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Free Summer Camp for Oklahoma Kids who are Blind or Vision Impaired
Now Accepting Camper Applications through April 29

Oklahoma City, OK: NewView Oklahoma believes that every child deserves to have a summer camp experience. Oklahomans Without Limits summer camp, better known as “OWL Camp,” provides that experience for children who are blind or vision impaired. Camper applications are now open for the 2016 camp season, consisting of two free weeklong camps.

Tulsa OWL Camp is scheduled for June 12 to June 16 and is specifically designed for youth ages 15 to 18. Campers will lodge at Rogers State University and will enjoy adaptive water sports, including swimming, waterskiing and parasailing on Grand Lake.

Oklahoma City OWL Camp will take place July 18 to July 22 and is open to campers ages eight to 14. This year’s “sports” themed camp will be hosted at the University of Central Oklahoma. Campers will visit multiple destinations around the metro to participate golf, gymnastics, basketball and other sports.

Both OWL Camps are free of charge for campers. Camp applications can be accessed on the NewView Oklahoma website at newviewoklahoma.org or by calling 405-232-4644. Applications will be accepted through April 29. Space is limited and camper spots are filled on a first come, first served basis.

NewView Oklahoma also seeks camp volunteers, including sighted buddies and counselors, as well as financial sponsors to provide scholarships for campers.

OWL Camp was created in 2000 and has grown to two weeks of camp each summer hosting up to 40 campers. Camp activities are carefully planned and designed to encourage collaboration, improve confidence, self-esteem, and independence, and challenge societal and self-imposed limits through a variety of indoor and outdoor activities in an accessible environment. The focus is on capability rather than disability.

“It’s easy to see the utter joy this camp brings to campers,” said Sarah Reininger, camp counselor. “When I witness campers doing the impossible or conquer their fears, I am always completely astonished by the dramatic increase in their confidence. This camp means so much more than a week away from home. This camp is a home for all those campers who feel like they don’t belong.”

For photos and videos from last year’s camps visit <http://www.newviewoklahoma.org/#!owl-camp/co42>

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NewView Oklahoma is a private, not-for-profit organization founded in 1949 with a mission to empower people who are blind and visually impaired to achieve their maximum level of independence through employment, rehabilitation, and community outreach. NewView Oklahoma is the state’s leading employer of blind and visually impaired individuals and offers the only comprehensive Low Vision Clinic in the Oklahoma. Visit them online at www.newviewoklahoma.org. Follow them on [Facebook](#) and on [Twitter](#).