



2023 Volunteer Application

When: August 3, 2023 (Set-up) and August 4-6, 2023 (Camp)
Where: Camp Chattooga, Tallulah Falls, Georgia (80 miles north of Atlanta)
Sign-Up Deadline: June 30, 2023

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.

LAST Name: _____ FIRST Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mobile Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Gender: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Are you a partner (employee) of PruittHealth?

If yes, list your dept./position and location _____

Volunteers not employed by PruittHealth must provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a valid reason for vaccination exemption. Unvaccinated volunteers not employed by PruittHealth (with valid exemption) will be required to wear a mask while indoors.

Please email a copy of your vaccination card or documentation supporting your exemption to:
PruittCaresFoundation@pruitthealth.com.

T-Shirt size (Adult sizes) size: _____

First time volunteering at Camp Cocoon? _____ If no, how many years **previous**? _____

Do you have CPR Certification? _____

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

Please list current certifications:

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

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Camp Cocoon 2023 Volunteer Application and Information

Volunteer Opportunities:

Positions Requiring Specific Qualifications

Bereavement Counselors

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

Nurses

Full-time Camp Nurse

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

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

Cabin and PRN Support

Luggage Handler/Errand Runner (All Wknd)

Luggage Handler (Fri and/or Sun only)

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 _____



VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS and RESPONSIBILITIES

Bereavement Counselors:

- **Time Commitment: Friday 10 a.m. through Sunday 1 p.m. (minimum).**
- 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

- 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

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

Houseparent:

- **Time Commitment: Friday 10 a.m. through Sunday 1 p.m. (minimum).**
- 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 be willing to work with bereavement counselor on pre-determined activities.
- 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 House Parent 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.
- 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.

For more information about the **PruittCares Foundation** or **Camp Cocoon** visit us online at PruittCares.org.

Submit your completed volunteer form to: PruittCaresFoundation@PruittHealth.com

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- 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 Runners (All Weekend):

- 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.

Luggage Handler (Fri and/or Sun only):

- Assist with transportation of luggage as campers arrive on Friday afternoon and/or prepare to depart on Sunday morning
- Agree to NEVER be alone with a camper.

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