



The Power of Volunteering

Be Part of Something Life-Changing

Program volunteers at North Star Reach get the unique opportunity to create unforgettable, life-changing experiences for children living with serious illnesses, such as sickle cell anemia, epilepsy, congenital heart disorders and organ transplants. These experiences help campers—many of whom have never had the chance to go to camp—build confidence, stretch beyond boundaries, and create lasting connections. Time and again our volunteers report that, in fulfilling this mission for campers, they leave camp equally changed.

“It’s funny thinking that I wanted to empower the kids—they’re **totally empowering me**. I’m getting just as much out of camp as they are.” – Rich “Boomer” Dama

We really, truly couldn’t do it without you

Since no camper ever pays a penny, our volunteers are truly what make camp possible. We will welcome more than 500 campers this summer, and we’ll rely on hundreds of volunteers to make life-changing experiences happen. If you’re 19 or 79, thrive as part of a team, love being outdoors and working with kids, we’re your camp family!

Stretch yourself, gain valuable training

On top of helping deserving kids and joining in all the magic-making fun, college-aged volunteers gain high-impact skills that are attractive to employers, from creative problem-solving and leadership to teambuilding, public speaking and time management. No matter your age, being part of a big-hearted, inspiring community making a difference in the lives of kids is really the biggest gift of all.



More about North Star Reach

Located on 105 scenic acres of rolling hills and waterfront in Pickney, Michigan, North Star Reach serves children with serious health challenges and their family members across the Great Lakes Region, free of charge. Since opening in 2016, we've hosted nearly 2,000 campers.

Want to hear about the magic of camp directly from past volunteers? [Check out this video](#)

By the Numbers

- \$0 cost to campers and families
- 1 kid-inspired, fully accessible treehouse with hammock village
- 2 heated, zero-entry pools
- 3 pristine lakes surround camp
- 6 residential summer camps every summer
- 7 weekend family camps every spring and fall
- 12 climate-controlled cabins with showers/bathrooms attached to each
- 24/7 medical staffing at state-of-the-art health center every summer session
- 35+ canoes and kayaks for paddling adventures on Patterson Lake

How to volunteer

See our [2019 Camp Schedule](#) for the dates of our six summer sessions, running from mid-June through mid-August; your volunteer time commitment is eight days (two days of training, six with the kids). Roles are available as cabin and activity leaders. To learn more about applying, visit www.northstarreach.org/volunteer or contact us at volunteer@northstarreach.org.

Long-lasting impact for you and your community

Camp stays with you long after you leave. You'll see and appreciate a widened professional and personal community, an expanded social media feed, and (like many of our volunteers) you'll likely return for another summer. Regardless, volunteering at North Star Reach is a decision with long-lasting impact for you and your community. You won't regret a single, joyful, inspiring, life-changing moment!