



# **Corporate Volunteering**





#### **About OTW**

Over The Wall (OTW) is a small but life-changing national children's charity supporting those with serious illnesses and their families. We provide free of charge activity camps to help children with life-limiting illnesses, and their families.

For some of these children more time is spent on endless hospital appointments and medication than on being a child. These children are used to being told what they cannot do, but at camp it's all about what they can do and reaching beyond the perceived limitations of illness.

Our programmes were awarded Outstanding by Ofsted in 2018 for the third consecutive year.

We cater for over 130 different life-limiting illnesses, including (but not restricted to) cancer, neurological disorders, heart disease, physical disabilities, congenital diseases, severe allergies and skin disorders.

"Without camp my daughter would not be in the same mental state she is in now. Each time she has been she has come back stronger, happier, braver, more proactive and less scared."



## So what happens at camp?

All camps offer a wide range of social, creative and fully accessible physical activities; from climbing, abseiling and canoeing to arts and crafts, music and drama. All activities are carefully designed to enable every child to participate, and expertly managed to ensure no child can fail.

Medical care is provided at every camp by a dedicated volunteer team of doctors and nurses. This ensures our unique ability to cater for children with complex needs who would otherwise be unable to get away from home or hospital.

We have a high ratio of volunteers to campers to help ensure campers make the best of their stay. In 2018 we welcomed 867 campers and 651 people volunteered for us.

#### **Corporate Volunteering**

We rely entirely on volunteers to run our camps. There are three volunteering opportunities:

#### Camp set up day

Creating the camp magic at the activity centres prior to the children's arrival. During the day, OTW staff lead activity sessions to give participants a taste of camp from the children's perspective.

#### **Camp Creative**

Running an activity for the campers to enjoy and learn. This can be age specific or adapted to suit all campers over one day.

#### **Camp Volunteer**

Sign up to volunteer for a week or weekend at one of our 13 residential camps.

"A fantastic blend of team building, fun and supporting the charity. Over The Wall have a big job to do to set up camp and being able to play a part in helping you set this up for the children makes me feel like I am helping in a small but valuable way."



## Corporate Set Up Days 2019

Teams of corporate supporters are invited to join our Operations Team to help set up camp before our young campers arrive on site. This involves unloading crates and boxes and distributing them around the site and also preparing camper gifts and resources. We will include an informal presentation from the Camp Director and a selection of games and fun activities which reflect the games we do during the week with our young campers.

#### 2019 Schedule

Friday 5th April - Bryanston, Dorset

Friday 24th May (BH weekend) - Lichfield, Staffordshire

Thursday 6th June - Liddington, Wiltshire

Friday 26th July - Bryanston, Dorset

Friday 16th August - Lichfield, Staffordshire

Thursday 5th September - Doncaster, Yorkshire

Wednesday 2nd October - England Location TBC

Friday 18th October - Lichfield, Staffordshire



#### **Camp Creatives 2019**

We invite teams of 10-12 volunteers to come to OTW camp to deliver a fun and inspiring workshop. This can be tailored to a specific age group or adaptable so all campers can participate. To help your team create an amazing workshop, OTW will deliver a briefing to your team 6+ weeks before the day. OTW will organise DBS checks for the team.

#### 2019 Schedule

South Siblings Camp - Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th April Bryanston, Dorset

South Health Challenge Camp - Tuesday 30th July, Wednesday 31st, Thursday 1st August, Friday 2nd Bryanston, Dorset

Midlands Health Challenge Camp - Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st, Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd August Lichfield, Staffordshire

Midlands Siblings Camp - Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd

October

Lichfield, Staffordshire

"Being involved with Over The Wall's camp has been absolutely incredible- I think the passion and the professionalism of the Over The Wall team really blew me away. The team came here to the office and gave us a thorough briefing six weeks before about what we could and couldn't do, what the kids enjoy, right through to setting the day up, it was so professional and well run-It's something we can't wait to be apart of again in the future."

Craig Wilkins, Senior Marketing
Director, Hasbro UK



# Volunteering with OTW week long and weekends

Each year we need over 600 fantastic volunteers to create an unforgettable camp experience for children with serious illnesses and their families. Our volunteers are vital in helping our campers to create lasting memories, try new activities, and rebuild their confidence. There is a range of volunteer roles available at our camps:

Camp Team Mate: Team Mates support campers throughout their time at camp, building fantastic relationships with their team whilst encouraging, inspiring and empowering campers as they complete activities.

Activity Leader: If you are interested in music, drama, games, sports or arts and crafts, there are opportunities to lead a specific activity at camp.

Clinical Volunteer: At camp, we rely on a fantastic team of trained doctors and nurses to support the medical needs of our campers.

Camp Recorder (Photographer): The role of the camp recorder is to capture the fun of camp and the achievements of all our campers through photos. They are keen photographers.

Safeguarding Officer: Suitable for those trained and experienced in safeguarding, this role helps us create the safest possible environment for our campers.



## Camp Schedule 2019

South Siblings Camp - 7th - 11th April - Bryanston, Dorset

South Family Camp - 12th - 14th April - Bryanston, Dorset

Scotland Family Camp - 26th - 28th April - Tuliallan, Fife, Scotland

Midlands Family Camp - 25th - 27th May (BH) - Lichfield, Staffordshire

Diabetic Research and Wellness Foundation Family Camp - 7th - 9th June

-Liddington, Wiltshire

Scotland Health Challenge Camp and Siblings Camps - 7th - 13th July

-Strathallan, Perth, Scotland

South Health Challenge Camp - 28th July - 3rd August - Bryanston, Dorset

Midlands Health Camps 1 & 2 - 18th - 25th August - Lichfield, Staffordshire

Anthony Nolan Family Camp - 6th - 8th September - Doncaster, Yorkshire

Allergy Family Camp - 4th - 6th October - England Location TBC

Midlands Siblings Camp - 19th - 24th October - Lichfield, Staffordshire







# We can't wait to see you at camp!