



# 2021 Volunteer Application

PruittCares Foundation is now accepting applications for volunteer staff for Camp Cocoon 2021.

**CAMP COCOON** is a weekend camp for children ages 6-16 who have experienced the death of a loved one. Participating in Camp Cocoon allows campers to meet other children who are going through similar circumstances. While enjoying a traditional camp experience, children have the opportunity to learn coping skills and share stories in a safe, caring and fun environment.

For more information, visit us online at [www.pruittcares.org](http://www.pruittcares.org) or contact us directly at (678) 533-6462 or [pruittcaresfoundation@pruitthealth.com](mailto:pruittcaresfoundation@pruitthealth.com).

**When:** August 5, 2021 (Set-up) and August 6-8, 2021 (Camp)

**Where:** Camp Chattooga, Tallulah Falls, Georgia (*adjacent to Athens Y Camp, 80 miles north of Atlanta*)

**Sign-Up Deadline:** June 30, 2021

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Camp Cocoon volunteers are required to be vaccinated against COVID-19.**

- Final Vaccination Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- **Email** a copy of your vaccination card to **PruittCaresFoundation@PruittHealth.com**.
- In accordance with CDC Guidelines, campers and volunteers will be required to wear masks and social distance.

T-Shirt size (Adult sizes) size: \_\_\_\_\_

First time volunteering at Camp Cocoon? \_\_\_\_\_ If no, how many years previous? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a partner (employee) of PruittHealth? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, list your dept./position and location \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have CPR Certification? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any special training or certifications appropriate to this camp? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list current certifications:

Have you had a recent loss of your own? Please provide details:

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### Volunteer Opportunities:

#### **Positions Requiring Specific Qualifications**

Bereavement Counselors

Nurses

Full-time Camp Nurse

On-site Camp Check-in Nurse (Friday only)

Agency Level/Off-site Check-in Nurse (Friday only)

Camp Prep/Telephone Health Screenings (2 weeks prior to camp)

If you are interested in volunteering as a **bereavement counselor** and have the appropriate qualifications (**see next page**), please describe those qualifications below.

If you are interested in volunteering as a **camp nurse** and have the appropriate qualifications (**see next page**), please describe those qualifications below.

#### **Other Important Positions**

House Parent

Bereavement Activities Volunteer

Sewing Activities

Crafts

Clean Up

Cabin and PRN support

Camper Transportation

Other

From the list of **Volunteer Opportunities** above, please choose your preferences for which Position and Age Groups you would like to volunteer. (Please see the **following pages** for descriptions for each position and attached **qualifications** for certain positions.)

First Preference: \_\_\_\_\_ Age Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Preference: \_\_\_\_\_ Age Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Camper Age Groups: 6-7, 8-10, 11-13, or 14-16

I understand that Camp Cocoon volunteers are not compensated for their time. I also understand that I may be required to pass a background check to volunteer at Camp Cocoon. Further, I understand that PruittCares Foundation, Inc. d/b/a Camp Cocoon and its representatives have absolute permission to use my image in a photograph or video that pertains to the lawful programs and activities of the Camp.

**By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the contents of this application including, without limitation, the Volunteer Requirements and Responsibilities.**

Type Your Name Here \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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### VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS and RESPONSIBILITIES

#### Bereavement Counselors:

- Must have a background as a Therapist, Counselor, Social Worker, Chaplain, etc.
- Need to have experience with and understanding of bereavement in children.
- Must attend orientation as well as stay the entire weekend
- Must be able to stay in the cabin with their assigned group
- Agreeable to reading about each child and responding to that child appropriately
- Agreeable to working with a partner Bereavement Counselor in coming up with age-appropriate bereavement activities.
- Able to identify when they need help and to be able to ask for it.
- Agreeable to reading the bereavement information provided.
- Willing to work with other volunteers (house parents, activity assistants, etc.) for the best interest of the campers
- Committed to making each child's weekend memorable and worthwhile.
- Agree to NEVER being alone with a camper

#### Nurses:

- Must have valid Georgia Nursing License RN or LPN
- Must have current CPR certification

##### **Full-time Camp Nurses (8)**

- Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Camp
- Camper check-in with health screening, camper check out on Sunday, on-site medication administration, first aid treatment and other nursing duties.

##### **On-site Camp Check-in Nurses (2-3)**

- Friday only at Camp
- Camper check-in with health screening

##### **Agency Level/Off-site Check-in Nurse (6-8)**

- Friday only

##### **Camp Prep/Telephone Health Screening Nurses**

- Two weeks prior to camp
- Over the phone

#### Houseparent:

- Must have ability and interest in working with children of the age group they sign up for.
- Must have knowledge of children and camp settings
- Must be familiar with children's age-appropriate behavior and knowledge of bereavement associated with different ages.
- Must attend mandatory trainings held prior to camp for each house parent.
- Must attend all activities with the campers they are assigned to.
- Agree that Houseparent responsibilities are 24/7 while camp is in session.
- Need energy and stamina for the age of the children.
- Able to identify when they need help and to be able to ask for it.
- Need to be creative in dealing with expected homesickness and sadness.
- Must be ON TIME for orientation.

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- Will be given written information on individual children and on bereavement in children and must agree to read the information prior to arriving at Camp.
- Will be offered support at camp as requested.
- Will be supported by bereavement professionals for extraordinary circumstances at camp.
- Will be given schedule and information about individual children prior to camp.
- Will have full understanding of the activities that are available to campers.
- Agree to NEVER being alone with a camper.

### **Bereavement Activities Volunteers:**

- Must be on time for orientation and stay for entire weekend of camp.
- Must read information about activities to assist children.
- Need to be able to talk with children appropriately about activity as it relates to bereavement and children's individual stories.
- Need to have some understanding of bereavement and children.
- Agree to be present for all activity times at camp as scheduled.
- Agree to stay for clean up since they do not have assigned children all weekend and don't have cabin clean up.
- Need to have understanding, energy and investment for their specific activities.
- Will take charge of teaching the craft (not left to the house parents).
- Agree to read the bereavement information provided.
- Agree to NEVER be alone with a camper.

### **Sewing Activities:** Machine sewers, hand sewers, and pillow stuffers needed

- A sewing machine is helpful but not required
- Hand sewers are also encouraged.
- Will be sewing Saturday morning through Saturday lunch but are welcome to stay all weekend.
- Need to be comfortable interacting with children.
- Agree to NEVER be alone with a camper.

### **Cabin and PRN support:**

- Help House parents move campers from place to place.
- Assigned to a cabin.
- Provide relief for house parents when they need a break.
- Take campers to nurse.
- Agree to NEVER be alone with a camper.

### **Luggage Handler/Errand Runner/Mess Hall Detail:**

- Four people who agree to assist with arrival and departure and then to assist in other delivery or special needs issues—such as running errands, seeing that cabins have water, etc.
- Help set and clear tables at meals.
- Agree to NEVER be alone with a camper.

**All volunteers need to read the training information sent to them prior to arriving at Camp**