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CHATTANOOGA AREA COMMAND

The Salvation Army opens registration for day and overnight summer camps

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (May 9, 2023) – The Salvation Army of Chattanooga is now accepting registrations for summer camp at Camp Paradise Valley in Burkesville, Kentucky. Families can sign up children ages 7-17 for a week of fun, adventure and learning in the great outdoors. Registration is also open for The Salvation Army’s East Lake day camp.

“We believe that summer camp can be a transformative experience for children, and we are excited to offer this opportunity to the youth in our community,” said Captain Mark Love of the Chattanooga Area Command. “At Camp Paradise Valley, children have the chance to disconnect from technology, explore the outdoors, and develop important life skills such as teamwork, communication, and leadership. It’s an experience that can have a lasting impact on their lives, and we are honored to provide it thanks to the support of our donors and volunteers.”

Camp Paradise Valley

Camp Paradise Valley spans over 400 acres on the shores of Dale Hollow Lake, straddling the Kentucky-Tennessee state line. It provides children the opportunity to swim, hike, canoe and participate in a variety of other outdoor activities. They will also have the chance to make new friends, learn valuable life skills and grow in their faith. The Salvation Army’s experienced staff and counselors are dedicated to creating a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment where all children can thrive. Registration is available at <https://www.adminicamp.com/>. The camp is open June 26-30 for ages 7-12 and July 10-13 for ages 13-17.

East Lake Summer Camp

In Chattanooga, The Salvation Army’s East Lake summer day camp will run from June 5 to August 4, every Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The day camp is open to children ages 7-16. The camp offers a reading program, devotional, arts and crafts, physical education, swimming, field trips, breakfast, lunch and snacks. The cost is \$25 per child for the summer and \$5 for each additional child from the same family.

Summer Camp Job Openings

The Salvation Army is hiring camp staff for the summer including counselors, lifeguards, housekeepers and maintenance positions. They are seeking enthusiastic and dedicated individuals between the ages of 15 and 23 to join the team at Camp Paradise Valley. Camp staffers gain valuable leadership experience, work with children and make a difference in the lives of others. The Salvation Army offers competitive pay and provides room and board for the duration of the summer program (June-July). Those interested in applying should visit <https://bit.ly/3Lc1hAN>.

Call for Donations

The Salvation Army depends on donations from the community to provide summer camp experiences to local children. It costs on average \$500 to send one child to camp for a week, but every donation helps, no matter how much. Contributions help ensure that children in the Chattanooga community have the opportunity to experience the joys of summer camp, build lifelong memories and develop important life skills. To make a donation, please visit <https://bit.ly/40OpOSe>.

About The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army annually helps more than 23 million Americans overcome poverty, addiction and economic hardships through a range of social services. By providing food for the hungry, emergency relief for disaster survivors, rehabilitation for those suffering from drug and alcohol abuse, and clothing and shelter for people in need, The Salvation Army is doing the most good at 7,600 centers of operations around the country. In the first-ever listing of "America's Favorite Charities" by The Chronicle of Philanthropy, The Salvation Army ranked as the country's largest privately funded, direct-service nonprofit. For more information, visit SalvationArmyUSA.org.

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