

Frequently Asked Questions about PlayGarden Summer Camp

What COVID precautions is the PlayGarden taking to make sure camp is safe?

Please see our [COVID-19 information sheet](#).

Is this the right camp for my child?

All of the programs at the PlayGarden are fully inclusive of children with and without disabilities. Our staff has extensive experience working with children with physical, intellectual, sensory, social-emotional, and behavioral disabilities.

Our staff are trained in how to provide 1-1 support for each individual child and how to help each child have the best possible camp experience. If your child loves to play and play outside PlayGarden summer camp is the place for them!

If you have questions about the camp schedule, activities, staffing, accommodations, support or medical care for your child please do not hesitate to email or call our Camp Director Hannah at Hannah@childrensplaygarden.org or (206) 349-4097 to talk more specifically about camp.

What is your staff to camper ratio?

To ensure that ALL of our campers have a safe and fun camp experience we have a high staff to camper ratio of 2:1. If your child needs 1-1 support, please indicate so on your camper registration form so we can be sure to provide that level of support.

Can I send an aid or a 1-1 assistant with my child?

Yes. Aids and nurses are always welcome to attend camp with your child. If you plan to send an aid please let us know so we can know to expect them.

How many weeks can I sign my child up for?

Our programs fill up quickly and we often have long waitlists. To ensure that all families that are interested in camp get at least one week of camp, we limit registration to two weeks per child.

Can I volunteer at camp?

If you are interested in volunteering at the PlayGarden please download and fill out the volunteer application from our website under the Summer Camp page. Applications can either be mailed to the Seattle Children's PlayGarden at 1745 24th Ave. S. Seattle, WA 98144 or emailed back to our Camp Director Hannah Gallagher at Hannah@childrensplaygarden.org

Once we receive your application our Camp Director or Administrator will get in touch with you about potential volunteer possibilities.

I want to apply to work as a camp counselor. How do I do that?

Every year the PlayGarden hires a team of 10 summer camp counselors to be part of our summer team. Counselors need to be 15 years of age or older. We are looking for staff that love to play with children, be outside, and work well in a collaborative team environment.

To apply, download and fill out the employee application from our website. Applications can either be mailed to the Seattle Children's PlayGarden at 1745 24th Ave. S. Seattle, WA 98144 or

emailed back to our camp Director Hannah Gallagher at Hannah@childrensplaygarden.org. Once we receive your application our camp directors, Hannah and Mica will be in touch with you regarding an interview

My child wants to help at camp? Is there a way for them to be involved?

We do not have children volunteer during our summer camp programs. If your child is between the ages of 12-15 they can participate in our Junior Counselor program.

What is the Junior Counselor Program and how do I apply?

The PlayGarden's Junior Counselor Program is a youth leadership program that runs in conjunction with the PlayGarden's fully-inclusive outdoor play-based Summer Camp program.

The program provides an opportunity for **young leaders ages 12-16** to learn what it is like to work as a camp counselor at the PlayGarden. Junior Counselors learn how to set-up camp activities, how to support and play with children of all ages and abilities, and how to work collaboratively in a team environment while having fun! To apply, please fill out and send in the Junior Counselor Registration form available on our website. You can mail in your form to The PlayGarden office or email it to hannah@childrensplaygarden.org

The Seattle Children's PlayGarden
1745 24th Ave S. Seattle, WA 98144

Is the PlayGarden open during camp hours?

To ensure the safety of our campers, the PlayGarden is closed to the public during our summer camp hours, Monday-Thursday 9:00am-2:00pm.

Anything else? Send us an email to camp@childrensplaygarden.org