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Fall 2021 Volunteer Opportunities

Camp at Home and In Person Volunteering at Camp

Overview of the Program

This Fall, The Painted Turtle will be providing programming both at our physical location in Lake Hughes and virtually via Zoom in our Camp at Home programs. We'll also have some Camp on the Move events – please see the other handout for those details! Volunteers are at events, be it in person or virtually, to bring spirit to our programs and run activities, bonding, and more! Read on for the full details of both Camp at Home and Family Retreats. Please note that times are approximate and may change slightly.

Camp at Home Volunteer Role

The Fall 2021 Camp at Home events are one-day, including a Family Day and the Annual Holiday Gathering. Families are sent a box full of activity supplies and log onto a provided Zoom link to participate in cabin breakout groups, live activities, camp traditions, caregiver discussions, and lots of TPT silliness and fun! Volunteers are needed to be the counselors for the cabin groups, leading icebreakers, games, and connection in the cabins. Volunteers work in cabin teams of 3-4 counselors. Volunteers may also have the option to be part of leading all-camp programs including songs, dances, skits, and live activities. Overall, it is your job to bring the spirit, energy, and fun to show camper families what The Painted Turtle is all about!

- Camp at Home Family Day: Saturday, October 9, 8am-5pm
- Camp at Home: Holiday Gathering: Saturday, December 4, 9am-5pm

Requirements to Volunteer

- Volunteers must be 19 years of age at the time of volunteering.
- Volunteers must complete the full CampSite application.
 - New volunteers must also complete a phone interview and submit three reference checks.
- Upon confirmation, there are some additional forms volunteers must complete.
- Volunteers must pass a background check that TPT runs.
- Volunteers must commit to attending all required times, including orientation!

How to Apply

- Log into your CampSite account – [Returning Volunteers Link](#), [New Volunteers Link](#)
- Fill out all parts of the application, including basic info, education, employment, etc.
- Be sure to indicate that you are interested in being a Program Volunteer and mark your position preference in the “Position Specific Questions” (Camp on the Move:

Parking Lot Party, Virtual Camp at Home Volunteer, In-Person Volunteer). *If you have already applied in 2021, you may need to click back in your application to make this selection.*

- On the “Forms” step, be sure to complete the following:
 - 2021 Background Release and Authorization
 - 2021 Fall Volunteer Questionnaire
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Fall Overnight Family Retreat Volunteer Role

Family Retreats will serve a limited number of families at our camp location in Lake Hughes. Volunteers will serve as Activity Pals, with one volunteer stationed at each activity area. Families will periodically rotate to the activity, and volunteers are expected to oversee the running of the activity, experience of the families, and overall safety of the area. In addition, the volunteer will assist staff in any extra programs, mealtimes, etc.! Volunteers will be expected to do some cleaning in between rotations, and they will facilitate programming from a distance, maintaining the COVID-19 policies and protocols.

[Please click here to review The Painted Turtle’s COVID-19 Policies and Protocols.](#)

Approximate schedule is an 8am arrival on Saturday, staying overnight, then departing by 4:30pm on Sunday. All volunteers do have the option of arriving Friday afternoon. Volunteers will have their own room and restroom.

- September 11-12 (Volunteers have option to arrive September 10)
 - Orientation Thursday, September 9, 6:30-8pm
- October 2-3 (Volunteers have option to arrive October 1)
 - Orientation Thursday, September 30, 6:30-8pm

Requirements to Volunteer

- Volunteers are eligible to apply for an onsite volunteer role if they currently reside in Los Angeles County **or** if they currently reside in California and are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (2 weeks after receiving the last recommended dose of a vaccine).
- Volunteers must complete the full CampSite application.
 - New volunteers must also complete a phone interview and submit three reference checks.
- Volunteers must also be sure to complete several requirements following confirmation. For this information in full, refer to the Medical Requirements form on CampSite.
 - Medical forms/agreements, including health history, immunizations, and more
 - A medical clearance form signed by your provider
 - Pre-camp screening including a phone call with TPT staff and usage of an app to track symptoms and exposure.
 - Avoid high-risk activities in the 14 days before Camp.
 - A PCR COVID-19 test, completed 3-5 days before Camp.

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 - Fill out all parts of the application, including basic info, education, employment, etc.
 - Be sure to indicate that you are interested in being a Program Volunteer and mark your position preference in the “Position Specific Questions” (Camp on the Move: Parking Lot Party, Virtual Camp at Home Volunteer, In-Person Volunteer). *If you have already applied in 2021, you may need to click back in your application to make this selection.*
 - On the “Forms” step, be sure to complete the following:
 - 2021 Background Release and Authorization
 - 2021 Medical Requirements
 - 2021 Fall Volunteer Questionnaire
 - Volunteers that are confirmed will need to complete several other requirements including signing forms, filling out medical information, and COVID-19 precautions. Make sure to read through the medical requirements so you know what is coming!
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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I apply for more than one event?

A: Yes, we encourage volunteers to mark any/all dates that work for them and indicate if you are interested in more than one date. However, volunteer teams will be very small and selective, so we thank you for your understanding if there is not a spot for you in the program of your choice.

Q: How many families will be at each event?

A: We don't know for sure; families still need to apply too! However, we anticipate 8-10 families at the Family Retreats, and anywhere from 20-60 families on for the virtual Camp at Home events. We do our best to select the right number of volunteers to serve our camper families.

Q: Why is there a virtual orientation for the Family Retreats if we will be in-person?

A: We are having a virtual orientation for a few reasons. We want to go over precautions and pre-camp preparations together and have lots of time for questions and discussion. We also want to limit the amount of time we would need to spend as a big group going over policies. We will continue with some orientation Saturday morning, but it will mainly be getting settled with your activity area.

Q: Can new volunteers apply?

A: Yes, we are accepting applications from anyone that meets the eligibility requirements. For the Family Retreat, we prefer volunteers to know Camp already, so we expect our teams to be mostly returning volunteers to help limit the amount of in person orientation that might need to happen day-of. Because of this, we encourage applicants to also apply for Camp at Home, as there are more available volunteer positions there!

Q: I'm not sure if I'm eligible to apply/I'm confused about something! Who do I contact?

A: We love questions and understand this is a lot of new information! Questions can be sent to Kylie Sedgwick, Volunteer and Recruitment Manager, at kylies@thepaintedturtle.org.