



Dear Camp Erin Volunteer Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Camp Erin® volunteer! Camp Erin is a weekend overnight camp designed for children and teens (ages 6-17) who have experienced the death of someone significant in their lives. It is a traditional, high energy, fun filled camp coupled with grief support and education. The Camp will be serving approximately 50 children and teens and needs many volunteers to ensure its success. This year the camp is scheduled for July 28-30 at Camp Kum Ba Yah in South Hills.

There are a lot of opportunities to be a volunteer for Camp Erin. Enclosed you will find the Camp Erin Application, the Camp Erin Volunteer Descriptions and the Camp Erin Brochure, along with other useful information. Please complete and return the entire application packet. On your application, be sure to include any special interests, hobbies, talents, education, and training that you feel would contribute to Camp Erin.

Once the application has been received and reviewed, you will be contacted for an interview. Selections for volunteers will be based on need, availability, flexibility, interest and experience. The majority of volunteers will be spending the entire weekend at Camp; however, some exceptions will apply. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

The time and energy commitment as a Camp Erin volunteer is high. You can count on approximately 30 hours of work prior to Camp. This includes general meetings, committee meetings, and a mandatory training. The camp itself is 48 hours of fun, rigorous and fulfilling work! A three-day training is scheduled for Saturday, April 22, Saturday May 20 and Saturday July 15. Also, a Save Your Spot Pizza Party with the kids is planned for Saturday afternoon, June 17.

If you would like to view a 6-minute Camp Erin Video, you can go to The Moyer Foundation Website at [www.moyerfoundation.org](http://www.moyerfoundation.org). First, click on "Camp Erin" and then "Play the Video".

Again, thank you for your interest and support in helping Camp Erin make a difference in the lives of grieving children and teens.

Warmly for Camp Erin South Idaho team,

**Revis Turner M.Ed., LPC, CT**

Clinical Director

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## 2017 CAMP ERIN South Idaho Volunteer Application

Camp Erin South Idaho is an annual weekend camp for kids and teens who are grieving the death of a loved one. For more information, please call and leave a message at 208-352-2994. **Volunteers must be 18 years or older and be in good physical condition.** Please note that although we attempt to place every volunteer applicant, we may not be able to place all applicants due to the large number of applications received.

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### PERSONAL INFORMATION

PLEASE PRINT OR WRITE LEGIBLY

**Full name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **I prefer to be called:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check one:** I am 18 years old or older  Yes  No

**Street address:**

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**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone: Day:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Eve:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **T-shirt size** (circle one): S M L XL 2X 3X 4X

**Dietary requirements/restrictions** (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency contact name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency contact phone: Day:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Evening:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you hear about volunteering for Camp Erin?**  Friend/family  Internet  Flyer  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**For demographic purposes, please indicate your ethnicity (please check all that apply):**

- African American
- Asian
- Caucasian
- Hispanic/Latino
- Native American
- Multi-Race
- Other

If other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**Languages**

Do you speak a language fluently other than English?

- Yes
- No

**If yes, which language:**

**Military Affiliation**

- None
- Active Duty
- Reserves
- Veteran
- If affiliated, please identify which branch** \_\_\_\_\_

**Professional Designation**

Do you hold any of the following?

*Mark all that apply.*

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> None         | <input type="checkbox"/> LPN      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LMFT         | <input type="checkbox"/> MD       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LCSW         | <input type="checkbox"/> MSW      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psychologist | <input type="checkbox"/> Chaplain |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RN           |                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |                                   |

**Volunteer Job Description**

**Position Title:** Camp Erin Volunteer

**Reports to:** Camp Erin Coordinator

**Supervises:** No one

**Basic Function:** To assist in the development and implementation of camp. Camp Erin volunteers participate as a Camp Activity and Support Team Member (C.A.S.T., Big Buddy, or a Clinical Point Person. As needs arise and shift a volunteer may be given an opportunity to accept a different assignment. Volunteers may decline an assignment at the time it is made.

**Position Specifications and Qualifications:**

1. Completion of trainings.
2. Ability to view campers with respect, compassion and acceptance.
3. Ability to be flexible.
4. Listening and communication skills.
5. Dependability, responsibility and reliability.
6. Recognition of when consultation with a Kids Count Too! staff person is appropriate.
7. Ability to operate as a member of the team.
8. Must be eighteen years or older.
9. Must submit a copy of results of a PPD (TB) skin teach each year.
10. Commit to being at camp for as long as your camp role demands.
11. Maintain a tobacco, alcohol, and illegal-substance free environment.

**Standards of Performance: Each of these is considered an essential function.**

1. Treat all others with respect and compassion.
2. Keep camper information confidential.
3. Consistently demonstrate principles of safety.

**General Duties and Responsibilities for All Camp Erin Volunteers:**

1. Maintain strict confidentiality in all camper contacts and with all camper information.
2. Attendance at mandatory trainings and relevant meetings prior to camp.
3. Attendance at camp for the entirety of the period your role necessitates and participation as a member of the camp community.
4. Immediate reporting to Kids Count Too! staff if child is threatening to harm to self or others.
5. Reporting of volunteer hours.
6. Open communication regarding roles, programmatic concerns, and complex situations.
7. Adherence to Kids Count Too! policies and procedures.
8. Adhere to the camp rental site's policies and procedures.
9. Allow space for campers to work through their own grief process.
10. Assists campers in the activities provided during the weekend.
11. Utilize Kids Count Too! staff and Clinical Point people for support.
12. Notify Kids Count Too! staff of any concerns you have of campers even if they arise after camp.
13. Kid Count Too! policy is not to communicate with clients outside of program (e.g. through a social networking site, e-mail, phone, and so on). Moreover, if a client initiates communication with you outside of program you will notify Kid Count Too! staff before responding to the client.
14. Aware of the rules for all campers and volunteers:
  - a. Confidentiality.
  - b. Respect one another / no put downs.
  - c. You can always pass – if someone does not wish to talk, it is OK.
  - d. Campers always stay with their Big Buddy.

## **Specific Roles:**

### **Big Buddy Duties and Responsibilities:**

1. Responsible for the five to six children in your cabin for the entire weekend.
2. Attend the Save Your Spot Pizza Party to meet the campers and assist them in getting to know one another.
3. Greet the campers in your cabin and assist them in the registration process.
4. Facilitate rule setting and cabin bonding.
5. Responsible to know where your campers are at all times and to accompany them to each activity on time per the camp schedule.
6. Ensure that coverage of campers is maintained at all times even during break times.
7. Update and communicate with your Clinical Point People at appropriate times.

**Note: Because the Big Buddy role requires being responsible for their cabin of campers at all times it is not feasible for Big Buddies to function in other roles at camp.**

### **Team Members (C.A.S.T., Arts & Crafts, Ritual):**

1. Prior to camp assume a team or teams to participate in at camp (e.g. Art, Ritual, Hospitality, etc.) with consultation from the Camp Erin Coordinator.
2. Before camp, attend trainings and team meetings.
3. Procure supply donations as needed.
4. At camp, support the area for which you are responsible until duties are completed.
5. Submit reimbursement forms with accompanying receipts, by no later than two weeks from the time of purchase.

**Note: Volunteers can serve on more than one team as long as there is no conflict in the scheduling of the activities.**

### **Clinical Point People**

1. Meet with the Camp Coordinator and Clinical Lead of your camp to review role assignment.
2. Serve as a support to the Big Buddies.
3. Attend the Save Your Spot Pizza Party to meet the campers and assist them in getting to know one another.
4. Assume an activity to support and facilitate.
5. Work with the volunteers before camp to procure the activity supplies and finalize the curriculum, with approval from the Camp Erin Coordinator and Clinical Lead.
6. Help as needed throughout the year, in trainings or at meetings.

**Note: Clinical Point Person requires an educational and work background with bereavement. Whether or not a volunteer qualifies as a Clinical Point Person is at the discretion of the Clinical Lead.**

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**VOLUNTEER INTERESTS** (ATTACH EXTRA SHEET IF YOU NEED MORE SPACE)

**Why are you interested in volunteering at Camp Erin?**

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**Which camp committee(s) or role(s) are you interested in?** (Check all that apply.)

Please rank your interest in the following Camp Erin volunteer opportunities, with 1 being your first choice:

\_\_\_ **Cabin Big Buddy** (Cabin mentor for the weekend, sleep in cabins, usher campers to activities, lead cabin free time)

\_\_\_ **Clinical Point Person** (this is a camper support position for trained counselors, bereavement specialists, or other specialists who work in the grief field. CPPs are "clinical Big Buddies" paired with a single cabin of campers.)

\_\_\_ **Arts and Crafts** (plans and facilitates art activities, sorts supplies)

\_\_\_ **Ritual** (plans and facilitates various grief activities, including Love Lights & Luminaries)

\_\_\_ **C.A.S.T. (Camp Activity and Support Team)** As a member of this fun, flexible team, you'll be assigned one primary responsibility (see below) but will also help with camper care and other projects as needed. Please choose one:

\_\_\_ **Volunteer & Camper Hospitality** (provides support and nourishment for Big Buddies & other volunteers)

\_\_\_ **Camper Support** (Welcome team, set-up & clean-up activities, play games...a little bit of everything)

\_\_\_ **Tie Dye Team** (facilitate the set-up, making of, washing, and distribution of tie dye t-shirts)

**Have you had any personal or work experience involving any of the following?**

\_\_\_ Camp    \_\_\_ Terminal illness    \_\_\_ Death of a loved one    \_\_\_ Bereavement work

**Please list the date and explain the circumstances:**

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**EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION** (ATTACH EXTRA SHEET IF YOU NEED MORE SPACE)

**Volunteer experience:**

Organization

Duties

Dates

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**Life experiences** (hobbies, skills, interests, talents): \_\_\_\_\_

**Education/special training:**

<u>School</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Major/Topic</u>	<u>Degree/Certificate</u>
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**Recent employment history:**

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	<u>How long?</u>
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Current: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous: \_\_\_\_\_

**References:** Supply three references WITH FUNCTIONING EMAIL ADDRESSES. You may include a supervisor (if you are employed) or one relative. If you and a friend will be applying together, you may not recommend each other. Personal references should be from people who have known you two years or more.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you ever been fired, discharged, or asked to resign from any position?**  Yes  No

**Have you ever been convicted of a crime?**  Yes  No

(Conviction of a crime will not necessarily be a bar to volunteer service. Factors such as age at the time of the offense, employment history subsequent to the conviction(s), and rehabilitation will be taken into account in determining effect on suitability for volunteering.)

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I certify that the information provided on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN TO:**

**Kids Count Too! & Camp Erin South Idaho**

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