

# **W. R. Torres Foundation for the Blind**

## ***Camp Can Do***

### **Introduction**

The Torres Foundation is hosting a youth summer camp called Camp Can Do. It is scheduled to be held from Tuesday, July 21, to Tuesday, July 28, 2009.

### **The Program**

Camp Can Do is a summer camp that has been specifically established to provide blind youth positive and motivating experiences that will enhance their personal growth and development with a series of educational workshops and special activities. The primary intent is to focus the campers on what they can do as blind individuals and not on what they cannot do.

The workshops and activities are as follows:

- Technology science workshop that will give the participants an opportunity to learn about science tools and technology that blind students and professionals use to actively complete lab experiments
- Internet website development training that will train blind participants to establish a presence on the world wide web
- Assistive technology workshop that will give campers a hands-on demonstration of various assistive technology tools that will be of benefit to them in the classrooms and in their future careers
- Horseback riding session that is designed to give the campers an opportunity to build confidence; develop a better sense of mobility; and discover a new, and for some, a very therapeutic form of recreation
- Rainforest hike where campers will learn about the environment and participate as a group in erecting a tent
- Self advocacy where campers will learn leadership skills and assertiveness in dealing with their disability issues

Prospective candidates must be willing to work in a team environment and have a desire to learn about themselves and their peers through specially designed workshops and sessions.

### **Camp Staff**

The camp will be staffed by rehabilitation professionals, technology specialists, and teaching aids. We also intend to use personnel from the T&T Defense Force to serve as safety and security officers on the rainforest hike.

## **Accommodations**

The campers will be housed at the Sunshine Holiday Apartments guest house. Male and female campers will share separate apartments. Three campers will share one apartment with an adult chaperone.

## **Cost**

The camp is free of charge, but donations are accepted. All Camp activities, food, and transportation costs will be covered including the roundtrip ferry tickets to Tobago. Parents are responsible for dropping off and picking up their children at the Tobago Ferry terminal in Port-of-Spain. International campers are required to pay us\$995

## **Requirements**

1. Ability to type at least 15 words per minute
2. Basic computer literacy with JAWS
3. Basic independent living and mobility skills
4. Available for the entire program

## **Accommodation**

Participants stay at the Sunshine Holiday Apartments guest house in Bon Accord, Tobago. Meals will be prepared by a camp chef and the program participants. Campers must be prepared to look after themselves, and their own room (orientation is provided). They will be required to learn routes and travel independently within the compound of the guest house.

We expect participants to be capable of seeing to their own health and medication needs. There will be at least one medical professional on call for the duration of the camp. A first aid kit will be kept on site at the camp and will be taken on the rain forest hike.

## **How to apply**

1. Complete the Camp Can Do application form.
2. Submit an original 250-word autobiographical essay that includes the candidate's goals and future aspirations
3. Enclose a professional letter of recommendation attesting to the candidate's suitability for the camp.
4. Arrange for an interview with a Torres Foundation camp representative.
5. Submit the documents to the Torres Foundation office at the following address:

Kashmir Mitchell  
Torres Foundation for the blind  
11-13 Frederick Street  
Suite 302  
Port-of-Spain, Trinidad

Submission deadline for the completed application package is June 30, 2009.

If you have any questions contact Kashmir Mitchell at (868) 623-0940 or email [kmitchell@torresfoundation.org](mailto:kmitchell@torresfoundation.org)