



Camp Lighthouse @ Camp Carter
June 25th – July 1st, 2023

Lighthouse for the Blind, in collaboration with YMCA Camp Carter, is hosting a week-long overnight camp experience for Texas students who are blind or significantly visually impaired. The camp will have an emphasis on increasing independence. Our theme will be *Explore Independence* with a curriculum including Orientation and Mobility, Independent Living Skills, Assistive Technology, and more geared toward high school students between the ages of 12 to 16. Every camper will bring home their own bag full of items to assist in their daily lives, compliments of the Lighthouse, and our generous funders.

This summer camp experience will be SO FUN! Each camper will learn real-life skills through technology already out there that will impact their academic development, increase ease of mobility, and grow confidence in their ability to live independently. At all times, the camper's safety, privacy, and overall camp experience will be of the highest priority. AND THERE IS MORE FUN: Campers will also have the opportunity to hang out and interact with other campers (sighted and non-sighted) in fun recreational activities such as beep baseball, archery, swimming, horseback riding, and more!

Students will be selected for this program by the Lighthouse through nominations completed by TVIs, TWS, or parents. The Lighthouse would like to send up to 20 students for this year's camp. Determining criteria will be based on the student's school performance, a teacher's recommendation, and the ability to attend 100% of the camp without parent/adult support.

Nominations should be submitted to the Lighthouse for the Blind on or before the deadline of **May 2nd**. Selection will take place the week of May 9th. Award notification letters and additional information will be emailed to parents in May.

Thanks to generous donations by local corporations and foundations, the Lighthouse will cover all camp fees for each camper. Parents will be responsible for all clothing and sundry items required by Camp Carter. Later, parents will be required to complete a Camp Carter Application with appropriate releases and a medical form that requires their doctor's signature and proof of updated immunizations prior to final acceptance into the camp.

When: Sunday, June 25th – July 1st. Drop off on Sunday between 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.; Pick-up Saturday, at 9:00 A.M.

Where: Camp Carter YMCA, 6200 Sand Springs Road, Fort Worth, TX 76114
www.campcarter.org



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Nomination Form

Student's Name: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Email Address: _____

Student's Date of Birth: _____ Student's Age: _____ Student's Gender: _____

Student's Email Address: _____

School: _____

Entering What Grade in Fall: _____ GPA: _____

Name of Teacher for the Visually Impaired making Nomination: _____

TVI Phone and Email: _____

Cause of Vision Loss: _____

Visual Acuities: _____

Secondary disability, learning or physical challenges:

School/Technology Section

1. The student uses the following technology: (check all that apply)

Video Magnifiers: ___ Desktop ___ handheld ___ portable ___ hand magnifier

a. Product name: _____

b. Product name: _____

Screen Magnifiers:

ZoomText _____ MAGic _____ Supernova _____ Other: ___ None: _____

Zoom level used: _____

Screen Reader:

JAWS ___ WindowEyes ___ NVDA _____ Other _____ None _____

Product name: _____

Optical Character Recognition: Kurzweil _____ Openbook ___ Other _____

Product name: _____

Notetaker: Yes ___ No ___ If yes, Braille _____ Qwerty _____ None _____

Qwerty or Braille Notetaker with Braille display: 32-cell ___ 18-cell _____

Product name: _____

2. The student uses the following digital book reader:

Victor Stream ___ BookSense ___ iPad ___ iPod Touch ___ Olympus digital recorder:

Other ___ None _____

3. Braille displays used:

Product name: _____

4. The student reads Braille ___ uncontracted (Grade 1) ___ contracted (Grade 2)

at _____ wpm.

5. Typing rate: _____ wpm

___ Typing class not taken _____

___ Is planning to take a typing class

___ Cannot participate in typing due to a physical limitation

___ Not interested

6. Operating system: Windows _____ MAC _____ None _____

- 7. Productivity: Word ___ Excel ___ PowerPoint ___ Internet Explorer ___
- 8. Other software used: _____
- 9. Preferred media format:
 - Audio ___ Large Print ___ MP3 ___ Braille ___ Regular print ___
 - Electronic ___ (provide valid email address)

Recommendations for Selection

Why should this student be selected? (to be completed by teacher; attach additional page if needed)

For additional information, contact Ronnie Bellomy or Lea Rowe at Lighthouse for the Blind at 817-332-3341 or rbellomy@lighthousefw.org or lrowe@lighthousefw.org.

Email completed nomination form to lrowe@lighthousefw.org.