

WANTED! Special Needs Buddies



Whispering Winds hosts a weekend family camp experience for families who have children (of any age) with special needs. This unique family camp experience takes place at the Whispering Winds campgrounds in the lovely Julian mountains. We recruit Special Needs Buddies (SNBs) to accompany each camper with special needs. SNBs are adults exclusively paired 1:1 with a camper of any age with a disability. Our goal is to make each family feel assured that their child's special needs are fully met while campers enjoy a fun-loving and caring companion during all planned weekend activities.

**** SNBs need no prior experience with children or adults with special needs, as Buddies will receive basic training from Whispering Winds staff, regarding the support and care of our campers with special needs.**

The SNB Experience Includes:

- Lodging for 3 days + 2 nights (Friday afternoon – Sunday afternoon)
- Six delicious meals, plus snacks
- Buddy T-shirt

Weekend Service Dates:

Friday, July 30, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. – Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Additional Details

- SNBs need to provide their own transportation to and from the camp site. Carpools are encouraged.
- We invite each SNB to offer a tax-deductible donation of \$50 to Whispering Winds, or collect this amount through sponsors (family, friends, church or group affiliations) to help offset the cost of food.
- All female SNBs will be lodged in one building; all male SNBs will be in a separate lodge.

ALL SNBs MUST ATTEND THE SPECIAL NEEDS TRAINING MEETING **Date & Site TBD**

Visit <https://www.whisperingwinds.org/camps-retreats/special-needs-family-camp/special-needs-family-camp-volunteer-opportunities/> for more information or to apply to be a Buddy.

If you are interested in this fun and rewarding summer experience, please contact **Katie Gange** at katieg@whisperingwinds.org

