



Greetings from the Burn Center! A new year brings renewed excitement for our flagship pediatric program, *Camp Celebrate*. *Camp Celebrate* is now in its 38<sup>th</sup> year! It is truly incredible to think of how many burn survivors have benefited from coming to our camp over the years. We could not make it happen without the hardworking efforts of an amazing and dedicated group of volunteers. As a volunteer, you can expect a lot of fun, an action packed schedule, limited sleep and heart touching memories. Recruitment efforts are underway for a top-notch *Camp Celebrate* volunteer crew and you are invited to submit an application. This year's theme will be Harry Potter!

Volunteering for *Camp Celebrate* is a big responsibility. You will directly affect the lives of the campers as well as your fellow volunteers. Each year the Burn Center has to become increasingly structured and deliberate in the way we recruit, select and train volunteers. There is huge liability involved when it comes to those who have direct access to children. We are dedicated to the safety of children at all of our events. This means we are required to complete an orientation, background, and reference checks annually.

Volunteer application submission will close on **March 15**, and possibly earlier if we fill our positions. However, one of the single biggest ways you can help us out is to submit your application just as soon as you know you can join us. Please submit your application ASAP if you are available to help us provide the best camp possible for our young burn survivors. We want, and need, for you to be a part of *Camp Celebrate* 2019! Spaces are limited.

Volunteer commitment for *Camp Celebrate* will be May 16-19, 2019 for volunteers. **Mandatory volunteer orientation** will be on Thursday, May 16. Although we get requests for exceptions, it is essential that every volunteer attend orientation each year for our liability and training purposes. There will be a wrap up discussion on Sunday, May 19, so please plan to be at camp until at least 1:30pm. Camp is held in Wake Forest, at the YMCA's Camp Kanata.

Camp counselors remain our most important asset and greatest need. If you have been a counselor for several years and are interested in being a co-cabin leader, let us know! We are looking for responsible, positive, and energetic individuals who want to make a difference in the lives of children. We hope you will apply!

We are not accepting any new volunteers for the logistics team.

**For an application, please email Maria Albani at [maria\\_albani@med.unc.edu](mailto:maria_albani@med.unc.edu).**

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(If you are no longer interested in receiving these emails, please reply and you will be promptly removed.)

*Camp Celebrate* is an incredible experience for campers and volunteers alike. We promise that what you get back will be far greater than what you give!

We hope to see you at Camp!

*The Aftercare Team*