

Job Title: Camper Experience Coordinator
Employment Dates: April 25 – Sept 2, 2023
Organization: Canadian Cancer Society's Camp Goodtimes

WHY JOIN THE CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY (CCS)?

The Canadian Cancer Society works tirelessly to save and improve lives. We fund the brightest minds in cancer research. We provide a compassionate support system for all those affected by cancer, across Canada and for all types of cancer. As the voice for people who care about cancer, we work with governments to shape a healthier society. No other organization does all that we do to make lives better today and transform the future of cancer forever.

JOB OVERVIEW

The Canadian Cancer Society's Camp Goodtimes provides children and youth affected by cancer and their families with an unforgettable overnight summer camp experience in a medically supervised, safe and supportive environment. We have been committed to providing a camping experience for children affected by cancer since 1985.

The Canadian Cancer Society believes that time spent at camp allows kids to just be kids, away from their diagnosis. Camp Goodtimes is proud to provide programming that gives joy, confidence, support, and hope for children with cancer and their families.

The Camper Experience Coordinator is responsible for camper care and skip and host development. He/She/They oversee the safety and well-being of every camper who comes to camp and provide assistance and support to skips and hosts in dealing with day-to-day camper situations. The camper experience coordinator communicates regularly with parents and guardians in a professional manner and coordinate responses to participants who require social-emotional and behavioural support.

This position is a member of the leadership team at camp and report directly to the Camp Director. They work as a team to build a positive camp culture and ensure the safety and overall well-being of camp participants. The leadership team is responsible for the planning and delivery of volunteer and program team training.

COMMITMENT:

- April 25 – June 30, 2023 pre camp office work at the Canadian Cancer Society office in Vancouver, BC
- July 2 – August 6th, 2023 – on-site living at camp for 6 sessions at Loon Lake Lodge and Retreat Centre, Maple Ridge, BC (at least 24 hours off each week). Meals and accommodation included.
- August 11 – 25, 2023 – on-site living at camp for 3 sessions at Camp Pringle, Shawnigan Lake, BC (at least 24 hours off each week). Meals and accommodation included.
- August 28- Sept 1 – post camp wrap up either remote or at Canadian Cancer Society office in Vancouver, BC

WHAT YOU'LL BE DOING:

- Coordinates response to participants who require social-emotional and behavioural support including those with challenging behaviours.
- Establishes relationships with Camp Goodtimes families to understand each participant's camp experience and support their needs.
- Facilitates a supportive experience for campers. Ensures campers have a coordinated response to individual needs that arise.
- Liaises with health care professionals and social workers (onsite and offsite) as needed.
- Manages all communications with families in a prompt manner.
- Uses professional expertise to provide and recommend strategies and behavioural intervention techniques to staff and volunteers to best support Camp Goodtimes participants.
- Works collaboratively with the Summer Program Director to deliver positive support to participants, staff and volunteers.



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- Provides expertise and perspective on appropriate program planning and implementation based on perceived needs of Camp Goodtimes participants.
- Assists with volunteer training and orientation including Volunteer Assistant training before camp sessions begin.
- Responds to general inquiries related to peer support.
- Screens and places participants in cabin grouping as per age/gender.
- Writes incident and participant reports as needed (discipline, disclosures, social behaviour, etc.) – reporting and follow up
- Participates in end of session debrief process and provides input to debrief documentation.
- Actively contribute to our culture of justice, belonging, equity, diversity, and inclusion by ensuring that all staff feel represented and heard regardless of their gender, age, religion, ethnicity, and nationality or race.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- University degree in counselling, child and youth care, social work, psychology, or related discipline; graduate degree preferred.
- Previous experience in camping, youth recreation and or/ experiential education
- Previous experience in a senior leadership role at an overnight camp, as an asset
- Experience providing social emotional and behavioural support to children, youth and families.
- Knowledge of pediatric oncology and the psychosocial aspects of oncology or strong knowledge of trauma work preferred.
- Strong knowledge of child and adolescent development and family dynamics.
- Knowledge of behavioural interventions for children and families.
- Experience working with populations with a range of accessibility needs
- Excellent interpersonal skills, including team-building, and facilitation skills
- Ability to take initiative, problem solve and work as a team member.
- Current Standard First Aid and CPR-C
- Criminal Record Search including vulnerable sector check (once hired)
- Must provide proof of up-to-date childhood immunizations

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM US:

CCS offers meaningful opportunities to help make a difference in the lives of Canadians with cancer, their caregivers, families, and communities. We are committed to building and nurturing an inclusive community for our employees by highlighting their unique experiences. We value diverse skills and strongly encourage applications from all qualified candidates. CCS is committed to fostering a culture that is inspiring, supportive and exemplifies our core values:

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CAMP GOODTIMES EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

[Camp Goodtimes employment opportunities](https://campgoodtimes.org/by/get-involved/employment-opportunities/)

HOW TO APPLY:

Click the position to apply online: <https://campgoodtimes.org/by/get-involved/employment-opportunities/>

Qualified candidates are invited to submit their resume and cover letter by Feb 2, 2023.



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