

VOLUNTEER Spotlight... KYLE Janes

Kyle Janes recently gave us an interview about his volunteer experience as Camp Coordinator with the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan.

How long have you volunteered with the Foundation?

I have been volunteering with the Foundation since the summer I graduated high school. For my first five years I was a camp counselor and then was asked to be the camp coordinator. In all I have been involved in camp for 12 consecutive years.



Tell us one of your most memorable moments in your volunteer role?

At Camp Discovery we also focus on personal growth and education about epilepsy. A couple years ago I walked into a group of very young gals, eight to ten years old, who were having a conversation about their epilepsy. They were telling stories about their challenges, giving encouragement, and asking questions to each other. When they couldn't answer it by themselves they were asking their counselors, also diagnosed with epilepsy, who were sharing experiences and giving encouragement. In this half hour period I watched campers share some of their deepest, most personal challenges and friendships grow tenfold.



What would you tell others to encourage them to become volunteers?

Try it... just once. You won't regret it.

What does the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan mean to you?

My experiences give me perspective, memories to cherish and experiences to reference in my professional life. I meet amazing new staff and campers and we all grow together. Even my personal life has bloomed and I truly believe that the Foundation has been a big part of that. I am not sure I would be where I am today without the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan.

7 Qualities of Being a Great Volunteer

Volunteer Week April 3-7

From April 3rd through April 7th volunteers will be able to drop by our Southfield office to assist with various Foundation projects relating to our Summer Strolls, Camp Discovery, and numerous other programs and services. For more information on our Volunteer Week, please contact Lori Brauer, at (800) 377-6226, ext. 1236.



To volunteer, contact Lori Brauer at (248) 377-62626, ext 1236 or email at lbrauer@epilepsymichigan.org.

MISSION Opportunities

APRIL

April 3-7

- **Volunteer Week**
See details below

MAY

May 20

- **Midland Summer Stroll for Epilepsy™**



JUNE

June 3

- **Kalamazoo Summer Stroll for Epilepsy™**



June 10

- **Lansing Summer Stroll for Epilepsy™**



June 24

- **Metro Detroit Summer Stroll for Epilepsy™**



June 25-29

- **Camp Discovery**



June 26

- **Paul Neu Golf Classic** 

JULY

July 15

- **Grand Rapids Summer Stroll for Epilepsy™**



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