



# Volunteer Role Descriptions

Alliance Sports Camp requires an army of hundreds of committed volunteers to succeed! Each year, this diverse team of volunteers from a variety of backgrounds, ages, and interests comes together to share their knowledge, passion, skill, faith stories, and love of sport with the campers, and hopefully to have a ton of fun along the way.

Specifics and expectations for each volunteer role are listed below. All members of the Alliance Sports Camp volunteer team, except those just helping out before camp, are expected to do the following:

- Prepare for their role before the start of camp.
- Arrive on time each morning (typically 8am arrival on Monday, 8:30am on Tuesday-Friday).
- Be fully engaged in their role and avoid distractions (phone, friends, etc.)
- Bring a positive, encouraging attitude to the kids they interact with.

**Prop/Stage Design:** Help us dream up and execute BIG, engaging stage pieces to help draw kids attention to the rally stage. Most of the work in this role will take place in the month of July leading up to the start of camp, so you can help in this way even if you can't be on site the week of camp. Anyone creative, artistic, crafty, or good at carpentry/construction is encouraged to help!

**Huddle Coach:** A Huddle Coach is an older student or adult who leads a group of no more than 8 kids, called a huddle, throughout the week. As a Huddle Coach, you will help your kids get from place to place, encourage them during sports time, and lead a short devotional each day using provided resources. You do not need to be an expert in the sport you are assigned to, as the sports coaches will lead during those sessions. You do not need to be a member of State College Alliance Church to be a Huddle Coach, though your beliefs should line up with those of our church (see [www.scalliancechurch.com/about-us](http://www.scalliancechurch.com/about-us)) and you should be comfortable sharing your own faith experience with others. Huddle Coaches are asked to participate in a ~90 minute training session before the start of camp and all Huddle Coaches 18 or older will need to complete background checks with the help of church staff.

**Runner:** A Runner is a younger student (typically 6th-8th grade) who helps out their assigned Huddle Coach in a variety of ways. Runners play a key role in our secure drop-off and pick-up procedures, assist their Huddle Coach with snacks, and help kids safely get to/from water fountains and the restroom. If they are comfortable doing so, a Runner can also assist their Huddle Coach in the devotional time by sharing their own faith experience with their kids.

Runners will be trained by a short video which they are asked to watch any time before the start of camp.

**Sports Coach:** A Sports Coach is an older student or adult who leads the kids in their assigned sport during the two ~45 minute sports sessions each day. Using the Huddle Coaches and Runners as assistants, the Sports Coaches guide kids through a variety of drills, activities, and games each day, with an emphasis on safety, sportsmanship, and fun. Sports Coaches do not need to be experts in their area of coaching, but should be familiar enough that they can provide clear instruction and supervision to the kids. Sports Coaches usually have a single work session the weekend before camp starts to organize equipment, line fields, and otherwise prepare, and Sports Coaches 18 and over will need to complete background checks with the help of church staff.

**Special Needs:** Our Special Needs team helps to individualize the Alliance Sports Camp experience for kids whose parents request some accommodation due to any kind of special need. This team ideally consists of at least one adult with experience and training in the area, along with several students who can serve as “Buddies” for kids throughout the camp. The exact roles are unique to each year’s campers, but this is always an extremely rewarding experience for volunteers and campers. Special Needs helpers 18 and over will need to complete background checks with the help of church staff.

**Music/Dance Leader:** Our Music/Dance team consists of adults and students who lead campers in high-energy song and dance during three rallies each day. Members of this team should be comfortable on stage, willing to learn and practice choreography, and bring joy and energy to the rallies. The Music/Dance team typically meets 2-3 times before the start of camp to prepare, and video choreography is also provided to practice at home.

**Rally Leader:** Our Rally Leaders are adults who do the main Bible teaching from the stage. This is typically an invitation only role utilizing established leaders at State College Alliance Church, but we are open to other leaders willing to contribute in this area.

**Snack Helper:** Our Snack team consists of adults who sort, organize, and distribute healthy and kid-friendly snacks to our campers each day. This is a “behind the scenes” role, but an important one to help kids refuel halfway through their busy day of camp. Members of this team will usually have a single work session before camp to get everything organized.

**Registration:** Our Registration team handles a variety of administrative tasks involving T-shirts, wristbands, attendance, and more. Members of this team, typically all adults, should be outgoing, comfortable talking to parents and kids, and organized. Members of this team will usually have a single work session before camp to get signs printed, envelopes filled, and other registration items sorted.

**Preschool:** Our Preschool team provides a safe and fun environment for the children of volunteers who are too young to fully participate in the camp. Members of this team, which can

be students or adults, will care for their kids through play, song, and short visits to the sports fields, all customized depending on the age of kids in the ministry. Preschool helpers 18 and over will need to complete background checks with the help of church staff.

**Safety/First Aid:** Our Safety/First Aid team provides first aid for basic medical issues like bumps, bruises, scrapes, heat exhaustion, bee stings, etc., while also providing oversight and advice for overall camp safety. Members of this team should be older students or adults and have some relevant training and experience, such as Red Cross First Aid training, CPR, or formal medical training. Safety/First Aid team members 18 and over will need to complete background checks with the help of church staff.

**Media:** Our Media team is responsible for both the function of audio/video systems (sound, lighting, and projection) during rallies as well as photography and videography across the camp. Members of this team should be older students or adults and should have some relevant experience either in A/V or photography.

**Security/Facilities:** Our security/facilities team will help make sure the camp runs smoothly and safely. This team of high school students or adults will work with the church facilities team to help with parking and support the other volunteers by keeping the building and grounds running smoothly.