



Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind's mission: building life skills, self-confidence and independence for children and young adults who are blind or have low vision.

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Deb Davis, Cabinet Secretary

Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind is busy recruiting staff, campers and volunteers for our exciting 2024 season – our **30<sup>th</sup>!!!** We are currently putting together a 30 year slide show for Convention!

**HIRING: Hiring Flyer** attached. Please share with anyone who might have college aged students who are grandchildren or children of Lions members, their friends, and anyone you know who might be interested in working at our camp this summer. A little older is fine – one of our counselors is over 40 and our camp director is 35. Lion Gwen is, well, old! **OUB hires blind, low vision and sighted people.** To be a counselor, applicants must be 18 years old. Working for ANY camp is a great resume builder and helps develop the spirit of service in staff and campers!

If you know of any **kids who are blind or low vision** who are between 7 and 17 years old, please share information about our camp with them and/or their parents. Our website is [www.oubmichigan.org](http://www.oubmichigan.org). **Our kids need each other, and they need camp!**

We are in need of **volunteers** to help us this spring. Our big **WORK DAY** will be on April 27 from 9 AM until 3 PM. Major projects will include cleaning the bathhouse and lodge - especially the kitchen, raking, clearing out fallen tree branches, weedwacking trails to clear them of brambles, and preparing our garden for **FAMILY GARDEN DAY** on May 4 from 10 AM to 2 PM. We are also planning to rebuild several of our tent platforms, so those of you with basic carpentry skills would be very much appreciated. Lunch is provided for both events!

We are also in need of **volunteers this summer**, especially to help us prepare food for our Adventure Trip. Last summer we wore out our kitchen staff, so we're hoping to give them a break. Any weeknight (after dinner) or weekend would be an awesome time to volunteer your time to help us cook or just do the dinner dishes. Schedule attached!

We are also looking for **nursing** staff this summer. If you are a current or retired nurse (First Responder to RN) and might be willing to work for a week or more, please let Gwen know ASAP.

Anyone interested in volunteering for camp, please contact Gwen at [gwen@oubmichigan.org](mailto:gwen@oubmichigan.org). We need a head count! Thanks SO MUCH!

Lion Gwen Botting

# Now Hiring!!!

OUB has the following openings for summer positions. Kitchen staff and Nurse start at the end of May. Counselors and custodian start June 7. All positions end July 28.

**Male Camp Counselor (must be 18 or more)**

**Female Camp Counselor (must be 18 or more)**

**Camp Nurse (First Responder, EMT, LPN, RN)**

**Kitchen Manager (head cook)**

**Kitchen Assistant**

**Custodian and Photographer**

To apply go to [www.oubmichigan.org](http://www.oubmichigan.org) and look under "Employment". Send the completed application and your resume to [aricwallace@gmail.com](mailto:aricwallace@gmail.com).



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## OUB Camp Schedule, 2024

**OUB Family Garden Day – May 4 at Camp Optimist – FREE** families can take home a planter with seeds planted of their choice, and help plant the OUB Camp Garden. Includes lunch.

**Staff Training – June 7 – June 16.**

**Cooking and Serving Camp, - June 16-21** (campers ages 10-17) - \$25 OUB camper's favorite activity – cooking! American regional foods! And a service project to give back to the community.

**Discovery Camp – June 23 - 28** (campers ages 7-14) - \$25 Science week! May include trip to Calvin College Observatory, nature programs, and much more! Plus little science-y cooking projects! Also available as a day camp.

**Family Day – June 28** (Families) FREE Join us for this fun day of exploring fun activities that don't need vision to participate fully. Crafts, cooking, music and tandem cycling!

**Bicycle Camp – June 30 – July 3 3 PM** (campers ages 7-17) - \$25 Day Camp option. Learn to ride a real bike from people who know how to help any child with disabilities learn to bike. Transportation may be available in the Grand Rapids area. **Ends 10 AM July 3**

**Cooking and Jamming – July 7-12** (campers ages 7-14) - \$25 Cooking and Music camp with multiple genres of music and multiple international cultures of food! A fun and exciting camp for all!

**Packing Days – staff only - July 13-15** Packing and cooking ahead for our Adventure Trip to Rock Climb and Kayak at Mississippi Palisades State Park in Illinois (NOT Mississippi)!

**Adventure Trip – July 15-24** (campers ages 12- 17. Younger campers may be accepted under special circumstances.) - \$150. We are working with Chicago Adventure Therapy again to do a rock climbing and kayaking trip, including kayaking and canoeing to camp on a small island in the middle of the Mississippi River in northern Illinois. Includes a visit to a nature preserve, a petting zoo, and blacksmithing workshop experience. A great trip with great people and great fun! Campers arrive Monday afternoon, July 15 and we leave at 9 AM on July 16, returning home on July 24. **This will be an AWESOME adventure!**

**Accepting adventurous 11 year olds.**

**Harvest Fest – September 28 10AM-3PM.** Families – FREE See what our garden has produced all summer! Pumpkins, potatoes, onions, OH MY! Includes lunch cooked by campers. Take home extra veg! A fun day to connect with other families with kids who are blind or low vision.

**PLEASE NOTE: Our age range for campers has been reduced from 7-19 to 7-17 per state rules. Our apologies to anyone who is disenfranchised by this new rule.**

**Thank you for your understanding.**

**SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL CAMPS!!! Just ask!**

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