located in far southeast Dallas, just north of Interstate 20 and east of Spur 408.

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Camp Set-Up: ***Excellent Group/Team Volunteer Opportunity!*** Assist staff in transporting camp supplies and materials from Rainbow Days offices and storage site to camp location and help with set-up and preparation the day before camp. Active placement involving bending and lifting. Volunteers with access to trucks, SUVs or other large vehicles are welcomed. *Not a direct-service opportunity. Time Commitment: 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Single day commitment, Sunday, August 6, 2017.*

Camp Clean-Up: *Excellent Group/Team Volunteer Opportunity!* Assist staff in organizing, taking inventory, packing, cleaning and helping transport camp supplies and materials from camp to Rainbow Days offices and storage site on the last day of camp. Active placement involving bending and lifting. Volunteers with access to trucks, SUVs or other large vehicles are welcomed. *Not a direct-service opportunity. Time Commitment: 2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Single day commitment, Thursday, August 10, 2017.*

Laundry: Assist us with washing towels, cleaning name tags and other related items. Items can be picked up and washed any time, Friday, August 11, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm at Rainbow Days' offices and returned back to Rainbow Days' offices by Thursday, August 31. *Not a direct-service opportunity.*

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AUGUST

BACK-TO-SCHOOL CELEBRATION:

Essential school supplies and uniforms are distributed to children at this celebration held at the Dallas Market Center for families residing in Dallas area partnering shelters. For the 25th annual event, we anticipate serving over 600 children and their families as they enjoy carnival games, entertainment and refreshments together. Criminal Background check required for all volunteers. Orientation will be provided for all volunteers before the event begins. August 16 (Tentative date)

Event Set-Up (12 volunteers): **Excellent Group/Team Volunteer Opportunity!** Assist staff in transporting event supplies and materials from Rainbow Days offices and storage site to event location the day before event on August 15th. Organize/stage backpack and uniform fulfillment center areas. Active placement involving bending and lifting. Volunteers with access to trucks, SUVs or other large vehicles are welcomed. *Not a direct-service opportunity. Time Commitment: 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 15.*

Bus Chaperone*(22 volunteers): Assist Rainbow Days staff in serving as a bus chaperone on buses riding to/from the shelters, collect family information for school uniform/backpack orders and assist Ambassadors in loading supplies on buses prior to departure. Volunteer interview, criminal background check and drug test required. Once cleared to serve as a Bus Captain, volunteers are authorized to serve in this capacity for other events for a one-year period. *Time Commitment: 11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

Ambassadors (44 volunteers): **Excellent Group/Team Volunteer Opportunity!** Greet children and families as they arrive at the event, and fill family orders for school uniforms and backpacks. Assist Bus Captains in loading supplies on the buses at the end of the event. Assist with clean-up and loading once buses have departed. *Time Commitment: 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.*

Uniform Fulfillment Center (28 volunteers): **Excellent Group/Team Volunteer Opportunity!** Work with Ambassadors to fill uniform orders for the children attending the event. Fast-paced, active placement involving bending and lifting. Inventory and pack remaining uniforms once all orders are filled. Assist with clean-up and loading once buses have departed. *Time Commitment: 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.*

Backpack Fulfillment Center (10 volunteers): **Excellent Group/Team Volunteer Opportunity!** Work with Ambassadors to fill backpack orders for the children attending the event. Fast-paced, active placement involving bending and lifting. Inventory and pack remaining backpacks once all orders are filled. Assist with clean-up and loading once buses have departed. *Time Commitment: 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.*

Lunch and Refreshment Attendants (10 volunteers): **Excellent Group/Team Volunteer Opportunity!** Assist with serving lunch by collecting meal tickets, distributing food, maintaining dessert and beverage stations, and picking up used plates and other trash. Responsible for wiping down all tables at the conclusion of event, as well as any necessary break-down and loading of equipment. Fast-paced, active placement involving bending and lifting. *Time Commitment: 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.*

Child Care Helpers (4 volunteers): Assist the parent(s) of baby and toddler siblings throughout the event. In some instances, staff and manage designated baby/toddler play area. Assist with clean-up and loading once buses have departed. *Time Commitment: 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.*

Carnival Games (32 volunteers): **Excellent Group/Team Volunteer Opportunity!** Plan, set-up, and host a carnival game for children, or manage one of the Rainbow Days' games. Requires purchasing of small prizes (Program Director can provide child-safe, inexpensive options, and quantities needed.) Break-down and clean-up of game area at the conclusion of event. *Time Commitment: 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.*

Craft Station Helpers (4 volunteers): **Excellent Group/Team Volunteer Opportunity!** Plan, set-up, provide all supplies, and oversee craft area(s) for children, attending the event. Break-down and clean-up of craft area at the conclusion of event. *Time Commitment: 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.*

Face Painters (10-12 volunteers): **Excellent Group/Team Volunteer Opportunity!** Using Rainbow Days' face paint, set-up and manage face painting booth. Break-down and clean-up of face painting area at the conclusion of event. *Time Commitment: 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.*

Karaoke Station Assistants (1 volunteer): Assist karaoke vendor with set-up/break-down of equipment. Recruit and encourage participants, generate excitement, be prepared to sing/hear "Let It Go" many, many times. ☺ *Time Commitment: 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.*

Bounce House / Inflatable Safety Attendants (8 volunteers): Ensure the safety of the children in the bounce house by monitoring the number of children playing inside; ages of children participating; shoes are removed; no roughhousing, etc. *Time Commitment: 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Must be adult volunteer.*

Event Clean-Up (8 volunteers): **Excellent Group/Team Volunteer Opportunity!** Assist staff in breaking down carnival games, and transporting supplies and materials from event site to Rainbow Days offices and storage site after event has ended. Active placement involving bending and lifting. Volunteers with access to trucks, SUVs or other large vehicles are welcome. *Not a direct-service opportunity. Time Commitment: 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Single day commitment. Note: if background check completed, this shift may be combined with earlier direct-service event shift.*

Event Support (4 volunteers): Flexible individuals who are willing to jump into any task from manning a station to relieve an attendant to helping in high-volume areas, and assisting in any capacity that comes up as needed. Orientation. *Time Commitment: 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Single day commitment.*

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OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

BAKED GOODIES: Several Dates – June, July and August

Do you love baking? Consider baking a dozen or so cupcakes, cookies or preparing snack bags filled with trail mix for a special treat for children at camp. Please see below for the specific needs, dates, or click [here](#) to sign up today!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES BY TIME COMMITMENT

1.5 hours – 4 Hours	<p>Baby and Toddler Playtime Helpers (Kids' University and Camp Bravo) Party Planners (Kids' University & Camp Bravo!) Playtime Mentors (All camps) Baked Goodies (All camps and BTS)</p>
5 – 8 Hours	<p>Child Care Helpers (Back to School) Set-Up (All camps and Back to School) Clean-Up (All camps and Back to School) Graduation Gown Cleaning (Kids' University) Bus Ambassadors (Back-to-School) Uniform/Backpack Fulfillment Center (Back-to-School) Lunch & Refreshment Attendants (Back-to-School) Carnival Games (Back-to-School) Face Painters (Back-to-School) Craft Station Helpers (Back-to-School) Karaoke Station Helpers (Back-to-School) Photo Booth Assistants (Back-to-School) Event Support (Back-to-School)</p>
All Day or Multi-Day	<p>Class Instructors (All camps) Camp Mentors (All camps) Bus Chaperones (All camps) Craft Coordinators (All camps) Swim Coaches (Outdoor Adventure Camp) Bus Captains (Back-to-School)</p>

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