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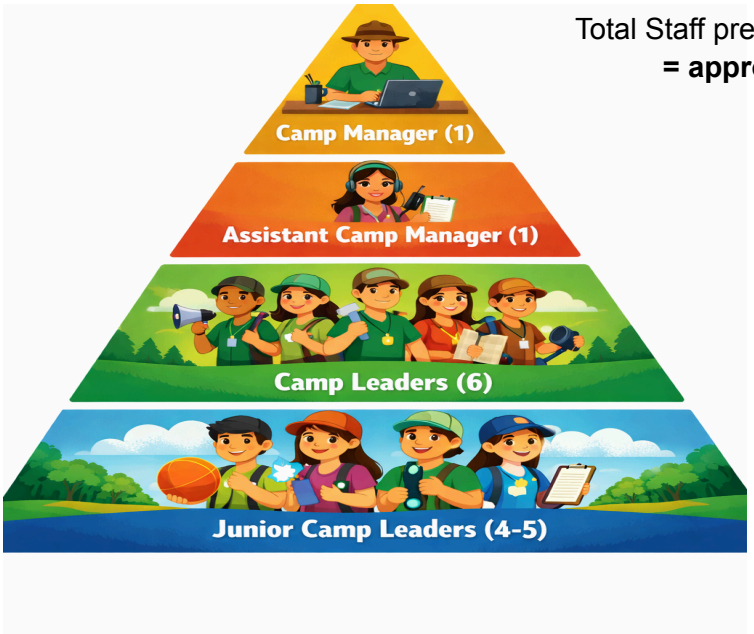
Volunteering at our Camps 2026

Congratulations on being selected to be part of The Underdog Games Team for the upcoming camps. You are all very welcome!

Please read through this document carefully with an adult as it explains in detail what you'll be doing at our camps. The purpose of this document is to inform and clarify your role so you can feel confident and relaxed heading into the first day of camp.

Staff Structure	
Camp Manager (1)	They are in charge of all camp operations including whole camp games, emergencies and behaviour resolutions (essentially the Principal of camp)
Assistant Camp Manager (1)	They work directly under the Camp Manager and facilitate the running and organisation of all camp games and procedures (the Vice-Principal of camp)
Camp Leaders (6)	They are responsible for supervising and running activities for each of their groups (the Teachers of camp)
Junior Leaders / Volunteers (4 or 5)	They assist the Camp Leaders / Managers in running activities and supervising the children.



Total Staff present at full camp
= approx. 12 - 13

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<tr><td>Campers
(approx 90)</td><td>They are divided into 6 groups based on their age:
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<tr><th>Pod</th><th>Partner Pod</th><th>Age Range</th></tr>
<tr><td>Orange</td><td>Green</td><td>Youngest (approx. 5-6yo)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Blue</td><td>Yellow</td><td>Middle (approx. 7-9)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Purple</td><td>Red</td><td>Oldest (approx. 10+)</td></tr>
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(4 or 5)</td><td>Each Junior Leader is assigned to a Camp Leader for the week. They report to that leader and assist in the running of activities and managing of the campers in that particular group. 1 Junior Leader may be assigned to the Assistant Camp Manager to help with other tasks.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Camp Assistant Manager
(1)</td><td>They work directly with the Camp Manager to ensure a smooth and efficient camp. The Assistant Camp Manager is also responsible for leading the Junior Leaders as a whole group and will be their contact person throughout the week.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Camp Manager
(1)</td><td>They oversee and manage the entire camp and run the big whole camp activities.</td></tr>
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What are the main duties as a Junior Leader?

As mentioned above, each Junior Leader will be assigned to a Camp Leader for the week.

For example: 13 year old volunteer named John is assigned to Camp Leader Katie, who runs the Yellow Group (7-9 year olds). Katie has a timetable of games for each day and it's John's responsibility to assist Katie in managing the children and with running the activities.

Sample Junior Leader duties:

Activity Assistant:

1. Help set out equipment before the game and tidy away after.
2. Help to demonstrate the game (this will always be led by the Camp Leader, follow their lead)
3. Encourage and motivate the children to take part in the game (make it exciting!)
4. Encourage teamwork and cooperation during the game
5. Ensure children follow the rules of the game
6. Taking part in the game yourself! **No standing around!**

Camper Support:

7. Help those children who might be left out (1-1 support)
8. Watch out for any negative behaviour and report to Camp Leader
9. Make sure children are playing fairly and taking turns.
10. Engage and play with the campers so they have the most fun possible

Safety Monitor:

11. Stop or prevent any dangerous behaviour and report to Camp Leader
12. Ensure a *'safety first'* mindset when you're participating in games.
13. Remove any hazards from a playing area that you see (water bottles, coats on the ground etc)

What traits do I need as a Junior Leader?

Energy!

- You must work hard and bring lots of energy and enthusiasm in everything you do. That's a necessity when working with children.

Initiative!

- The Camp Leader will usually explain what they would like you to do throughout the day. But don't always wait, show initiative and take action yourself. You won't be given out for making the effort, you'll be praised!

Respect!

- Our camp environment is built on respect and kindness for everyone - children and staff. Conduct yourself accordingly and follow instructions. Treat other staff and children with respect, fairness and decency. Use appropriate language at all times.

Responsibility!

- You are no longer a camper - you are a Staff member! You are wearing the staff bib. That means you must think and act like a staff member. That means putting the children's needs ahead of your own. It means acting safe and mindfully during every activity. When in doubt, ask yourself what a parent or coach would do in this particular situation and do that! As a Junior Leader you are setting the example for all younger campers. Don't forget that!

To Summarise:

It might feel like a lot to remember in this document but it can all be summarised in two simple questions. At all times while volunteering you should ask yourself the following questions:

1. At this moment, what can I do to help the children have more fun?

2. At this moment, what can I do to make my Camp Leader's job that little bit easier?

As long as you remember those two questions then you'll be a great Junior Leader and a huge help to The Underdog Games camp.

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Camp Locations:

D7 Senior Camp (5-12 yo): St. Dominic's College, Ratoath Rd, Ashtown, D07NX47

D14 Senior Camp (5-12 yo): St. Kilian's German School, Roebuck Rd, Clonskeagh, D14P7F2

D7 Junior Camp (3-4 yo): Christ the King Girls N.S, Annaly Rd, Cabra, D07DC56

Camp Start / End Times for Junior Leaders:

	START	END
All Junior Camps	9:10am	1pm
All Senior Camps	8:40am	2pm

What should I bring / not bring to camp?

Yes	No
• Packed Lunch	• Loose hanging jewellery
• Comfortable footwear to run in	• Open-toe footwear (sandals/flip-flops)
• Exercise clothes*	• Valuables (you won't need them)
• Jumper/Jacket for outside	• Food containing nuts/egg

• Bottle of Water	• Phones (volunteer phones will be stored in camp office for duration of day)*
• Wristwatch	
*We provide a Staff Bib for you to wear over your top	*Camp Leaders are permitted to use phones to check timetables but Volunteers will have no use for their phone.

Camp Contact Information:

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As Volunteer phones will be placed in the camp office for the duration of camp day, parents **must contact the above phone number in cases of emergency**