

# New Volunteer Applicant – Information Guide

Thank you so much for your interest in volunteering!  
**Volunteers are an essential part of the Campfire Circle community.**

Volunteers support year-round community, in-hospital and overnight camp programs that deliver fun, friendship and a sense of community at any stage of a childhood cancer journey. Volunteering with Campfire Circle will be a fun, rewarding, challenging experience.

The greatest need for volunteer support happens during July and August at our summer camp programs where volunteers commit to a minimum of one camp session, which can be 6, 7, 8, or 12 days. [Check out the summer 2023 dates!](#)

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## Day Camp – Toronto & Ottawa

Day Camp is 5 days of nonstop excitement for children (ages 4-10), with cancer, their siblings, and bereaved siblings. They take place in Toronto and Ottawa, and will offer a wide range of camp activities, games, crafts and more! Day Camp volunteers are required to support weekdays (Monday - Friday) from 8:15 AM - 4:30 PM. Volunteers also attend a mandatory on-site training from approximately 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM on the Sunday preceding Day Camp.

### Day Camp Volunteer role

Alongside a team of other volunteers, you are responsible for a group of Campers and their safety, ensuring that your Campers are supervised at all times and having a great time. This role includes supporting Campers at all activities and creating a positive camp environment and experience. As well, Day Camp Volunteers support various activity areas, leading elective activities such as crafts or sports with fellow volunteers.

### Day Camp notes:



- Day Camp is a six day commitment
- Accommodations are not provided
- Lunch is provided during training and the camp session
- Transportation support may be available

### Summer 2023 Day Camp Dates:

- Ottawa Day Camp: July 31 – August 4 with training on July 30
- Toronto Day Camp: August 14 – 18 with training on August 13

## OVERNIGHT FAMILY CAMP – Rainbow Lake Waterford, ON

Family Camps are designed to give families affected by childhood cancer a fun and engaging overnight summer camp experience as a family. Children are ages 0 – 18 and attend camp with their parents. They are able to do all the usual camp activities - canoeing, kayaking, arts & crafts, music, drama, dance, games, sports and more! This is a chance for them to have fun and connect as a family and also for the children to make new friends while parents get to have some respite. Volunteers are matched with a family to support them at camp.

### Family Camp Volunteer Role

Alongside other volunteers, you are responsible for your assigned family and their safety; this includes ensuring that children are supervised at all times and having fun. Your role includes supporting your family at all activities, coordinating with your family cabin group to be on time for all activities, meals, and gatherings, working with a team of staff & volunteers to create an experience and environment that will best meet the needs of your family.

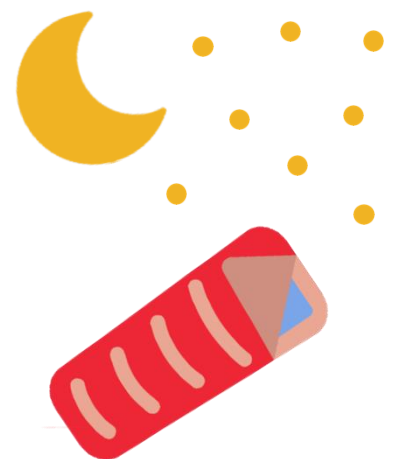
### Family Camp Notes:

- Family Camp is a six day commitment
- Food and accommodations are provided
- Volunteers stay on site, sharing accommodations with other volunteers and staff
- Transportation support may be available

### Rainbow Lake Family Camp Dates:

(inclusive of onsite training)

- Family Camp 1: June 30 – July 5
- Family Camp 2: July 7 – 12
- Family Camp 3: July 14 – 19
- Family Camp 4: July 21 – 26
- Family Camp 5: July 28 – August 2
- Family Camp 6: August 5 – 10 (for bereaved families)
- Family Camp 7: August 12 – 17
- Family Camp 8: August 19 – 24
- Family Camp 9: August 26 – 31



## OVERNIGHT KIDS CAMPS – Muskoka

### Rosseau, ON

These sessions for children affected by childhood cancer as a patient, sibling, or bereaved sibling are designed to provide a fun and engaging overnight summer camp experience - canoeing, kayaking, arts & crafts, music, drama, dance, woodshop, waterskiing, adventure, and more! Children are divided into cabin groups by age to do activities together while building incredible connections. There are two roles volunteers can take at Kids Camps.

### Cabin Volunteer Role

Alongside a team of other volunteers, your first priority is to be responsible for your Campers and their safety, this includes ensuring that your Campers are supervised at all times. Your role includes supporting your Campers at all activities, eating meals with your Campers and co-volunteers, supporting Campers in their general health, eating healthy, showering, etc., being a positive role model, and working with a team of staff and volunteers to create an experience and environment that will best meet the needs of your Campers. As part of the volunteer role, you may also be asked to sleep in a tent and cook outdoors over a fire (with assistance) through participation in an overnight camping trip or overnight canoe trip with your cabin group.

### Activity Volunteer Role

In this role, you will also be assigned to support a Cabin alongside a team of volunteers (see Cabin Volunteer description for more information about responsibilities), and will spend a portion of your day instructing camp activities (i.e. as the fishing activity instructor). All Activity Volunteers will receive support and direction from the summer staff team, however, the Activity Volunteer will be expected to independently instruct the activity with confidence.



**Certification requirements:** All activity volunteers must have or obtain a valid Emergency First Aid with CPR-C certification at minimum for the start of their assigned session. To volunteer at waterfront activities you must have or obtain a valid Bronze Cross or NLS (lifeguarding) certification. Campfire Circle will reimburse confirmed volunteers for the cost of required certifications.

## Kids Camp Notes

- Kids Camps are a 6, 7, 8, or 12 day commitment
- Food and accommodations are provided
- Volunteers stay on site, sharing accommodations with their cabin group
- Transportation support may be available

## Muskoka Kids Camp Dates:

(inclusive of on-site training)

- Session 1: June 30 - July 7 (for bereaved Campers)
- Session 2: July 8 – 19 (for children with a cancer diagnosis)  
Week A: July 8 – 14  
Week B: July 14 – 19
- Session 3: July 21 – 27 (for children with a cancer diagnosis)
- Session 4: July 30 – August 10 (for children with a cancer diagnosis)  
Week A: July 30 – August 5  
Week B: August 5 - 10
- Session 5 - 7Scape: August 11 – 18 (for teen Campers with a cancer diagnosis)
- Session 6: August 20 – 27 (for siblings)



## Ready to apply?

New volunteer applications are open now and will remain open until all positions have been filled. Successful applications will be invited to their choice of an in-person or virtual group interview. For more information, check out [our website](#), head directly to the [application here](#) or scan the code below:



If you have any questions about volunteering with Campfire Circle, please reach out to [volunteer@campfirecircle.org](mailto:volunteer@campfirecircle.org).

We can't wait to hear from you!