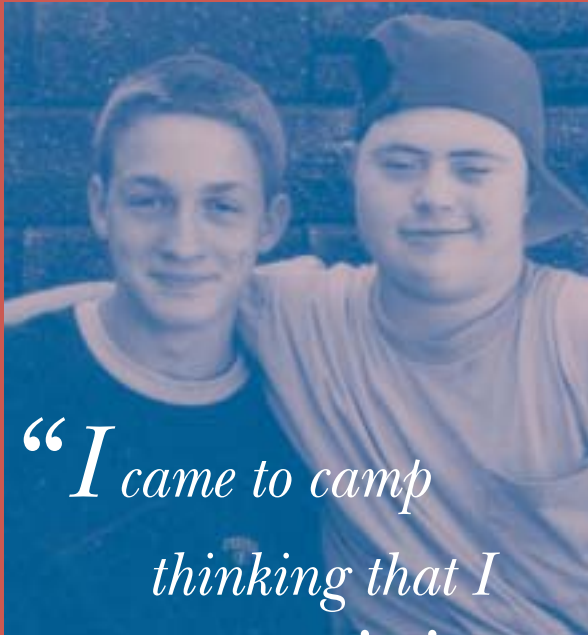


### How Much of a Commitment is Expected of Me?

Volunteers are needed during the summer months and on most weekends throughout the year. Volunteers are asked to commit to a minimum of one week or weekend. All of our volunteers work directly with trained staff and learn from this shared experience.

Volunteers add the extra energy, enthusiasm and insight that many of our participants enjoy. The experience is found to be challenging, as well as very rewarding. Youth Volunteers are welcome to come back time and again and have the opportunity to become involved in the Junior Counselor program.



*“I came to camp thinking that I would be giving so much as a volunteer, but the truth is I got more from the campers than I could ever give to them.”*

*Jeff*

*Kate*

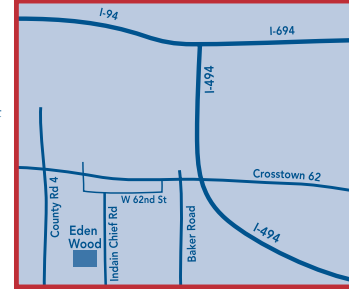
*“My cabin was a wonderful unit. The counselors were a great help with everything. They became my friends as well as co-workers.”*

### Friendship Ventures' Two Locations:

**EDEN WOOD CENTER** in Eden Prairie, is located in a southwest suburb of the Twin Cities area.

From Interstate 494 take Crosstown Highway 62 west to the South Frontage Road/W. 62nd Street stoplight.

Take a left at the stoplight and then an immediate right onto Indian Chief Road. Go 2/10 of a mile south on Indian Chief Road. The entrance to Eden Wood Center will be on your right.

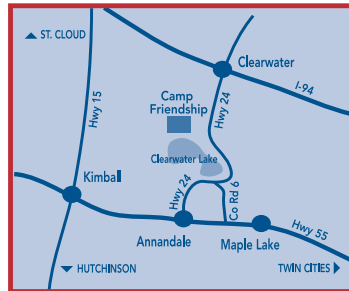


**CAMP FRIENDSHIP** is located one-hour northwest of the Twin Cities, 7 miles north of Annandale and only 22 miles from St. Cloud.

**From I-94:** Take I-94 to Highway 24 south (Clearwater Exit, #178). Go 7.5

miles, turn right at the Lake Center Bait & Tackle and continue .7 miles to the camp entrance.

**From Highway 55:** Take Highway 55 to County Road 6. Go north on Cty. Rd. 6 for 2.6 miles to the stop sign. Turn right onto Highway 24 and drive 2.3 miles. Turn left at the Lake Center Bait & Tackle and continue .7 miles to the camp entrance.

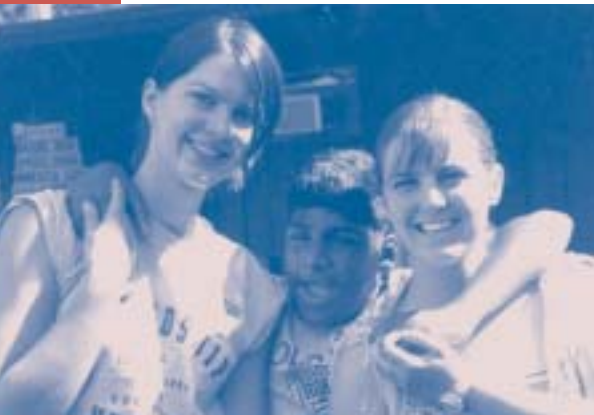


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## YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



## MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



For adventure, friendship, growth and just plain fun, join the nationally recognized Friendship Ventures Youth Leadership Program. Young people who share their time with our agency tell us that it's the experience of a lifetime! Here's what we offer you in return:

- A week or weekend of FUN in a camp environment, room and board provided.
- Leadership and team building activities through our Team Quest program.
- A unique environment in which to gain knowledge about people with disabilities.
- A place to gain career experiences and establish a reference for future employment.
- A chance to meet new people and make new friends.

### About Friendship Ventures...

Friendship Ventures is a nonprofit organization providing year-round recreational, leisure, educational and social services to children and adults with disabilities and their families.

The agency is unique in its ability to serve a diverse group of people with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities. Participants also may have physical disabilities, visual or hearing impairments, challenging behaviors, or medical conditions which may include: diabetes, epilepsy, or heart conditions. Individuals vary in age from young children to senior citizens.

### Who Volunteers?

Youth from across the nation come to one of Friendship Ventures' two resident camps. Any person 14 years or older can volunteer.

You can bring friends from home or meet new friends as you share this unique volunteer experience with others.

All volunteers are provided with room and board. The Volunteer Coordinator provides volunteers with an orientation and comprehensive training prior to working with participants. In addition, the Volunteer Coordinator supervises youth to ensure that each volunteer has the best learning experience possible.



### What Kinds of Activities do Youth Volunteers do?

Youth Volunteers work directly with the agency's staff. If you have never had the opportunity to go to camp—now is your chance! Depending on the time of year, you could assist participants with involvement in different areas such as swimming, arts & crafts, music, nature study, sliding, skiing, and other camp activities.

Volunteers may also have the opportunity to assist some of our participants with their daily activities. This may include such things as helping a participant engage in an activity, helping during meal times, assisting with cabin clean-up, or helping someone walk from one place to the next. It is the individual attention that a volunteer can provide that really makes a difference.

### Why Should I Choose Friendship Ventures?

Friendship Ventures offers youth volunteers a unique and well-rounded program. Through volunteering with our agency, youth are engaged in activities that lead to personal growth, self-discovery, and leadership development. A commitment to

volunteering at Friendship Ventures may be an asset on a college or scholarship application. The experience helps youth appreciate the abilities of all people. Most of all, the experience is FUN!

### What Makes Volunteering So Fun?

- Satisfaction from doing a job that makes a real difference in someone's life.
- Gaining confidence and abilities, as well as knowing that you are instrumental in helping the participants gain confidence in themselves and their abilities.
- Tons of laughter and memories.
- Meeting all kinds of people from all over the world.
- Learning job skills and responsibility to gain an edge in future employment.

