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Summer 2021 Camp at Home Weekends

Virtual Volunteering at Camp

Overview of the Program

The Summer 2021 Camp at Home Weekends are multi-day virtual programs for The Painted Turtle families near and far! 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!

Volunteer Role

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!

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” (Limited Family Day and/or Camp at Home 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 Summer Camp at Home Weekend Volunteer Questionnaire
- That's it for now! You can expect to hear from TPT within two weeks of finishing your application.

Camp at Home Weekend Schedule (all times PST)

Below are the sessions and approximate volunteer time commitments. The times each day are subject to change, and we will let confirmed volunteers know of any changes beforehand. Volunteers will not be in front of their computers all day Saturday and Sunday – you can expect about 3-4 hours online, 3-4 hours off, and 3 hours optional within the time frame.

- **Kidney Disease & Transplant, Liver Disease & Transplant, Rheumatic Diseases, PIDD, TPN, IBD, Pulmonary Hypertension, Special Diagnoses, and Muscular Dystrophy - June 11-13**
 - Thurs. June 10 (Orientation) - 6:30-8pm
 - Fri. June 11 - 5-7pm
 - Sat. June 12 - 8:30am-7pm
 - Sun. June 13 - 8:30am-5:30pm
- **Skeletal Dysplasia & MPS - July 9-11**
 - Thurs. July 8 (Orientation) - 6:30-8pm
 - Fri. July 9 - 4-6pm
 - Sat. July 10 - 7:30am-6pm
 - Sun. July 11 - 7:30am-4:30pm
- **Hemophilia vWD and Thalassemia - July 23-25**
 - Thurs. July 22 (Orientation) - 6:30-8pm
 - Fri. July 23 - 5-7pm
 - Sat. July 24 - 8:30am-7pm
 - Sun. July 25 - 8:30am-5:30pm
- **Sibling - August 6-8**
 - Thurs. August 5 (Orientation) - 6:30-8pm
 - Fri. August 6 - 5-7pm
 - Sat. August 7 - 8:30am-7pm
 - Sun. August 8 - 8:30am-5:30pm

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I apply for more than one Camp at Home Weekend?

A: Yes! Please mark any/all sessions that may work for you and feel free to rank those preferences. Based on the number of applicants, we may sign you up for multiple sessions!

Q: What camper families will attend the Sibling Session?

A: Great question, we will be serving siblings (and entire families) EVERY session! Sibling session will be a mixed-diagnoses session for families that missed their session deadline or couldn't make their session.

Q: What skills do I need to volunteer at a Camp at Home Weekend?

A: We are looking for volunteers that want to provide a safe, fun, and memorable experience for our camper families. You should be willing to be creative, get silly, and dance in front of your computer! Volunteers will work on teams, so you should be excited to work with 2-3 other volunteers that you may not already know and jump right into planning and leading together. You should be comfortable working with campers in a virtual space.

Q: Can new volunteers apply for the Camp at Home Weekends?

A: Yes! We encourage new volunteers to apply for Camp at Home Weekends. New volunteers will receive necessary information before the session, additional staff support, and will be put on a volunteer team that's a good fit!

Q: I have more questions. Who do I contact?

A: We love questions and are happy to help! Questions can be sent to Kylie Sedgwick, Volunteer and Recruitment Manager, at kylies@thepaintedturtle.org.