

## BE A SUMMER CAMP BUDDY!

The Hamilton Area YMCA Sawmill Summer Day Camp is looking for volunteers for our Diverse Abilities Summer Camp. Being a buddy is a great opportunity to give back to the community, make a positive impact on someone's life as well as earn experience and volunteer hours.

## WHAT IS THE BUDDY PROGRAM?

The buddy program is designed to give selected individuals (age 13 or older) the opportunity to develop leadership skills and to experience the joy of helping others in need. The Buddy Program is for those students who are seriously interested in helping individuals with disabilities. Maturity and a sincere desire to work with children are essential. Space is limited to the number of Campers with diverse abilities who have registered. Participation in this program does not guarantee being hired as staff in the future. Volunteers can also earn hours for high school and college.

## WHAT IS THE ROLE OF BEING A BUDDY?

- A Buddy is not a counselor. They will assist in daily activities with their assigned group and/or camper.
- A Buddy will assist campers with activities such as: active games, water games, swimming, and crafts.
- A Buddy will stay with their assigned group for the duration of the day/week unless assigned to another group by the Diverse Abilities Camp Coordinator.
- A Buddy will not be responsible for any assistance needed in the restroom, feeding, and will not ever be alone with a camper(s).

## THE COMMITMENT

We are looking for Buddies that are available 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There are 4 weeks that we offer volunteer opportunities. We are flexible so if you are interested, please reach out for more information.

If you are interested, scan the QR code to fill out your information to schedule an interview! If you have any questions, please contact Jess Fremgen at <a href="mailto:diverseabilities@hamiltonymca.org">diverseabilities@hamiltonymca.org</a>







