



Camp AweSum is a not-for-profit charitable organization, 501(c)3, dedicated to providing summer camp opportunities for those touched by autism. Camps are supported by experienced professionals and trained volunteers.

Camp AweSum Family Camp at Moon Beach is an opportunity to vacation with other families who 'understand your story.' Camp AweSum Family Camp will fill your heart and provide you with much-needed rest, relaxation, and play. Experience the hospitality and acceptance of our staff with other families. Share a week in a community like no other for this exceptional opportunity in the beauty of the Northwoods of Wisconsin.

Respite is provided daily between breakfast and lunch by trained volunteers. During your respite time, campers age five and older, regardless of neurodiversity, will participate in activities such as archery, boating, and drumming. This gives parents/caregivers time to rejuvenate while enjoying activities on their own. Some families bring bicycles and enjoy the miles of paved trails in the area. Others go kayaking, fishing, hiking, participate in yoga, or guided arts and crafts sessions.

Everyone will enjoy traditional camping activities such as swimming, games, and campfires.

2024 Dates

Camp AweSum Family 1	June 16-22, 2024
Camp AweSum Family 2	June 23-29, 2024
Camp AweSum Family 3	August 4-10, 2024
Camp AweSum 5-Day Family Camp	August 11-15, 2024

Camp AweSum Volunteers

Overnight & Commuters Welcome!

Volunteers play an important role in the success of Camp AweSum, and leave with a full heart. If you have a heart to serve, please join us; training is provided. You will observe, learn, and work alongside experienced professionals in the field of autism to provide support for families attending camp. Volunteers may also enjoy the activities and environment that our camp offers such as swimming, boating, hiking, archery, and more. Adults and ages 14+ with adult.

More info & sign-up online at [ucci.org](https://www.ucci.org)

Questions?

Call Moon Beach at 715-479-8255 or email campawesum@ucci.org

Camp AweSum Mission Statement

We are transforming lives by providing a respect-based culture of acceptance, support, and understanding for those who are touched by autism, through community building and education.



Camp AweSum VOLUNTEERS

Philosophy

While you may encounter different approaches to supporting autistic people, at Camp AweSum there are a few tenets that guide our practice:

1. Camp AweSum is a judgment and punishment-free zone.
2. Every person has an inherent value exactly as they are. We meet everyone, regardless of their neurodiversity, where they are.
3. We make changes in the environment to accommodate the person, rather than expecting the person to change to fit the environment, routine, or scheduled activity.
4. We do not provide therapy for campers while they are on-site. We provide proactive and reactive sensory and visual support to promote success within recreational and social camp activities.

Duties

Actively support campers from 8:15 a.m. - approx. 12:30 p.m.

Respite: in the morning, you are providing parents and caregivers respite. During this time, you will be doing a variety of activities (e.g. Legos, archery, games, etc.) and your role is to encourage and aid camper participation.

No experience is necessary. We have professionals and experienced folks to guide you both prior to and during your time on-site. Each will receive additional information and a brief orientation on-site.

Volunteers staying on-site: when not providing respite or childcare, you are free to relax, interact with campers, and participate in camp activities. In the evenings we will have scheduled programming (dance, variety show, etc.) that you are welcome to join. There is no cost to stay, but you may make a donation to cover your meals and lodging if you like.

Commuting volunteers: you are free to leave once lunch begins, or stay and enjoy camp for the day.

Requirements

- **Ages 14+** (<18 with a chaperone)
- **Must pass a background check**
- **Ability to be on your feet and physically active for 3 hours each day.**

Safety

Safety for campers and volunteers is our top priority at Camp AweSum, and we will ensure that all volunteers and staff members receive Safe Conduct Training on the Sunday night of your assigned session.

Benefits of Volunteering

Observe & work alongside experienced professionals in the field of autism.

Learn and utilize respect-based practices when supporting youth on the autism spectrum.

Practice implementing visual supports and strategies.

Increase your understanding of individuals on the autism spectrum and gain information that you can use in your own school, career, or community.

Create relationships with individuals on the autism spectrum, their families, other volunteers, and camp staff.

Enjoy the outdoors and the camp environment.

What past volunteers have to say

- “ I use the knowledge I learned from camp every single day! Neurodiversity is everywhere, and it is important to understand that no matter where you go, you do not know what someone is going through.”
- “ Volunteering at Camp AweSum gave me the opportunity to serve families in a meaningful way—at Camp AweSum, miracles happen.”

