



Summer Youth Work Experience

Overview

Summer Youth Work Experience is a summer transitional program for young adults who are blind or vision impaired. It is a 5 week residential program providing a paid work experience, instruction in job readiness and “soft skills”, one-on-one or small group instruction in the areas of orientation and mobility, computer skills, and activities of daily living. For most participants, this program is their first real job and their first opportunity to experience independent living.

Expected beneficial outcomes

- Increased job skills
- Creation of a work history
- Increased confidence in community travel
- Improved independent living skills
- Improved expectation of community employment

Schedule and fees

SYWE teens will live in apartments in the residence center (June 12 to July 15, 2016) and participate in paid employment opportunities 20 hours per week for 4 weeks) in and around Cleveland. Job sites include: Rock n Roll Hall of Fame, Cleveland Indians, Great Lakes Science Center and Cleveland Food Bank. Fees – see attached

Evening and weekend events

SYWE participants have the opportunity to explore the Cleveland scene and enjoy much of what it has to offer. In past years, teens have: gone to the beach (Lake Erie), visited local museums, attended a baseball game (Cleveland Indians), gone sailing, enjoyed dinner at local restaurants, attended concerts, played golf, beepball and goal ball among others. These activities provide the perfect opportunity to practice mobility skills, explore employment options and enjoy social experiences.

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