

Hi there,

We are looking for volunteers to help with a project that is very dear to my heart, and I just wondered whether anyone connected with your school might like to be involved?

I help to run a camping holiday for disabled women (ages 18 to 80+ !). Our main need is for female volunteer carers aged 17 and over, though we do take some 16-year-olds who are sufficiently mature to assist with personal care and show some initiative, and we also take a small intake of young men (who would not be involved in the personal care side). We don't have an upper age limit for our helpers. Everyone is allocated to a team and there are always experienced helpers in each team alongside new recruits.

We provide a great opportunity for young people considering careers in medicine, nursing, physio/OT, health & social care, social work and teaching, to work with disabled people in a fun and supportive environment. It is all fantastic 'life experience' and is also a great line for any young person to have on their CV. We are often used for the residential placement for Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award as an Approved Activity Provider.

If anyone might be interested in signing up for an opportunity to volunteer and have some fun, whilst helping a disabled person to enjoy their holiday, during the summer break this year, I'd really like to hear from them.

Our camp this year runs from 13^h to 18th August and will take place at Woodlarks Campsite, which is based in Farnham in Surrey. There is a small charge levied for everyone who comes to camp – whether they are a disabled participant or volunteer helper and this year we are charging £160 for the week to cover food, camping fees, and a full programme of activities.

We were fortunate enough to be involved in the production of a “video” for the campsite that we use, with the footage being taken at Pathfinders Camp in 2017. The link to this is here, and this can help give a sense of what the camp is like. <http://www.woodlarks.org.uk/our-2018-video/>

I have attached an Information Sheet covering some basic information about us, but am happy to discuss this in more detail or provide more information by e-mail, telephone, or paper copy to anyone who is interested. Our website can be found at www.pathfinderscamp.com.

Kind regards,