<u>Mountain Kids Day Camp 2024</u>

The ISAIAH FOUNDATION, Inc. P.O. Box 777 Idaho City, ID 83631

To: All Volunteers, Potential Volunteers, & Parents:

Thank you to everyone, especially all you wonderful volunteers for helping to make camp such a success the last several years – we appreciate you! <u>We really need your help this year too!</u>

We hope you're thinking about camp, even excited about camp, and will be inspired to volunteer this year. **WE REALLY NEED** <u>YOU</u>, **WE REALLY WANT** <u>YOU</u>!

Because we've had so many willing counselors, and so much help in the past, we were often able to have 80 kids experience being campers! While the success of camp isn't about numbers, the more volunteers we have, the more children who get to come and be part of this amazing week. So, we not only hope to see you back as a volunteer, we hope you will inspire a friend to volunteer with you. There are so many more local kids who we would like to be able to include...but we can't do it without people willing to give of themselves and volunteer this one week of their lives to have a chance to help change another's life. And, we just want to mention that as much as we appreciate our energetic teen counselors, we welcome and encourage adults to be counselors as well!

Camp is happening again this year the fourth week of June:

Monday-Friday, June 24-28, 2024

(PLEASE, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!)

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE by MAY 15

Where: Camp Ivydale (in Idaho City) of course!

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Campers have been asked what a few of their favorite things about camp were, and with lots of enthusiasm, here is a compiled list of what they said:

"Swimming, clay, singing, painting, the beads, pottery, all the snacks, the counselors, lunch, puppets, crafts, learning about God, afternoon activities, and hanging out with my counselor!"

What doesn't sound fun about all of that?! We so hope you will come and be part of making it all happen again, and some new things too!

** Volunteer opportunities include, but are not limited to: **

- Counselors (must be at camp all week for this job)
- Art and crafts helpers
- Sharing your talent and/or interest during the afternoon free time by providing an interactive activity geared to kids ages 6-11
- Lifeguards and water watchers for swim time at the pool (We'll pay for lifeguard training!)
- Help with providing daily snacks and/or help with the family dinner on Thursday evening
- Help with setting camp up on SATURDAY, June 22, 2 pm 5 pm, and/or taking things down Friday afternoon, June 28, 2:00 pm 5:00 pm
- Other (We'd love to hear your ideas!)_

What if I can't be there all day, every day?

No problem, (if you're not a counselor) just let us know when you are available and what you are interested in doing, and we will try to find a spot for you! We also want to include lots of choices for the kids during afternoon free time and would love for people to come one or more afternoons and share their talents and/or interests by providing interesting, kid-friendly "stations." This could be anything from art and crafts to outdoor games or activities, etc. **WHAT'S YOUR TALENT?**

1	To be a general volunteer you need to:	Andto be a COUNSELOR you need to ALSO:
1.	Fill out a Returning Volunteer application <u>OR</u> a New Volunteer application AND (if you are over 18) a background check form which will be sent later & on our website.	 Be at camp all 5 days from 8:30 am – 5 pm! <u>New</u> counselors need to come to TWO trainings at the Idaho City Christian Center, and teens need to be interviewed. Sat., June 1 from 10-3:00 Training #1 AND Sat., June 15 from 10 – 3:00 Training #2
2.	Mail in your forms by: <u>May 15</u> (send to: P.O. Box 777 Idaho City, ID 83631)	
3.	Volunteers need to come to one <u>Training</u> at the Idaho City Christian Center prior to camp: <u>Saturday, June 1, 10 - 3</u> OR <u>Saturday, June 15, 10 - 3</u> (More details to follow.) *Lunch and snacks are included!	 <u>Returning</u> counselors need to attend ONE training – pick either one: Sat., June 1, 10 – 3:00 Sat., June 15, 10 – 3:00 * Lunch and snacks are included!

Please feel free to copy the applications to give to anyone else you know who is interested in being a volunteer. Applications also available on our website: <u>www.mountainkidsdaycamp.org</u>

THANK YOU FOR BEING WILLING TO SERVE!