



VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

Board & Committee Opportunities

Mission

Our mission is to empower youth in West Michigan through educational and recreational experiences that promote social responsibility, encourage academic success, and support the development of healthy self-esteem.

Vision

To provide accessible and affordable learning experiences for West Michigan youth facing poverty, with a focus on providing low-cost summer camp.

Summer Camp

Since 1921, we have provided a low-cost summer camp experience to children ages 8 to 17 who live in Kent or Ottawa Counties. Summer camp focuses on experiential learning and play while promoting social responsibility and supporting healthy self-esteem development.

STEM Academy

Offered alongside summer camp, this learning opportunity is designed for 5th-8th grade students that are seeking support in math and/or science. Each summer, 40-50 students join us for a four-week, residential experience where they attend "academy" each morning led by experienced teachers, in very small groups, and then can enjoy the wonders of camp each afternoon.

Day Camps

To keep the fun of summer going all year, Camp Blodgett offers day camps nearly every weekend of the school year in Kent or Ottawa County. These day long experiences keep youth connected and provide a safe, engaging space to learn and play with the friends they make each summer.

Teen Programs

When campers head into middle school and high school, they gain access to leadership opportunities with Camp Blodgett, including:

- **F.I.E.R.C.E. Leaders:** A 10-week cohort where middle school teens dive into learning more about our FIERCE Leadership characteristics and how to embody these traits in their daily lives. These characteristics are Flexibility; Initiative; Empathy; Responsibility; Communication; and Empowerment
- **Young Leaders:** A year-round leadership program for high school teens who have engaged in Camp Blodgett programming and eager to gain hands-on experience in program design and delivery. Young Leaders also serve as the collective youth voice for Camp Blodgett, and have a hand in designing and improving all programming.

LEAD WITH CAMP BLODGETT

Camp Blodgett is seeking leadership volunteers to join our Board of Directors and/or our Board Committees. If your passions align with our mission, we invite you to begin with a discovery session to get to know our work and how your interests and skillset align with our goals.

READY? Email volunteer@campblodgett.org or complete our volunteer application here to get started: campblodgett.org/volunteer

The Board and its committees includes people of character, integrity, talent and experience who are loyal to Camp Blodgett's mission and who champion our work across Kent and Ottawa Counties. Board members are expected to embrace and advance the principles of diversity, equity and inclusion as they relate to Camp Blodgett's mission and strategy. This includes an awareness of how systemic inequities impact the populations we serve.

Board Committees

- **Property Committee** - supports the implementation of our property plans and ensure our land and its assets are well cared for and supported by the West Michigan community.
- **Finance Committee** - ensures the financial health of Camp Blodgett through oversight, sharing of financial expertise, and stewardship of our assets and endowments.
- **Engagement Committee** - works with staff and board members to implement community engagement efforts that results in engaged volunteers, donors, and constituents.
- **Board Development Committee** - cultivates a high-performance board of directors that is curated to sustain Camp Blodgett's impact on the community.

Leadership Engagement Expectations

If you are interested in supporting Camp Blodgett's mission through volunteer leadership, please note:

- Board members are asked to serve a three-year term and serve on one committee.
- Board members meet monthly on the 3rd Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in W. Michigan.
- Committees meet quarterly and are led by board officers and staff members.
- Both board and committee members are asked to support Camp Blodgett events which includes hosting summer tours, and inviting folks to summer concerts, and our annual September Soiree.