

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## Katie Hopkins, Volunteer



**When Not at Camp I am a:** Student at the University of Iowa

**Volunteer at Roundup River Ranch since:** 2015

**Favorite Camp Activity:** High Ropes Course

**Favorite Meal at Camp:** No hands spaghetti!

**Favorite Camp Dance:** "Rather Be" or "Reach"

**How would you describe camp in three words?** It isn't possible to put this experience into just 3 words. It is unbelievable, unlike anything you will ever get to experience. Camp is magical.

**In what volunteer role(s) do you serve at Roundup River Ranch?** I was a summer long volunteer in 2015 as a Cabin Leader!

**What motivates you to volunteer at Roundup River Ranch?** The kids, they are so amazing. If I could take an ounce of how extraordinary and strong these kids are, I would be so lucky.

**What do you like to do when you are not volunteering?** I spend a lot of time with my friends or try planning out the next trip I want to try and go on. I also love to read a good book or binge watch Netflix.

**What is your favorite memory as a Roundup River Ranch volunteer?** I got to help a camper climb the wall one week. He was getting nervous so I threw on a harness and got to help him get higher than he ever had before.

**How has your Roundup River Ranch volunteer experience impacted your life?** It has allowed me to see the world in a different way. These kids can put a positive spin on every situation, so why shouldn't I be able to do that?

**Why would you encourage others to volunteer at camp?** It will give you one of the best summers of your life, from the people you meet to the adventures you have with the kids, everyday truly is the best day ever.

**What would you like to say to those who may be interested in volunteering at Roundup River Ranch?** I could give you 1,000 reasons to volunteer, and you will not regret it. You get to be a kid again at camp and watch these kiddos have such an amazing week.

**What is the biggest challenge that Roundup River Ranch volunteers face at camp?** Leaving at the end of the week. You get so attached that saying goodbye will be hard. You have to remember that camp involves saying goodbye to people at the end of the week, no matter how much you want camp to go on.