



MS Adventure Camp

Volunteer Counselor Role Description

MS Adventure Camp:

MS Adventure Camp (MSAC) is held for youth going into grades 4-12 who live in a household with someone with multiple sclerosis (MS). MSAC is a residential camp, hosted overnight over multiple days. Campers will be organized into groups and paired with a volunteer counselor as their lead. Structured programming is offered throughout each day, including recreational camp activities in addition to MS awareness and education.

Specific Qualifications:

- No prior experience of being a camp counselor is required, but previous experience working with youth is preferred
- Comfortable and confident working with youth ages 8 to 17
- Must be at least older than 18 years of age and a high school graduate
- Must complete and pass a background check
- Has ability to work and effectively communicate with all types of people
- Ability to solve problems effectively and efficiently
- Have a positive, open-minded attitude
- Work with campers, guests, and volunteers in a kind, safe, and responsible manner
- Must always conduct myself in a fashion that does not jeopardize the Society's image and models positive behavior to campers
- Trainings/Important Dates:
 - Availability to connect virtually with a staff partner on an as-needed basis to receive information specific to MS Adventure Camp
 - Attendance at a virtual MS Adventure Camp Risk Management and Communications Plan pre-event training is required
 - Attendance at an on-site in-person training to take place prior to camper arrival is required
 - Counselors are required to remain at camp for the full duration of the program and will be expected to contribute to a clean-up and check-out process prior to departure
- Other duties as assigned

Role Responsibilities:

- Be a resource to campers and volunteers
- Serve as a liaison between the staff members, campers, and other volunteers
- Escort campers and/or guests to and from activities, as needed
- Assist with all activities within the camp/program
 - Activities include, but are not limited to, athletics and field games, water sports, horseback riding, arts and crafts, and more
- Communicate with medical volunteers and on-site camp staff to ensure that campers' needs are met
- Ensure campers are on-time to camp activities

- Ensure that clean-up takes place at the completion of the camp/program
- Monitor campers throughout overnight accommodations
- Facilitate connection between campers to build friendships and share experiences
- Lead and support education and engagement discussions specific to MS

What We Will Offer:

We are dedicated to providing an inclusive, engaging, and impactful volunteer experience for volunteers at MS Adventure Camp. The success of MS Adventure Camp depends on its incredible volunteers. We welcome volunteers with a wide range of skills and provide relevant training. Here are some of the benefits you can expect when volunteering at MS Adventure Camp:

- Lodging and meals provided for the entire camp experience (from training to the last day of camp)
- Gain real and valuable experience to include on your resume
- Tax deductible expenses: out-of-pocket expenses incurred may qualify as allowed by law
- Have fun being involved in a Summer Camp that makes a difference in the lives of youth affected by MS
- Make memories and lifelong connections with others
- Collaborate with a team of volunteers and staff
- Receive a free volunteer t-shirt
- Work alongside staff and volunteers with a passion to make a difference in their community and contributing to the movement to end MS
- Opportunity to learn about multiple sclerosis and volunteer with the leading national organization supporting people impacted by MS

Important Information:

You will receive all documentation required to volunteer from a Society staff member. This role description is not intended to be all-inclusive. You may be asked to perform other role-related duties during the camp experience. Volunteers will operate in a manner that is in the best interest of the Society and always maintain the highest standards of conduct and ethical behavior.