Nurse Position Description

Nurse Position Requirements:

- Must be a Nurse Practitioner, RN or LVN (LVN qualification varies by state) and must hold a license (or temporary license) to practice in the state in which camp is held.

Nurse Responsibilities:

- Is in charge of all medical events.
- Is the end-all responsible for all medical needs of campers and staff.
- If a child is to be sent home, to a doctor, or to the hospital for medical reasons, the nurse has the ultimate authority for that decision.
- Is present for at least a part of counselor training (if possible) and all parts of camp in which campers will be present, including opening day at camper check-in. It is very important for the nurse to speak with each camper’s guardian at check-in to make sure that the proper instructions are given for that camper’s medication. Must remain at camp the entire session.
- The nurse should complete all of the required staff forms.

More Nurse Information:

- The nurse should always be available in case needed for a medical event or injury - systems (walkie-talkie, PA system, golf carts, etc.) should be employed whenever possible to allow for the nurse to best access campers. The nurse should have a walkie-talkie at all times set to a designated Nurse’s Channel so that they can be contacted at any time and so that sick campers are not bothered by other walkie-talkie use on another channel.
- The nurse is an integral part of the camp staff. He or she should be included in camp activities. This is a great way for the nurse to get involved with camp programs and to be interacting with campers, counselor, and staff.
- The nurse, as a medical professional and responsible, respected adult can be used as a resource for a variety of issues. Counselors and staff should feel comfortable consulting with him/her regularly on matters of camper behavior, counselor issues, etc. The nurse should do his/her best to help the counselor or camp leader manage the situation. The nurse should avoid stepping into the situation directly unless it is absolutely necessary for the safety of the camper or counselor.
Camp Kesem USC, founded in 2012, is part of a national network of free, week-long summer camps for children affected by a parent’s cancer. Our summer camp is completely organized, planned, and fundraised for by University of Southern California students. At camp, we provide a unique and compassionate environment where kids can just be kids!

**Our Mission**

Camp Kesem recognizes and embraces the often-overlooked population of children affected by a parent’s cancer.

Camp Kesem empowers college student leaders nationwide to create free, life-changing summer camps for children affected by a parent’s cancer.

**Why Camp Kesem Must Grow**

Nearly 3 MILLION children are living with a parent with cancer, and many more have lost a parent to cancer. Since our first camp at Stanford University in 2000, Camp Kesem has steadily grown to 37 college chapters across the country. This summer, Camp Kesem will bring a life-changing experience to over 2,000 children. Sadly, this is less than .1% of the children in need.

Our goal is to GROW Camp Kesem until there is a camp available to any child coping with the illness or death of a parent from cancer.

**The Need**

When a parent is diagnosed with cancer, the whole family is affected. For children, the carefree joys and adventure of childhood are replaced with new responsibilities, anger, guilt and the fear of losing (or loss of) a parent.

These “invisible victims” are dramatically underserved and often suffer quietly. They face feelings of isolation, low self-esteem, and depression that can create developmental, social, and academic roadblocks.

Worried parents seek out support for their children, and discover that there are very few support services available for the children of cancer patients. Until they find Camp Kesem.

85% of Camp Kesem parents report a significant impact on their child’s confidence, empathy, self-esteem, and coping tools.

**Camp Kesem Changes Lives**

Camp Kesem develops lifelong relationships with the children and families we serve. We have a high repeat rate, plus fall and spring reunions designed to keep campers and counselors connected during the year.

Over 90% of our college student leaders report that Camp Kesem has helped them develop valuable leadership, team building, organizational, decision making and communication skills.

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