

CAMP NURSES

This position works as part of the Wellness Team, which includes at least one other nurse, an Indigenous Elder, a Camp Director and Assistant Director. This position reports to the Camp Director, and is able to access support regarding HIV medication requirements from physicians at Oak Tree Clinic.

The Camp Nurses are required to be onsite throughout the duration of camp! We estimate the nurses will spend an estimated 10 hours preparing before camp to review camper files, determine any supply needs, and participate in Moomba training.

This is a volunteer position for Camp Moomba. A small honorarium will be provided as a token of our appreciation. Accommodation and food are provided during camp, and travel arrangements from the Lower Mainland in British Columbia will be arranged at no cost. The Camp Nurses will be reimbursed for any approved costs related to camp programming or given an advance where required. Nurses will share accommodations with each other and/or other camp staff.

Nursing takes place in a small wellness area, with a desk, a handwashing sink, and lockable storage.

Position Description

The Camp Nurses are a key part of the Camper Wellness Team, and are responsible for providing nursing care during Camp Moomba. The Camp Nurses will work together to lead camper medical and first aid care throughout Camp Moomba.

Camper care includes administering medication, first aid for various camp life injuries, connecting with campers one on one about physical and mental health needs, and being involved in any medical decision making needed (e.g. making camper care plans connected to food!). Camp Nurses do get the chance to partake in camp activities during the day, have been known to sing a campfire song or two, and support HIV peer education sessions led by group leaders at camp.

Some years, we welcome a Student Nurse to join the Wellness Team as well. The Camp Nurses will offer supervision and mentorship to this position if relevant. The Camp Nurses will be involved in decisions about our capacity to have a Student Nurse.

Responsibilities

As a member of the Camper Wellness Team, the Camp Nurse will be expected to:

- Review confidential health histories from campers and ensure familiarity with camper medical needs prior to camp
- Ensure nursing supplies and resources are prepared prior to departure for camp
- With the Camp Director, provide sufficient information to group leaders to ensure the physical health needs of campers are met
- Supervise nursing students and/or volunteer nurses if relevant
- Follow nursing and organizational protocols for providing and documenting care
- Assist with some program delivery throughout the camp week

YouthCO operates on the traditional territory of the x^wməθk^wəy̓əm, Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh and Tsleil-Waututh peoples, and works to support indigenous youth leadership, health and wellbeing.

- Attend and participate in Camp Moomba training and meetings as required

The Camp Nurse will also be expected to:

- Assess and treat campers and staff who report to the Wellness Centre
- Dispense medications and maintain a log of medications dispensed
- Assess campers requesting PRN medications, administer as per consent parameters, and track
- Maintain a Wellness Centre log and complete incident reports when appropriate
- Complete WCB forms when appropriate
- Ensure the Camp Director is kept apprised of developing situations
- Provide first aid for incidents when required
- Contact parents of campers with health related issues during camp
- Manage health checks for all campers

Qualifications/Experience

The successful Camp Nurse will:

- Be a registered Nurse with current CRNBC registration
- Demonstrated commitment to YouthCO's values: anti-oppressive, inclusive, innovative, sex-positive, and youth-driven
- Experience with YouthCO and/or Camp Moomba, and/or working with youth living with HIV
- Ability to work both independently and in collaboration with others
- Passionate about building supportive communities for youth living with HIV

I'm in! How do I come to camp?

As a peer-led organization, it is most important to us to choose volunteers who will connect with the communities that we work with, and are able to job responsibilities we have outlined here. We want to see your application if you believe you will make a great Camp Moomba volunteer, whatever level of education or work experience you have!

We believe that youth are best positioned to connect with our peers on topics related to HIV stigma. Many of the youth at Camp Moomba are Black or Indigenous, and we strongly encourage applications from Black and Indigenous youth, as well as youth living with HIV, or youth who are impacted by HIV. We strongly encourage youth who are under the age of 25, living with HIV or Hep C, Black, Indigenous, People of Colour, Two-Spirit, queer, trans, non-binary, and/or living with disabilities to apply.

Camp Moomba takes place at physical locations with substance use rules that apply to all substances, whether or not they are legalized, such as cigarettes, vapes, and cannabis. **We know that many people in our communities use these substances, and are committed to working with volunteers to meet these needs in ways that meet our program needs while at camp.**

We work really hard to maximize the number of spaces we have for campers across BC! As such, we make determinations about the number of staff we can welcome based on current camper needs. At this point, we expect to have ten group leaders join us at winter camp.