



January 2008

To: Veteran Champ Camp Volunteers  
From: Baker & Waku  
Re: Champ Camp 2008

Man, it seems like just yesterday we were saying goodbye at the end of a great week of camp. It is hard to believe it is already 2008. Hopefully all of you have heard by now that our beloved Trip was presented with an amazing opportunity to be a keynote speaker in Canada during Champ Camp. Unfortunately, he will not be able to join us. The good news is... Waku has stepped up and will be leading us this year!

Before we get to the nitty gritty of camp, there are a couple things we want to touch base with you about. First, we have a NEW deadline for returning counselors to have their application in. Please send it to the San Francisco Office (665 Third St. Ste. 345, San Francisco, CA 94107) by February 29, 2008 (easy to remember, it's leap day!) We are adhering to this deadline, so please get it in on time. Thanks!

As a reminder, in 2007 AARBF began requiring background checks for volunteers who participate in overnight events. If you completed a Livescan for AARBF in 2007, you DO NOT NEED to do anything. If you submitted a letter from your Chief (or equivalent), you need to submit another letter stating you are still employed by the fire department and in good standings with the organization. We have included a reference list to help last years counselors determine whether or not you need a renewed letter.

New this year: we are changing how baseball caps and visors are ordered. The last couple years there has been a lot of confusion and difficulty getting payment. *This year the head apparel will be orange* -- indicate on the application whether or not you would like head apparel and then send your money to the SF office (address on application) by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Now, on to the good stuff: Champ Camp 2008! Please mark your calendars:

- Jan. 25-27: The Program Staff will be getting together to discuss the week's theme, along with things that need to be improved, added, deleted, etc. YOUR INPUT has been greatly appreciated. So give Baker (or anyone on program staff for that matter) a call if you have any brilliant ideas.
- February 29: YOUR application to be a volunteer is DUE. After this date has passed, it means you may be put on a waiting list. *Verbal RSVPs will not be accepted*, we need a tangible application either by snail mail or fax.
- IF there is room to hire new counselors, the New Counselor Information and Selection Sessions will be held: April 5 (Los Angeles), April 6 (San Francisco), and depending on the number of applicants, a Fresno session possibly will be held April 7 (Fresno). Any of you willing to help with the process are welcomed. Just let us know.
- June 12-14: All Volunteers are required to be at camp. We will start at 7 pm, with an open invitation to come a couple hours earlier for a BBQ and some fun reacquainting!
- June 14: Approximately 3 pm, the busses should be rolling in and the FUN begins!

Here's to another amazing year of Champ Camp!

E-Hugs, Baker and Waku

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**CHAMP CAMP VOLUNTEER APPLICATION**

Check here if you DO NOT want your address/phone information distributed to other camp volunteers (rosters, e-mail chain)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Champ Camp Nickname (if you have one): \_\_\_\_\_

- I have participated in past AARBF events and have completed a Live Scan Background check for AARBF
- I am a new volunteer and will be getting a Live Scan Background check. Please send me information.
- I am a government employee and will be providing an Annual Letter stating that I am in good standing from my Fire Chief or equivalent.

**S E C T I O N A - To be filled out by ALL Applicants**

Have you ever had a warrant for your arrest? \_\_\_\_\_ Been accused or convicted of a felony or misdemeanor? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you on probation? \_\_\_\_\_ Parole? \_\_\_\_\_ Out on bail? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain if you answered yes to any of the questions:

\_\_\_\_\_

Are you fluent in any other language besides English? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please indicate: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently certified in: First Aid? \_\_\_\_\_ CPR? \_\_\_\_\_ Lifeguard? \_\_\_\_\_ WSI Instructor? \_\_\_\_\_

Class B Drivers License with passenger endorsement? \_\_\_\_\_ Other? \_\_\_\_\_

What age group would you prefer working with? Please indicate by placing numbers 1,2,3,4,5 in order of importance:

Ages 5-7/Buckaroos \_\_\_\_\_ Ages 8-10/Rancheros \_\_\_\_\_ Ages 11-13/Wranglers \_\_\_\_\_ Ages 14-16/Seniors \_\_\_\_\_ Special Needs Cabin \_\_\_\_\_

Your T-Shirt Size (circle one): M L XL XXL XXXL IF there is a choice , would you prefer a T-Shirt or Tank Top? \_\_\_\_\_

Please order me head apparel with my camp name embroidered on it. I realize the cost is \$18 per item.

Please order me (circle one) Visor Baseball Cap No thank you

**IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY**

Whom should we notify?	NAME	PHONE NUMBER	RELATION
		( )	
		( )	

Name of Insurance: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be taking any medications at the time of camp? If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any health concerns that we should know about while you are at camp? (Asthma, allergies, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

**S E C T I O N B - To be filled out by NEW Applicants**

Describe your experience working with children. \_\_\_\_\_

Can you play a musical instrument, such as a guitar, or do you have a talent for singing, dancing, magic or any other type of entertainment children would enjoy? \_\_\_\_ If so, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever worked with the burn-injured population? \_\_\_\_ Are you a burn survivor? \_\_\_\_

Please share your experience: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you become interested in Champ Camp?: \_\_\_\_\_

What are your expectations or desires in becoming a counselor for burn-injured children?

Is there any additional information about yourself that you would like us to know?

Have you been involved in Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation activities/functions before? If yes, briefly explain.

Are there other non-profit organizations or affiliations you have been involved with?

Every volunteer uses a nickname while at camp. (Examples: Chipper, Bubbles, Cowboy, Peanut, Speedy, Trip, Smiley, Baker)

If selected as a volunteer, you would like your nickname to be: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Choosing two names is important in case one is already being used by another volunteer)

Indicate which "Informational/Interview" session is closest to you (or the one you wish to attend): (circle one)

Los Angeles / April 5

San Francisco / April 6

*Based on the number of applications a Fresno Interview Session can be arranged. If interested, please indicate on your application.*

**S E C T I O N C - To be filled out by ALL Applicants**

I certify that the information provided to me in this Champ Camp Volunteer Application is true, correct and as complete as possible. My signature also serves that I read the Champ Camp Handbook and am willing to comply with it.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

