



## ***Annie's Hope – The Center for Grieving Kids Volunteer Camp Counselor Job Description***

### ***Background:***

**Annie's Hope – The Center for Grieving Kids** is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide comprehensive support services to children, teens and their families who are grieving a death. Each year, Annie's Hope serves over 3,600 kids and families through ten unique programs. **Camp Courage** is the organization's summer camp program, and annually serves nearly 150 kids via two five-day, four-night camps. Volunteers serve as Camp Counselors and have a direct relationship to the number of bereaved kids we can invite to join us at Camp. Each year we especially have a great need for male volunteers. *Can you help us ensure no child grieves alone this summer?*

### ***Responsibilities:***

Camp Counselors work as a member of the Camp Courage team, joining Assistant Directors and Nurses in serving the kids who join us for the Camp experience. Cabin Counselors are assigned a cabin of campers and oversee their day-to-day activities and safety. Activities Counselors are assigned to support various areas, tasks, or activities – such as arts and crafts. All volunteers facilitate an energetic, fun, joyful, safe, and welcome environment. One's presence as a volunteer sends the message that kids' grief matters.

### ***Time Commitment:***

- Camp Counselors may volunteer for one or two weeks of Camp.
- **Camp Courage** serves kids ages 6 – 11. The volunteer commitment is Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Training takes place Saturday & Sunday; campers are present Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.
- **Camp Courage – Teens** serves youth ages 12 – 18. The volunteer commitment is Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. Training takes place Saturday & Sunday; campers are present Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Qualifications:***

- Willingness and ability to convey warmth, compassion, respect, and nonjudgment
- Willingness and ability to work with campers and other volunteers from a broad range of backgrounds, grieving deaths of various causes
- Ability to be flexible in consistently changing environments
- Must be a team player and leader
- No experience as a social worker, counselor, or major in a social service profession is required. Some of our greatest counselors have represented the nursing, education, child life, outdoor education, physical education, and business disciplines. No matter the course of study, a volunteer experience with Camp Courage is sure to inform one's educational and professional work.

***To apply to be a volunteer camp counselor, please complete a volunteer application found at [www.annieshope.org/programs](http://www.annieshope.org/programs) or call (314) 965-5015.***

*All volunteers must complete an interview for consideration as a Camp Counselor.*

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