

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Lynn Stuart, Volunteer



When Not at Camp I am a: lady of leisure. Well, not really, I retired in 1998 from Lucent Technology as a manager of Education and Training. Currently, I volunteer with various organizations in Colorado and Mississippi.

Volunteer at Roundup River Ranch since: 2016

Favorite Camp Activity: Closing Ceremonies since it is a time for the campers, staff, and volunteers to share their experiences at camp and how their lives have been impacted by those experiences.

Favorite Meal at Camp: No-Hands Spaghetti, of course.

Favorite Camp Dance: "There's No Place I'd Rather Be"

How would you describe camp in three words? Life-changing, magical, incredible

In what volunteer role(s) do you serve at Roundup River Ranch? Photographer, where I had the honor of photographing the smiles of campers, staff, and volunteers. I also worked Medical Desk in the Depot.

What motivates you to volunteer at Roundup River Ranch? The opportunity to make a difference.

What do you like to do when you are not volunteering? Photography and traveling throughout the US.

What is your favorite memory as a Roundup River Ranch volunteer? While greeting a camper upon his arrival, I asked if he was ready to party and have an awesome time. He responded by telling me that he already had a girlfriend.

How has your Roundup River Ranch volunteer experience impacted your life? For one thing, I can't stop sharing my experiences with anyone who will listen. The campers reminded me that, in spite of tremendous challenges, we can celebrate life.

Why would you encourage others to volunteer at camp? If they enjoy kids and the great outdoors, they would love it.

What would you like to say to those who may be interested in volunteering at Roundup River Ranch? DO IT! Put away any preconceived notions you may have about kids with physical or medical challenges. This will be one of the greatest experiences of your life.

What is the biggest challenge that Roundup River Ranch volunteers face at camp? Saying goodbye to campers, staff, and other volunteers.

Is there anything else that you would like to add? From the outside looking in, you can't understand it. From the inside looking out, you can't explain it. Volunteering at Roundup River Ranch has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life.