



About Brigadoon

Brigadoon Village is a non-profit year-round recreational facility. During the summer months, we run an overnight summer camp program specific to children and youth living with chronic health conditions and other life challenges (such as grieving the loss of a loved one). Our programs give campers a chance to meet others who understand their specific struggles and help them to feel less alone in their challenging circumstances. We focus on building meaningful connection and community and sending our campers home stronger, more confident, and with some new skills to be proud of. Our hope is that if we do our jobs well, the one week that they spend with us each year can make the other 51 weeks of the year a little bit easier.

Some Quick Camp Facts:

- Our summer camps run for 6 days at a time, with campers arriving each Sunday and departing each Friday
- Our camp sessions are condition-specific, catering to a specific medical need or challenge
- Every aspect of our camp program (schedule, menu, supports) are tailored to the specific needs of our campers
- Summer 2022 will be our 12th summer of operation!
- We are located on Aylesford Lake, in the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia
- We run a wide variety of camp programs during the summer, giving campers a chance to experience activities such as: swimming, boating, archery, music, cooking, drama, wilderness survival/orientation, campfires and more!

Find a list of our condition-specific camp sessions here: <https://brigadoonvillage.org/camps/>

Why Get Involved?

While working with us, you will be part of a team of passionate change makers who are among the kindest, silliest, most energetic and enthusiastic people you will ever meet. You'll also meet a hugely diverse group of amazing kids who will have just as much to teach you. You'll have the incredible privilege of sending these brave kids home as even better versions of themselves. You'll laugh and smile more than you ever thought possible, even while you're falling into your bed exhausted every night.

Our Medical Centre:

Each year, we hire two (fully-licensed) RNs, typically who have recently graduated. These Camp Nurses help to make sure that our Medical Centre is clean, well-organized, and operating according to Brigadoon policies. They help to ensure that there is consistency week-to-week, as much of our Medical Team changes each week. Our Camp Nurses and our Medical Centre are overseen by our Nursing Director, who also helps to hire, train, and orient our full medical team. Our Medical Centre is an important location for the delivery of Brigadoon's program philosophy and a place where through intentional choices, our campers have a chance to build resilience, independence, and confidence through their interactions with treatments and our Medical Staff.

Our Medical Team:

- As well as our Camp Nurses and our Nursing Director, we bring on Medical Staff on a weekly basis, based on the availability and expertise of the healthcare professionals themselves, as well as on the needs of each camp session.

- Most medical staff choose one camp session per season that they're available for and interested in, though opportunities to join us for multiple camp sessions may be available, too!
- We prefer that medical team members be able to commit to the full week of camp they've selected, but are able to make exceptions in some cases.
- We offer an honourarium to our medical staff at the end of the camp session.
- We provide accommodations and food for the duration of our camp sessions, so there is no need to worry about costs associated with that!
- We provide a thorough orientation process for each of our medical staff prior to the beginning of their camp duties.
- We require that every member of our medical team provide us with up-to-date immunization history, proof that they are fully licensed and in good standing with their governing body, and criminal record check screening documents prior to arrival at camp.
- While we pay only an honourarium, this is a paid opportunity and Medical Staff will be expected to meet the duties required of them and to contribute positively and effectively to our environment.
- The days at camp are **long** and **busy!** Medical Staff should be prepared to spend long hours in a fast-paced environment, with plenty of support around to lean on!

Who We're Looking For:

We are looking to recruit a team of people whose strengths, skills, and backgrounds are as diverse as those of our campers. Camp experience is absolutely not required to be a valuable member of our team! We are keen to have people join us who are:

- Kind and compassionate
- Fun, energetic, and silly
- Committed to learning and growth
- Flexible and able to adapt quickly
- Able to stay calm in high-pressure situations
- A minimum of 18 years old
- Able to work LONG and challenging days

How to Apply:

Applications for our Medical Staff roles will be open from **February 1st – May 1st**. You can find more information, as well as the link to apply at <https://brigadoonvillage.org/about/team/volunteers/>

Any questions about getting involved with us can be directed to our Summer Director, Tiffany at tiffany@brigadoonvillage.org