



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 specialised therapists and parents, organise a camp in September/October. The camp combines fun, development, and recreational activities for all involved, whilst fostering opportunities to build meaningful connections with other individuals in the AAC community.

This is a fantastic professional development opportunity for volunteers to work with children with complex communication needs and their families and further your knowledge and experience in the area of AAC.

Objectives

- To increase confidence & competence of AAC user 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 that use AAC
- Applicants must be aged over 18 years of age
- Applicant must be able to work in small groups and assist children in busy sensory environment
- Be able to attend for duration of the camp (3 days)
- Be able to attend pre-camp information session
- Participate in all camp activities

Volunteer roles

- Speech Pathologists
- Speech Pathology Students (3rd and 4th Year)
- Occupational Therapists
- Occupational Therapy Students (3rd and 4th Year)
- Educators - Teachers & Education Assistants (Education Support & Mainstream)
- Sibling recreation support
- Other allied health professionals



Examples of camp program / schedule

- Group based communication therapy (AAC user)
- 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:

1. Complete the online application form available here
<https://www.variety.org.au/wa/programs/mmc/>

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. Volunteer can opt to go home after evening activities are finished.
- There is no cost to volunteers or families to attend
- Camp is held at Point Walter campsite in Bicton, Perth.

KEY DATES FOR 2022

4th May – 27th June 2022	Application open
July 2022	Applications are reviewed
Early August 2022	Outcome letters are sent to volunteers (via email)
October 2022	Friday 30 th September – Sunday 2 nd October Camp running

If you require further information, please don't hesitate to contact Kimberley Ritchie, Program Coordinator at mmc@varietywa.org.au or 9355 3655.