



Variety Motor Mouth Camp Guidelines & Eligibility document Volunteers

The Variety Motor Mouth Camp (MMC) was founded in 2011 and was created with the intention to assist children who have complex communication needs and use augmentative & alternative communication aids (AAC) to express themselves. The camp is an immersive experience, encouraging the user and their family to fully embrace their device and incorporate it into everyday life.

Every year a committee (MMCC) of volunteer therapists organise and run the camp alongside Variety staff. The camp is held in September/October and combines fun, development, and recreational activities for all involved, whilst fostering opportunities to build meaningful connections with other individuals in the AAC community.

For volunteers, this is a fantastic opportunity for some professional development if you work with children with complex communication needs, or can simply be a way for you to 'give back' to the community, assisting amazing children and their families.

Our Values

- Equality – We believe everyone deserves a fair go in life
- Community – We believe it takes a community to raise a child
- Action – We believe in rolling up our sleeves and getting stuff done
- Joy – We believe in the importance of life and laughter

Objectives

- To increase confidence & competence of AAC user and family members with their device
- Improve and increase system use by user and family
- Build friendships and sense of community for all attendees

Eligibility

- Must have a current Working with Children Check
- Applicant must have experience working with children
- Applicant must be aged over 18 years of age
- Applicant must be able to work in small groups and assist children in a busy sensory environment
- Be able to attend majority of the camp (3 days – not compulsory to stay overnight)
- Participate in all camp activities



Volunteer roles

AAC Trained Professionals:	AAC Support Professionals:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speech Pathologist• Occupational Therapist• Other AAC Trained Professional	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speech Pathology Student• Occupational Therapist• Occupational Therapy Student• Physiotherapist• Support Worker• Teacher• Education Assistant• Other Allied Health Professional

Examples of camp program / schedule

- Group based communication activities (AAC user, family/siblings)
- Family activities linked to AAC use / skill practice
- Sibling recreational activities
- Parent workshops / networking
- Mentoring from adult AAC user
- Fun evening activities (incorporating AAC use)

How to apply to attend MMC:

Complete the online application form and submit by Sunday 2nd of June 2024.

Additional information:

- This is an alcohol & smoking free camp
- Meals & accommodation will be provided to volunteers
- All volunteers are expected to abide by their professional code of ethics and Variety's code of conduct
- Staying overnight at camp is not essential. Volunteers can opt to go home after evening activities are finished and return the next day by 8am
- There is no cost to volunteers or families to attend
- Camp is held at Point Walter campsite in Bicton, Perth

KEY DATES FOR 2024

27th March	Applications open
2nd June	Applications close
June	Applications are reviewed by the committee
28th June	Outcome letters are sent to applicants via email
September (date TBC)	Pre-camp information session held online for all participants
21st September	Saturday 21 st to Monday 23 rd September Camp running

If you require further information, please don't hesitate to contact the Program Coordinator via email mmc@varietywa.org.au or phone 9355 3655.