



Camphill Volunteer Role Description

Camphill Communities California is a nonprofit charitable organization that offers Supported Living and residential programs for individuals with developmental disabilities. The mission of Camphill Communities California is to develop and sustain an intentional community on the basis of anthroposophical insights and practices. Camphill Communities California offers unpaid volunteer experiences to interested people worldwide. Camphill Volunteers actively participate and support individuals in community life activities in our homes, workshops, and during cultural/artistic events. A volunteer commits to an experience rooted in the unique arrangement of an intentional, life-sharing community. This volunteer position requires a mature individual who is able to maintain positivity while dealing with a variety of personalities, and demonstrate a commitment to live out of the mission of Camphill California.

The Volunteer Experience

The primary role of a Camphill Volunteer is to assist and support activities while having the opportunity to learn and grow from their participation in a new environment. At Camphill Communities California, it is necessary to establish a safe and secure environment for the people with whom we share our lives by weaving rhythm and stability into everyday life. For this reason, we have our volunteers involved and integrated into the life-sharing model for six days and with one personal day per week. This ongoing participation in community and household activities optimizes connection and continuity for all members of Camphill California.

Volunteers will live on the Camphill Communities California campus, located in the hills of Soquel, California. You will be provided with room, board, limited reimbursements for personal expenses, and medical insurance if you do not already have coverage. Volunteers with a valid CA driver's license will have access to community cars. Camphill understands the importance of exercise and offers each of our volunteers a membership to our local gym. Camphill also recognizes the significance of having time away from the community and ensures volunteers have the opportunity.

General Responsibilities

- Support all community activities cooperatively with the other Camphill volunteers and coworkers, and support the growth and wellbeing of each member of the home.
- Assist our Friends (adults with developmental disabilities) with basic needs under the direction of a house manager: hygiene, health, nutrition, culture, recreation, as well as personal and spiritual growth.
- Share household responsibilities including but not limited to cooking, house maintenance, transportation for our Friends, shopping and more.
- Help plan and participate in festivals, celebrations, leisure activities, trips, community evenings and more.
- Attend and support workshop, artistic and educational community activities.

Requirements

- At least 19 years old
- Pass a Criminal Record and Health Screening check
- Make a minimum 6-12 month commitment

To apply please contact our office for an application: coworker@camphillca.org