

Camper Experience Lead

West Coast Kids Cancer Foundation

(June 14 - July 26, 2024 | 6-Week Contract)

Three weeks in Surrey & three weeks in Burnaby at the WCK office

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About us:

West Coast Kids Cancer Foundation (WCK) is an organization supporting families with small actions that make a big impact every day. Our families need food, connection, resources, and mental health support while navigating childhood cancer and blood disorders. We help families feel supported and heard through family-led programming that eases the burden.

About City Camp:

City Camp is the only day camp in B.C. where kids (aged 5-12) and siblings of kids with cancer and blood disorders can join in on epic water gun fights, slime-making, and all the magic of camp while still being able to sleep in their own bed at night. Hosted in close proximity to the hospital and with a medical team on site, kids on treatment never have to miss out on the camp experience.

Position in a nutshell:

The Camper Experience Lead are responsible for dealing with the mental and emotional health needs of campers as they arise. They help campers, assess their needs, and advise other team members as to what action is needed. They lead volunteer teams and work closely with City Camp staff to implement safe, fun, and inclusive programming.

And you?

You are confident and comfortable supporting children with complex behavioural needs. You're a problem solver who is able to adapt quickly and find creative solutions. You're a master of building trust and rapport with children, and enjoy being a resource for others on your team. You believe wholeheartedly in the power of connection and play.

As a valued team member, you will:

- Participate in the planning of camp
- Implement safe, fun, and inclusive programming that supports children's physical, mental, and emotional needs
- Support volunteers to manage behavioural challenges with campers, always considering the social, emotional, and cognitive development levels of each camper
- Assist Camp staff with group management, equipment setup, and transition between activities
- Lead the development of plans for campers who are struggling; design and implement child-led program goals to promote their success in the camp setting; brief the childrens' parents/guardians, camp staff, and volunteers as needed
- Offer a warm, caring, patient presence to campers needing extra assistance
- Offer adapted and alternative activities for campers as needed
- Assist children in meeting daily program expectations such as hand washing, wearing a mask, applying sunscreen etc.
- Model and teach friendship skills to help campers make peer connections
- Help campers find success with activities and games individually or in small groups
- Supervise and run programming in sensory room as needed; train and support volunteers in sensory room

- Report campers' progress, successes, and concerns to staff and parents/guardians
- Maintain a safe environment via safety inspections, emergency procedures, and crisis intervention techniques
- Evaluate summer programming needs and make recommendations for next year

Qualifications and experience:

- Post-secondary education in a related field, e.g. behavioural interventionist, educational assistant, educational resources assistant, special education assistant, childhood education, recreation therapy, social work, counselling, etc.
- Experience working with children with exceptional and complex behaviour support needs is essential
- Experience working with children in crisis situations
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills are essential
- Ability to lead and problem-solve
- High level of self-motivation and willingness to learn
- Strong ability to work independently and self start as well as work dynamically within a team
- [Up-to-date immunizations](#) are required
- A clear Vulnerable Sector Criminal Records Check
- Secondary language skills are an asset
- Crisis prevention training is an asset

Compensation: \$23/hour

Positions available: 1

To apply:

We want to hear from you! If you are interested in joining the fun as a Camper Experience Team Lead, please send a resume and cover letter to Kelsey Merritt, Connection Programs Coordinator, at careers@wckfoundation.ca.

West Coast Kids Cancer Foundation is committed to equality, diversity and a welcoming and inclusive workplace. We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only short-listed candidates will be contacted for consideration.