



# VOLUNTEER PACKET

*Help us create a week without limits!*



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# HELLO!

## FROM THE PA VENT CAMP FAMILY

Thank you for your interest in getting involved with PA Vent Camp! Hosted on the grounds of Camp Victory in Millville, Pennsylvania, and managed by medical professionals with decades of experience in caring for those with complex respiratory needs, PA Vent Camp provides ventilator-dependent children and adults the opportunity to explore their independence and grow in a safe environment.

Volunteers who attend PA Vent Camp can count on an experience that will shape their personal, emotional, and professional lives forever. Once a part of the PA Vent Camp family, always a part of the PA Vent Camp family. Welcome!

Sincerely,



Tonya Miller  
Executive Director

# PA VENT CAMP & HORIZONS

PA Vent Camp was founded in 1993 with just a handful of campers and has since grown to serve nearly 60 campers each year between the two camps it offers. All campers who attend PA Vent Camp or Horizons are dependent on a ventilator, CPAP, or Bi-PAP for all or part of the day.

Though camp is based in Pennsylvania, we welcome campers and volunteers from any geographical location.



## PA VENT CAMP

for campers  
5-18 years old

Held in late-June  
5 days | 4 nights  
Arrive Sunday afternoon  
Depart Thursday morning  
FREE for campers



## HORIZONS

for campers  
21+ years old

Held in mid-September  
3 days | 2 nights  
Arrive Friday afternoon  
Depart Sunday morning  
FREE for campers

**PA Vent Camp and Horizons are held at Camp Victory in Millville, PA.**



Camp Victory  
58 Camp Victory Road  
Millville, PA 17846  
[www.campvictory.org](http://www.campvictory.org)

Camp Victory's grounds are designed to host a variety of camps for special needs children throughout the year. Because of this, the campgrounds are well-equipped with accessible buildings, paved walkways, indoor plumbing (running hot/cold water), air-conditioned cabins with bunk beds and hospital beds, a medical shed, and a cafeteria that serves three delicious meals every day we're there.

The campgrounds also include accessible activities, including a zip-line, rock wall, craft pavilion, archery range, nature center, treehouse, outdoor stage, and pond.

Every camper cabin has at least one assigned licensed practitioner (nurse or physician) as well as a respiratory therapist. Other physicians, physical/speech/respiratory therapists, nurses, and nurse practitioners are available at all times in case of emergency.

If you're looking to experience the day-to-day life of a child with disabilities in a real-life setting (outside of a hospital or long-term care facility), this is the place to do it! There's so much to learn for both medical and non-medical volunteers.

# VOLUNTEER ROLES

Our volunteers are medical and non-medical team members dedicated to helping make camp as fun (and safe) as possible. PA Vent Camp volunteers have a positive, can-do attitude and an abundance of patience and energy for the week they are at camp! Volunteer roles include:

- **PARTNER:** Partners are paired with a camper and help to care for their needs, get involved with activities or crafts, and generally buddy up with the camper for the week. Partners do not necessarily need to have a medical background; however, this is helpful for many of our campers.
- **ACTIVITIES STAFF:** The activities staff brings the creative aspect of camp. This group is in charge of all of the activities for the week including arts and crafts, dance, talent show, etc.
- **TEAM LEADER:** Team leaders are nurses or respiratory therapists who are in charge of making sure the campers have all of their medical needs met. This included medication administration, feeds, respiratory therapies, etc.
- **STUDENT:** All health profession students are always welcome at camp, for example nursing and respiratory/occupational/physical therapy as well as EMT students. This is a great opportunity for these individuals to advance their clinical knowledge.
- **MEDICAL VOLUNTEER:** Physicians, PTs, OTs, RT's and SPT's.



While we try to accept everyone who applies, space may be limited. We will do our best to accommodate your interests and preferences, but please note that changes may occur at any time for any reason. Also note that a background check and other clearances must be completed before attending camp.



## Volunteer Registration

If you are interested in volunteering for all or part of PA Vent Camp or Horizons, you must complete a volunteer registration form and all the necessary clearances.

1. Visit [www.paventcamp.org/register](http://www.paventcamp.org/register)
2. Click the "Volunteer Registration" button
3. Complete and submit the form
4. Review the clearance information and complete before arriving at camp.

Once the registration is received, a staff member will reach out to you with additional information.

**Questions?** Contact [volunteers@paventcamp.org](mailto:volunteers@paventcamp.org)

# PACKING LIST

- Bedding (sheets, pillows, sleeping bag, etc.)
- Tent (if you choose not to stay in a cabin)
- Shower supplies (flip-flops, towel, toiletries, etc.)
- Any necessary medications
- Clothes and shoes for all types of weather
- Swimming supplies (in case you and/or your camper would like to swim)
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Flashlight
- Reliable/reusable water bottle

Note: If you plan to bring a bike to ride around Camp Victory, you **MUST** wear a bike helmet