

Greetings Everyone:

It is the time of year again for the Sports Education Camp for Blind Children. This year's camp will again be held on the campus of the University of Maine, Orono, and will run from around noon on Wednesday, June 22 through noon on Saturday, June 25, 2011.

As in past years you are encouraged to consider becoming involved in this camp. Folks can become involved in three ways.

First, if you have never attended such a camp, consider attending the camp for a day just to observe and see what it is all about.

Second way to participate is to become a daytime volunteer during the camp. There is room to work the camp for just one day or for multiple days.

Third way you can participate is at a much higher level of commitment, and may well be the way in which the camp will be most beneficial for you. This is to be a full-time staff person at the entire camp, which means you will be there during the day and evening sessions and staying overnight (depending on where you live).

Folks who staff the camp have certain roles assigned to them, and mostly involve being part of a group of leaders that are assigned to a specific group of athletes. This role requires the staff person to assist the students to get to where they need to be at the designated time, and to make sure they have the appropriate gear required for whatever event in which they will be participating. It is a lot of work, but it is a terrific way to learn about, and from, the student athletes.

If you are interested in being staff for this event please obtain approval from your supervisor, and work out with them the details of how much time you can afford to be involved and how your time is to be covered. Once you have reached agreement with your supervisor, please contact Michelle Mason, Volunteer Coordinator , at [valhallatrailhead@gmail.com](mailto:valhallatrailhead@gmail.com) or 402-0179 cell.

Please act on this quickly, because all volunteers who will be staying overnight will have to complete a background check, which may take a couple of weeks to get completed.

Sincerely:

Michelle Mason

Volunteer Coordinator