Volunteer Roles for Sports Camps

Assistant Coach (1 per sport) Full-Time Volunteer

SU Coaches will lead the sessions. They will teach new skills and have an outline of all the drills and games they will run during coaching sessions. An assistant coach will help the SU instructor run drills, enforce the rules, prepare for the upcoming game, and more.

Someone with knowledge of the sport is preferred, but not required. Look for someone who is motivated, has lots of energy and is a strong encourager. Because they will be working with SU's experienced coaches, they can be a younger volunteer who may not be mature enough to lead an entire group, but are eager to help in anyway possible.

Group Leaders (2-3 per group) Full-Time Volunteer

The Camp Coordinator or SU Coaches will divide campers into groups by age for each sports session and small ground devotions. The group leader will rotate between activities with the campers and participate with them throughout the day. Trips to the washroom, leading small group devotions, participating with the campers and building great relationships with the children are key responsibilities.

You want this person to be great with children as they will be a key contact person for these children. We suggest they be someone who has a strong faith and can lead children in small group discussion (using questions provided by SU.)

1:1 Buddy (for campers with special needs) Full-Time Volunteer

SU Coaches will lead the activity sessions. The 1:1 buddy will rotate between activities with the camper they have been assigned to for the week, and participate with them throughout the day. Trips to the washroom, helping the camper fully participate in activities, providing quiet time-outs as needed and building great relationships with the child are key responsibilities.

You want this person to be great with children and have a heart for children with disabilities. While someone with healthcare training or experience as an educational assistant would be ideal for this position, what is most important is a committed and consistent presence for the child. Additional training for working with children with special needs will be provided, and extra support will be available from SU's Inclusion Coordinator. All children who apply through the Every Kid Camper Application Form will be pre-screened by SU's Inclusion Coordinator before attending camp. Children with complex medical or behavioral needs will attend camp with a personal support worker that is familiar with their care and has been provided by their family.

Administration (1-2 people) Part-Time Volunteer (8:15-9:15am and 2:30-3:30pm daily)

They will manage the sign in and sign out table each morning and afternoon.

You want someone who is organized and confident. They need to know which children are allowed to sign themselves out, who can (and cannot) pick up campers, and answer any questions parents may have. This person may be the only contact a parent makes with your church, so find someone friendly and personable to work at this table and encourage them to build relationships with parents.

Volunteer Coordinator (1 person) Full Time Volunteer

The coordinator delegates roles, ensures volunteers are fulfilling their responsibilities and finds replacements when volunteers aren't able to attend camp that day. This role is especially important for junior leaders.

You want someone who is a mature leader and has experience coordinating volunteers. Ask your Youth Pastor/Leader if they will take on this role since they would know the junior leaders from youth ministry. This is a great opportunity for the Youth Pastor/Leader to pour into the young leaders and help them grow in leadership.

Kitchen Crew (1-2 people) – optional Part-Time (or Full-Time) Volunteer

They take care of freezie breaks throughout the day, ensuring all the freezies are cut and distributed at the right time (without turning into juice!). If your church decides to offer snacks or lunch they are responsible for the preparation.

Anyone can do this job – it can rotate between other volunteers as well (just make sure someone is responsible for freezie breaks each day).

Nurse – optional Full-Time Volunteer

The nurse is available in case of any injuries. This can be a trained nurse or someone who is certified in First Aid.

Set-Up and Clean-Up Crew – optional

Each morning before camp, the crew sets up the basketball hoops, hockey nets, balls and anything else required for the day. After camp, the crew takes care of anything that needs to be put away and gives the site a quick clean up. This can be done by all the volunteers, or by a clean up crew.

'Moms' or 'Dads' – optional

...or 'Grandmas' or 'Grandpas'. They are always available to come alongside campers one-on-one in the case of injury, illness or discipline issues.