

RAD Camp

2024 Applicant FAQ



General Questions

Q: What are the dates for summer camp this year?

A: RAD Jr. (for children/teens 5-21), is scheduled for **June 22 - June 26**. Volunteer arrival will be June 22 and camper arrival will be June 23. RAD Camp (for adults 22+), is scheduled for **July 13 - July 20**. Volunteer arrival will be July 13 and camper arrival will be July 14. Volunteers are welcome to register for either or both sessions!

Q: Where is camp going to be held at this summer?

A: Camp will be held at Vanguard University in Costa Mesa, across from the Orange County Fair Grounds.

Q: Is there an age requirement for volunteer counselors?

A: Applicants must be 16 or older by the start of camp on June 22, 2024.

Q: How many service hours can volunteers receive for each camp?

A: Volunteers can receive 168 hours for RAD and 96 hours for Jr.! Woohoo!!!

Q: Do applicants have to volunteer for both sessions?

A: We would LOVE to have applicants at both camps, but they can also apply for just one. We know volunteers get the most out of their RAD Camp experience when they sign up for both!

Q: Which camp session do you recommend for applicants?

A: We recommend beginning with the full week-long experience: RAD!

Q: Do volunteer counselors receive training for camp?

A: Yes, the first day of each camp begins with team building and training. Topics such as disability awareness, behavior modification and basic first aid are covered. Please note that prior experience working with people with disabilities is NOT a pre-requisite. All are welcome to apply!

Q: What might volunteer counselors be expected to do at camp?

At camp, our volunteers are paired 1:1 with a camper with a disability such as Autism Spectrum Disorder, Cerebral Palsy, Down syndrome, among others. In addition to having TONS of fun with their camper, they may be asked to provide support in various ways, including, but not limited to the following: assisting a camper with mobility, such as lifting and transferring campers in wheelchairs; assisting with restroom usage, such as bathing/cleaning, dressing, changing diapers; assisting with bedtime routines and supporting with sleep difficulties; providing emotional support; engaging in various activities, such as games, dancing, concerts – whatever their camper may be interested in!

Application Questions

Q: Does it cost anything to become a volunteer counselor?

A: There is no cost associated with applying to become a volunteer counselor! Once you are accepted, there is a \$30 processing and registration fee. While we do not charge volunteers to attend our summer camp(s), it does cost RAD Camp \$1,000 per volunteer to provide overnight housing, food, activities and supplies for the week so all donations are welcome!

Q: How do I apply to become a volunteer counselor?

A: Use the link to create an account and complete your application. <http://app.campdoc.com/register/radcamp>

Q: What information is needed for the online application?

A: The online application consists of initial profile questions, an applicant essay, and contact information for two references. After the application deadline, applicants will be contacted regarding a group interview either in-person at our office or on zoom. In early May, applicants will receive notification regarding the status of their application. If accepted, the applicant will be required to officially register for camp!

Q: When are applications due?

A: Applications are due Monday, April 15.

Interview/Notification Questions

Q: When and where are group interviews?

A: Group interviews will be held on Tuesday, April 23 or Wednesday, April 24 at the RAD Camp office in Irvine, CA.

Q: Are virtual group interviews being offered?

A: Yes! If an applicant lives outside of Orange County or out of state, they will be offered a virtual group interview via Zoom Tuesday, April 23 or Wednesday, April 24.

Q: When will I know if I'm advancing to group interviews?

A: Applicants will receive an email by Monday, April 22. The email will include detailed information such as interview time, attire, etc. For those who are interviewing virtually, the email will include any Zoom information needed to participate in the interview.

Q: When will I find out if I am selected to become a volunteer counselor?

A: Applicants will receive an email by Friday, May 3 with more information on how to officially register for summer camp 😊