

Blair Dubinsky

UHTYG

Why do you want to be on Regional Board?

I have such an incredible passion for Camp Rainbow and helping others and I truly just want to bring my passion into our region through programs and volunteering in our communities as well as our Nfty community together. This past school year I have had the opportunity to lead at regional chavorahs as well as helping to plan programs for chavorahs. I really want to be able to give other people the opportunity to lead programs and gain skills to bring back to their home TYG as well. I really enjoyed leading and seeing people get excited about Camp Rainbow and nfty. I want to be on board to continue to get people engaged in camp and volunteering.

What are your qualifications for the position for which you are running?

I have been SPC on UHTYG board for two years now as well as being the fundraising chair for regional cabinet the 17/18 school year. I have helped to plan many of the regional Camp Rainbow programs and fundraisers this past year. Also, I have attended Camp Rainbow as a camper for four years as well as being an ambassador for them this past school year. Recently, I made sweatshirts in honor of my dear friend Arianna Dougan and ended up making 400 dollars with the sweatshirts and an additional 400 dollars with long sleeve shirts in honor of her as well that I sold at NFTY Winter and JYG chavorahs. The profits from the shirts all went back to Camp Rainbow. In addition, I have volunteered at Friends of Kids With Cancer events since I was five years old. I believe I can take the people skills I learned from my experiences and apply them to Missouri Valley as a whole.

What traits do you possess that would make you an effective regional board member?

The traits that I possess to make me an effective board member include leadership abilities that truly shine in the Nfty environment such as being hardworking, compassionate and, understanding how to lead while still being a team player. On UHTYG board this year I listened to what my peers had to say while still stating my opinion when necessary. Also I always having a huge smile on my face, and a positive attitude. I want to use my smile to be approachable to people in and out of my network if they ever have questions or need ideas for fundraisers. I understand that giving back is an essential part of the NFTY and Jewish communities together as well.

What have you achieved in positions of leadership in NFTY you're proud of?

In Nfty I have been given many opportunities to come out of my shell as a leader. I have learned what it means to work with a team to get a common goal accomplished. I have had the

opportunity to be the fundraising chair on regional cabinet. With this position, I have gotten to work very closely with the regional SPC to plan regional programs and fundraisers. At Winter and JYG this year, I sold SpreadArisLight shirts that were a huge hit. In UHTYG, I have been SPC on board for two years, and with that I have organized two Camp Rainbow dinners, and a SpreadArisLight event as well as lounge nights and other fundraisers. I want to take all my experiences and help people who are wanted to get involved achieve their goals.

What are you looking forward to accomplishing for MV?

If I get elected to be regional SPC, I hope to be able to work closely with the SAVP and my network to come together and incorporate more regional and local fundraisers that focus on other things that are happening in the world at that time. I want to continue all the work that has been done with Missouri Valley and Camp Rainbow by making programs that are new and fun. Being a camper gives me a different perspective on the camp experience and what Camp Rainbow means to me. I want to bring that perspective into programs with stories and experiences I have had directly from the camp.