



This page must be signed by a parent or guardian of all counselors under the age of 18.

Camp SOAR Counselor Acknowledgment




Dear Parent,

We are happy your teen has expressed interest in volunteering as a counselor for Camp SOAR. Camp SOAR is an overnight camp for children with special needs. Camp SOAR offers an excellent opportunity for your teenager to learn about various disabilities in a fun and active setting. This letter is to clarify that even though this is a volunteer position, your teen accepts a number of responsibilities when he or she signs up. The number of campers we can accept is directly related to the number of counselors who volunteer.

Counselors are one-to-one buddies for our campers. Those counselors who are not assigned as a one-on-one buddy are still vital to our programming as they help all campers and counselors in their cabin. Therefore, we need to have our counselors commit to coming to camp by the last week of May so we can plan camp accordingly and assign counselors to our campers. We know you don't want to disappoint a camper, so please stress to your teen that this is a serious commitment. We understand some prospective counselors may get "cold feet" as the start date approaches. We would be happy to talk with you and/or your teen about expectations, etc. Please read the enclosed "What is expected of a Camp SOAR counselor" for an overview of Camp SOAR. There are also information and photos on our website, www.childrensresearchtriangle.org under the Camp SOAR tab.

Your son or daughter is expected to follow all the Camp SOAR rules while at camp. Failure to follow the rules will result in an early curfew, extra clean-up duty, etc. or dismissal from camp. The rules in place are for the safety of our campers, volunteers and our staff. Please take a moment to discuss the attached *Rules for Counselors* with your teenager. Camp SOAR staff has the right to search counselor's belongings and/or vehicles if questions arise.

Thank you for supporting your son or daughter in their decision to volunteer for a wonderful cause that will bring happiness to some great kids!

Sincerely,

Nancy Keck, M.D.

I have read the above letter, have reviewed the camp rules with my teen and understand the commitment they have made.

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

This form may be sent one of the following ways:

Email: srieger@cr-triangle.org

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