# BEYOND GYMNASTICS



is looking for high school & college student volunteers to assist with our Thanksgiving Camp's

### BUDDY PROGRAM.

## What is the Buddy Program?

Our BUDDY PROGRAM is the system in which we provide 1:1 support to our campers who need extra assistance at camp. Each child with special needs gets their very own volunteer "buddy" to support them during camp.



At Beyond Gymnastics camps, we welcome children of all abilities into our inclusive and supportive gym community.

Each day, we engage our campers in fun, movementbased activities under the leadership and guidance of compassionate adults and teens.

The buddy program exists so that no camper is turned away from camp due to a disability or additional level of support needed. Our volunteers also allow this program to be affordable for families. Buddy campers pay the same tuition as campers without buddies. Thanks to our volunteer support!





#### What do the volunteer duties look like?

A volunteer's job is to be a "buddy" for a specific camper. Volunteers are paired up with a camper for the day to assist and support them throughout their camp activities. Camp activities may include: gymnastics, obstacle courses, games, art projects, sensory activities, lunch time, and play.

In addition to these scheduled activities, volunteers actively play with their camper, talk to them, figure out where they need help, encourage them to participate in things with their group, jump on the trampoline with them, push them in a swing, etc. You don't have to have any gymnastics experience for this position.





Volunteer Requirements:

- Volunteers must be at least 15 years old
- Must love playing with kids
- Be patient, kind, open-minded, and understanding when interacting with kids of various abilities and needs
- Commit to at least one full camp day:
  - Monday 11/26 8:45am 2:15pm
  - Tuesday 11/27 8:45am 2:15pm
  - Wednesday 11/28 8:45am 2:15pm
- Submit a simple online application and visit the gym for a brief 10 minute "interview" before their camp shift
- Find application at www.beyondgymnastics.net/camps



### WHY volunteer at Beyond?

- Gain experience working with kids who have special needs
- Looks great on a resume or college application
- Especially beneficial for students possibly interested in a career in occupational therapy, physical therapy, education or special education, PE or sports coaching, childcare, etc.
- Volunteer the same day with friends, or meet new people!
- Possibility to apply for a job at Beyond or related companies in the future
- Earn service hours for school or other organizations