



## **GO: 2020, Joni & Friends Family Retreat – Detroit Lakes, MN**

### **SCOPE OF THE PROJECT**

Joni and Friends Family Retreat addresses the needs of families who live with the daily struggles of disability. Family Retreat is five days of inspirational worship, biblical teaching, informative workshops, refreshing recreation and precious time for families to build lasting memories. Individuals are needed to serve as Short Term Missionaries to serve as a one-to-one friend to a camper with a disability, simply to give of their time and love. A STM shares each day with their assigned camper; joining them for meals, programming, recreation and special events; being their special friend. STMs do not serve as Personal Care Attendants and are not responsible for any personal cares such as toileting, dressing, medication, etc. Their purpose is to love and serve their camper, to have fun and create memories. Simply, to be the hands and feet of Jesus! No previous experience is required, just a willing heart. STMs arrive one day before the families to receive training on disability, disability etiquette, behavioral support, and much more.

### **SCHEDULE**

Tuesday, August 11 (12pm arrival) – Sunday, August 16, 2020 (12pm departure). It is a full day of serving every day. We will meet for STM devotions every morning at 7:30 a.m. and have STM debrief each night at 9:30 p.m. There is a STM break each day from 4:00-5:30 p.m.

A typical day consists of meeting your camper and their family for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and then morning programming which is led by other volunteers. You will have lunch together followed by afternoon free-time activities (like swimming, boating, etc). There is an STM break before dinner time at 5:30 p.m. There are evening activities like a petting zoo or carnival to participate in with your camper and then an STM debrief before bed.

### **COST**

The cost is \$450 per adult (age 12+) volunteer. This includes lodging and all meals (the meals are delicious). For youth volunteers, the cost is \$225 (age 11 and younger).

### **MEALS & LODGING**

Meals are provided by Castaway (The Young Life camp we rent out for Family Retreat). All meals are “family style” so it will be brought to your table and shared by your table. You can always ask for more if needed. They are able to accommodate special dietary needs.

All STMs will share bunk style housing. Bedding and towels will be provided for you. There are bathrooms in the rooms and multiple, individual stall showers.

### **TEAM MEETINGS**

Your attendance at team meetings is required to participate in a Salem mission trip. These meetings are important for sharing trip information, getting acquainted with team members, and spiritually preparing to serve. Your team leader will set future team meeting dates.

### **APPLICATION & PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

- Complete [Salem’s GO:2020 Application Form](#) and submit to Salem’s Outreach Director, Shelli Streeper, by March 1, 2020.
- Complete [Joni & Friends online volunteer application](#) process by March 1. The link is not currently active and will be given to you by the trip leader when available.
- [Final trip payment](#) is due June 1, 2020 and paid electronically through the Joni & Friends website (link will be provided).