24 HOUR VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS

HOW TO LOG IN THESE HOURS?

A "24-hour volunteer assignment" is an assignment where the volunteer may feel on-call for the entire day – summer camp, raising service animals, international ministries, more. After much discussion, the committee has decided that only those times in which you are actively engaged in the service counts towards volunteer hours.

Jaime was at Volunteer Camp, assisting disabled campers in outdoor activities. A 10-day camp, Jaime is "on the job" for 9 of those days, from 6:30-7:30, eating meals with the younger campers except for dinner, which he has after his shift ends at 7:30, eating and going to sleep with the other counselors in their cabin. His sister, another counselor, has the same schedule except, being older and having more responsibilities, she sleeps in the same cabin as her kids and only gets 3 hours a day away from them.

In the above example, Jaime is at the camp for 240 hours, but is only working for 117 hours (13 hours * 9 days). His sister, however, can claim 189 hours as she only gets 3 hours a day away from the kids (21 hours * 9 days).

Lisa was raising two dogs as service animals. Completely responsible for their care for a 10-week period, Lisa works with them at least 3 hours each day after school and on the weekends, as well as an hour each weekday morning – and, of course, if something happens in the middle of the night, Lisa has to deal with that, too.

Having the dogs for 10 weeks, Lisa's hours are:

3*70 + 3 hours a day for 70 days 1*50 + 1 hour every weekday morning 20 Miscellaneous time 280 Total Hours

And not 24 hours*7days*10weeks = 1,680!

Please keep this in mind when submitting your hours and requesting your letters for these long-term volunteer assignments.