JOB POSTING

Family Guide

Rainbow Lake

ABOUT US

Help Bring Back the Joy of Childhood

Since 1983, Campfire Circle has delivered healing through happiness to thousands of kids with cancer or serious illness and their families across Ontario. Our programs are offered in paediatric hospitals across Ontario, in local communities, and at our medically supported overnight camps, offering year-round experiences that provide life-changing moments of joy, connection, and resilience at no cost.

And we're just getting started. Today, over 40,000 kids in Ontario face serious illness, many without access to the psychosocial support they urgently need. That's why we have a bold vision: to grow from serving 3,000 campers a year to 10,000 by 2030. We're building a passionate, talented team to help make that vision a reality. When you join Campfire Circle, you become an integral part of a dynamic team helping to transform the lives of thousands of kids with serious illness, alongside our dedicated community of volunteers and donors.

Help us give back the joy of childhood to every kid with serious illness.

At Campfire Circle, we are committed to making employment accessible by reducing financial barriers for our summer staff. All required training and certifications for your role are reimbursable, in accordance with the terms of employment. Based on identified need, we may also assist with additional job-related costs such as loaning camping equipment, outdoor clothing or gear, and coordinating transportation options. If you require assistance to help make your employment with Campfire Circle more accessible, please let your manager or HR know after you are hired and before your start date.

THE OPPORTUNITY

Do our values of care, community, inclusion, sustainability, and integrity resonate with you? And do you have a desire to join a collaborative, supportive staff team where you'll make lifelong connections and develop skills that will support your success in your future chosen career path? If so we encourage you to apply through our online **Campfire Circle Summer Staff Application Form - 2027**.

We are searching for a Family Guide to join our Summer Staff Team in 2027. This posting is for an existing vacancy for the upcoming summer season.

This role is accountable for working to provide a safe, inclusive, and engaging camp experience for campers aged 0-18 and their caregivers. Chosen applicants will work in a team of staff and volunteers to provide campers with a safe, accessible, and inclusive overnight camp experience. They will apply specialized skills and knowledge in camper care, behavior management, and communication to ensure that all members of the camp community feel oriented, well supported and included during their time at camp.

Start Date: June 21st, 2027
End Date: August 31st, 2027
Rate: $6,000 (for the full contract)
In-person and/or virtual training dates may occur prior to this date and are included in your full contract rate

Key Accountabilities:

1. **Family Support & Supervision:**
   - **a)** Work with team of co-counsellors to provide a fun, safe, engaging camp experience for assigned family, including caregivers and their children (ages 0-18).
   - **b)** Ensure safety and well-being of Campers while on-site by providing supervision during camp operational hours.
   - **c)** Supporting families in activities, meals, and gatherings, serving as a positive role model, and collaborating with the programs team to create an inclusive experience for campers.
   - **d)** Support family with behavior management or regulation strategies that fit the individualized needs of each camp participant.
   - **e)** Promote camper independence, facilitate peer-to-peer and family-to-family interactions, support the creation of fun, new, inclusive, and accessible programs within cabins, and help foster an inclusive camp environment.

2. **Volunteer & Program Support:**
   - **a)** Participate in risk management and site emergency procedures.
   - **b)** Support the orientation and understanding of the Family Guide role for sessional volunteers.
   - **c)** Support the planning, prepping, and execution of camp wide programs, small group based programs, evening campfires, theme, and other activities.
   - **d)** Support with summer bus programs and bus chaperoning as needed.
   - **e)** Set up and prepare activities and activity areas in accordance with, but not limited to the standards of the camp, and the guidelines of the Ontario Camps Association (OCA).
   - **f)** Ensure that camp programs incorporate camp values and traditions.

3. **Communication & Administration:**
   - **a)** Communicate and collaborate with other co-counsellors to ensure supervision, safety, and well-being of assigned family.
   - **b)** Support the ongoing development of camper and family notes, ensuring they are kept up to date and reflect relevant information to supporting them at future programs.
   - **c)** Communicate Program needs and concerns to Camp Managers and Directors in a timely manner.
   - **d)** Ensure accident/incident report forms are completed in a timely manner.

4. **Leadership & Community:**
   - **a)** Help build and maintain a positive, inclusive, and supportive camp community, ensuring that lines of communication are accessible, open, and positive and acting as a role model within the camp community.

b) Identify staff/volunteer concerns as they arise and alert the Camp Director and Manager of recurring or unresolved issues.

ABOUT YOU

In accordance with our mandate of creating a caring and safe environment for children with serious illnesses and their families, we require an attestation of childhood vaccinations, a tuberculosis (TB) clearance, and a clear vulnerable sector check. Seasonal boosters against Influenza and the most recent circulating strain of COVID are strongly encouraged. Additionally, all our staff are required to be currently eligible to work in Canada and for Campfire Circle.

Our Campfire Circle summer staff bring boundless enthusiasm, a can-do attitude, and a commitment to creating unforgettable and meaningful experiences for campers and their families. Come join the Circle!

QUALIFICATIONS

Required Criteria:

a) Experience as a staff or volunteer in a camp environment and/or working with children in a recreational setting.
b) Experience supporting children with behaviour management techniques, and commitment to fostering skill development in this area.
c) Valid Intermediate First Aid (Formerly Standard First Aid & CPR-C) certification for duration of the contract or willing and able to successfully take the certification (paid for by Campfire Circle).
d) Clear vulnerable sector check and be currently eligible to work in Canada and for Campfire Circle.
e) **All members of the summer staff team must be at least 19 years of age by the start date of their contract.**

Advantageous Criteria:

a) Experience supporting and adapting programs for children with serious illnesses and diverse physical, behavioural, and psychosocial needs.
b) Overnight summer camp experience.
c) Therapeutic Crisis Intervention (TCI), Nonviolent Crisis Intervention (NVCI), or similar certification or training or willing to obtain (paid for by Campfire Circle).
d) Experience in lifts and transfers and the use of mobility devices
e) Demonstrated commitment to volunteerism or volunteer sector.
f) NL or Bronze Cross certification.
g) Current G2 or G Ontario class driver's license, or equivalent, and the ability to be covered by camp's insurance policy.

Particular Working Conditions:

a) This position requires living at the Rainbow Lake campsite for the duration of the contract – room and board is provided. Routine evenings and weekend commitments are required.
b) In consideration of the population Campfire Circle serves, the incumbent is a non-smoker.
c) Adhering to staff policies and code of conduct while residing on site during the contract period.

HOW TO APPLY

Qualified applicants are encouraged to apply through our online **Campfire Circle Summer Staff Application Form - 2027**.

Don't meet every single requirement in this posting? Studies have shown that people of colour and individuals who are female identifying, are less likely to apply to jobs unless they meet every single qualification. If you're excited about this role but your past experience doesn't align perfectly with every qualification or requirement we encourage you to apply anyways. You may be just the right candidate!

AI tools may be utilized at any stage of recruitment for this role. This posting will remain open until filled. Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. For more information about Campfire Circle, please visit www.campfirecircle.org - No phone calls please.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Campfire Circle acknowledges that the overall health and wellness of you and your family are important; for this reason, we offer an employee assistance program accessible to all our summer staff team members.

ACCESSIBILITY & DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

Campfire Circle is deeply committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive workforce that reflects the rich diversity of the communities we serve. We welcome applications from racialized persons/persons of colour, Indigenous People from North America and around the world, persons with disabilities, 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals, and those who bring diverse perspectives and experiences. Our commitment is to provide equitable employment opportunities to all and to maintain a work environment free from discrimination and harassment.

We are equally committed to providing an inclusive and accessible workplace. Applicants requiring accommodations to access our job postings and apply for roles with our organization are invited to reach out to our HR Team at careers@campfirecircle.org or in a manner that fits their accessibility needs, and can trust that their application will be considered equitably for our available roles. Contact information for our HR Team is located on our website at https://campfirecircle.org/work-at-campfire-circle/, and more information about our accessibility commitments can be found at https://campfirecircle.org/about-campfire-circle/accessibility-at-campfire-circle/.

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Campfire Circle acknowledges that we operate on the traditional territory of many nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples, and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.
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On this land, we are grateful to share the magic of camp with children and families, and we endeavour to create a community of joy, hope and healing. Acknowledging the land that we occupy is just one small step on the path towards Truth and Reconciliation.