

Guidance for 4-H Camps that use a Volunteer as Camp Health Care Supervisor (Camp Nurse)

Like other positions at 4-H Camp, the role of Camp Health Supervisor may be filled by a 4-H Adult Volunteer. In the case of the Camp Health Care Supervisor, there are specific training and credential requirements that need to be met. To comply with state regulations, and as outlined in the 4-H Camp Safety Guidebook, the Camp Health Supervisor may be a registered nurse or other qualified person with training in first aid and prevention of childhood illness and injury. This guidance provides the steps to follow if the Camp Health Supervisor is an Adult Volunteer.

4-H volunteers filling the role of Camp Health Supervisor are provided liability coverage for their actions under the University's General Liability Program, provided the volunteer is acting within the course and scope of their volunteer duties. The duties of the Camp Health Supervisor are generally summarized as:

- Respond to camp injuries and illnesses.
- Provide first aid treatment and, when necessary, summon emergency medical services.
- Report occurrences of foodborne illness, suspected foodborne illness, or any other reportable diseases to the County Health Officer.
- Maintain the camp medical logbook and medical release forms for campers.
- Store and dispense medications as directed by campers' parents or physician.
- Establish procedures for camp health care and sanitation.
- Assure the provision and maintenance of necessary camp first aid supplies and equipment.

After a Camp Health Care Supervisor is selected, the Cooperative Extension 4-H staff will need to verify that the following information is provided by Camp Health Care Supervisor:

- Letter of professional reference from current or most recent employer;
- Current CPR and First Aid Certification (from American Red Cross, American Heart Association, or other similar accrediting organization; and
- Current licensing with the California Board of Registered Nursing.

Or

- Letter of professional reference from current or most recent employer; and
- Documentation of 15 hours of health and safety training that includes: (A) Current pediatric first aid; (B) Current pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR); and (C) A preventative health practices course or courses that include instruction in the recognition, management, and prevention of infectious diseases, including immunizations, and prevention of childhood injuries.

You may also verify a nurse's license status online through the California Board of Registered Nursing at the following link:

[http://www2.dca.ca.gov/pls/wllpub/wllqryna\\$lcev2.startup?p_qte_code=RN&p_qte_pgm_code=7800](http://www2.dca.ca.gov/pls/wllpub/wllqryna$lcev2.startup?p_qte_code=RN&p_qte_pgm_code=7800)

Notice to Volunteer Camp Health Supervisor (or Camp Nurse):

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In order to ensure that we are in compliance with California regulations and University of California policy, we need to verify your credentials and training.

Please provide the 4-H staff in your county with the following:

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