

Camp Forward Volunteer Information

Hello! Thank you so much for your interest in serving at Camp Forward this year. We are so excited about Camp! People who serve are a crucial part of the Camp Forward ministry and we cannot run Camp without you! Please see the information below. If you have any questions, feel free to email campvolunteers@forwardchurch.ca or laurat@forwardchurch.ca

To sign up to serve in either a support role or as a camp leader, please click on the “Camp Volunteer Form” button on the previous page.

We need people to serve in a few different areas:

The first way to serve is in a **support role**. These roles range from helping to prepare supplies, crafts, and decorations, coming to pray over camp, being a part of our live worship team, leading a Friday Fun Day rotation, and more. There are many ways to use your giftings to support Camp as your schedule allows. Please see the information below for more details about support roles.

The second way you can serve is by being a **camp leader** for one or more weeks. We recognize that serving for one week of camp is a big commitment! If this is not possible, feel free to grab a friend and each serve for half of the week. We are quite flexible. Please see the information below for dates and types of camp!

Weeks of Camp (Kindergarten and Elementary. Youth Leadership Camp is the first 2 weeks only)

Week 1 – July 6-10

Week 2 – July 13-17

Week 3 – July 20-24

Week 4 – July 27-31

Week 5 – August 4-7 (4 day week, no camp on August 3 due to Civic Day)

Week 6 – August 10-14

Week 7 – August 17-21

Serving Roles for Adults:

Kindergarten Camp: These are campers in Junior and Senior Kindergarten in the 2025-2026 school year. Kindergarten camp is separated into groups. You would be helping lead one of these groups with a Camp Forward staff member.

Elementary Camp: These campers are in Grades 1-5 in the 2025-2026 school year. Elementary camp is separated into groups. You would be helping lead one of these groups with a Camp Forward staff member.

Youth Leadership Camp: Youth Leadership Camp is a camp is for young leaders (grades 6-8 in the 2024/25 school year) who want to grow as a leader, gain camp experience and have fun. The youth will also spend time together learning more about the Bible, playing fun games, and learning more about leadership. You would be helping lead groups of youth leadership campers with a Camp Forward staff member.

Special Needs Support: Some campers have special needs and/or require additional support. You would be in a group to offer that support to camper(s), while working with a Camp Forward Special Needs Coordinator.

Support Roles:

- **Camp Prep:** Prepare supplies, crafts, and decorations. A bin of supplies and instructions would be available for pick up at the church. Once you are done, simply drop it back at the church!
- **Worship Team Member:** Help lead live worship on Friday mornings as part of our worship team. (This role is dependent on being able to assemble a live worship team)
- **Prayer Float-Person:** Come to the church during a camp day(s), float around and pray over the camp, including over volunteers and staff
- **Friday Fun Day Leader:** Lead a special activity rotation for groups to enjoy during one of our Friday Fun Days. In the past we've had volunteers lead science demonstrations, silly shows, and more. We also can use extra help this day in support roles such as supervising the bouncy castle.
- **Media Person:** Use photography and/or videography skills to help create camp promotional materials, or sketches to be filmed before camp begins, and shown at camp
- **Special Needs Support Planning:** Help the Special Needs Coordinators come up with ideas and support plans for campers with special needs
- **Substitute Leader:** Come as a substitute camp leader to cover a camp leader position if needed
- **Set Up / Clean Up:** Help set up / clean up camp at the start and/or end of the summer
- **Other:** If you have other ideas about how you could use your gifts to support camp, we'd love to hear them. Please email campvolunteers@forwardchurch.ca

Serving Roles for Youth:

Youth Volunteers: Our youth volunteers are an important part of our team! They can serve by **helping in a Kindergarten or Elementary Camp group** (must be in grade 7 in the 2025/26 school year to serve in Elementary Camp), by being in a **support role**, or both! Youth volunteers are required to have previously graduated from Youth Leadership Camp. Youth volunteers will also be able to take part in daily volunteer meetings and meet other youth who are passionate about serving children. We can fill out volunteer hours for high school requirements!

Kindergarten/Elementary Camp: Youth will be placed in a group of campers who they will serve throughout the week. They will help the group leaders set up activities, help young campers participate in a variety of activities, and help make camp a fun experience!

Support Roles: If youth are unable to volunteer for full week(s), or are seeking to support camp and develop their skills in other areas, there are a variety of support roles youth volunteers can serve in during camp days, under the supervision and discipleship of Camp Forward staff. Youth can also choose a mix of serving in a group and in support roles. Please note: we can not guarantee youth will get their choice of area they would like to serve, as placement is based on need.

Support Roles (for Youth Volunteers):

- **Camp Prep:** Prepare supplies, crafts, and decorations
- **Worship Team Member:** Help lead live worship on Friday mornings as part of our worship team. (This role is dependent on being able to assemble a live worship team)
- **Prayer & Hospitality Team Member:** Welcome campers and families, pray for camp, and write personalized cards
- **Friday Fun Day Helper:** Help a leader run a Friday Fun Day activity rotation
- **Media Team Member:** Use photography and/or videography skills to help create camp promotional materials, or sketches to be filmed before camp begins, and shown at camp
- **Admin Assistant:** Help the Admin Director with various tasks
- **Clean Up Crew:** Help leaders with transitions between activities, and with clean up at the end of the day
- **Other:** If you have other ideas about how you could use your gifts to support camp, we'd love to hear them. Please email campvolunteers@forwardchurch.ca