



JOB POSTING

Camper Support Staff Muskoka

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.

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. 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 who needs it most.

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 provided at no cost, in accordance with the terms of employment. Based on identified need, we may also be able to 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 on-line [Campfire Circle Summer Staff Application Form - 2026](#).

We are searching for Camper Support Staff to join our Summer Staff Team in 2026. This posting is for an existing vacancy for the upcoming summer season.

Reporting to the Manager, Camp Life, the Camper Support Staff role is accountable for working to provide a safe, inclusive, and engaging camp experience for all campers. 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 program adaptation, behavior management, and communication to ensure that all members of the camp community feel well supported and included during their time at camp.



Start Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2026

End Date: Friday, August 28, 2026

Rate: \$5,000 (for the full contract)

Training/virtual training dates may occur prior to this date and are included in your full contract rate

Key Accountabilities:

1. Volunteer and Camper Support:

- a) Work with team of co-counsellors to provide a fun, safe, engaging camp experience for an assigned group of campers (ages 6-18)
- b) Ensure the safety and well-being of campers by providing continuous supervision and support their daily activities and personal care.
- c) Support campers using appropriate behavior management strategies that fit their specific needs.
- d) Promote camper independence, facilitate peer-to-peer interactions, and support the creation of fun, inclusive, and accessible programs.
- e) Collaborate with activity staff and volunteers in adapting programs to fit the individualized needs of each camper.

2. Program Support:

- a) Participate in risk management and Overnight Camp emergency procedures
- b) Support the planning, prepping, and execution of camp wide programs, theme, and other activities.
- c) Attend and participate in various program areas, and staff meetings, as required.
- d) Support with summer bus programs and bus chaperoning as needed.
- e) Adhere to cleaning procedures and logging as trained and directed.
- f) Set up and prepare activities in accordance with, but not limited to the guidelines of the Ontario Camps Association (OCA), and the organization's protocols.
- g) Ensure that camp programs incorporate camp values and traditions.

3. Communication and Administration:

- a) Support Camp Management in completing camper notes and profiles.
- b) Communicate camper and volunteer needs and concerns to Camp Management.
- c) Ensure accident/incident report forms are completed.
- d) Produce any necessary end of summer documentation.

4. Leadership and Community:

- a) Help build and maintain a positive, inclusive, and supportive camp community, ensuring that lines of communications 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 Camp Management of recurring or unresolved issues.

5. Perform other duties and responsibilities as assigned by their Manager or their designate.

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, criminal record checks and vulnerable sector screenings depending on the age of the applicant. Seasonal boosters against Influenza and the most recent circulating strain of COVID are strongly encouraged. We also require TB testing for all our program-facing staff. 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 working with children and teens with additional physical, behavioural, and/or psychosocial needs.
- c) Experience using a variety of therapeutic behavior management strategies.
- d) Valid Standard First Aid & CPR-C certification for duration of the contract or willing & able to successfully take the certification (paid for by Campfire Circle).
- e) New employees who are under 30 years of age at the time of hire will have their Criminal Record Check completed by the Organization, while those who are 30 years of age or older are required to obtain a Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening.
- f) **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 creating and facilitating adaptive programming.
- b) Overnight summer camp experience.
- c) Therapeutic Crisis Intervention (TCI), Nonviolent Crisis Intervention (NVCI), or similar certification or training.
- d) Experience in lifts and transfers and the use of mobility devices
- e) Demonstrated ability to work with children with serious illnesses and an understanding of how illness impacts the entire family.
- f) Demonstrated commitment to volunteerism or volunteer sector.
- g) NLS or Bronze Cross certification.
- h) Current G2 or G class driver's license and the ability to be covered by camp's insurance policy.

Particular Working Conditions:

- a) This position requires living at the Muskoka 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.

HOW TO APPLY

Qualified applicants are encouraged to apply through our online [Campfire Circle Summer Staff Application Form - 2026](#).

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!

All 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 AND 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.



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.