

Variety QLD Motor Mouth Camp 2026 - Volunteer Application Form Preview

Camp Overview

Variety Motor Mouth Camp

We're excited to invite you to apply to volunteer at the 2026 Variety Motor Mouth Camp!

The Variety Motor Mouth Camp is a three-day, two-night camp designed for children aged 6 to 17 who use Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC), along with their parents/carers and siblings.

This unique camp provides families with the opportunity to learn how to incorporate communication into everyday fun activities in a relaxed, supportive environment. With the guidance of trained professionals, families build confidence using AAC systems while participating in engaging recreational experiences together.

The primary aim of the camp is to support children using AAC to improve their system use and become more competent communicators — all while having fun and strengthening family connections.

KEY DETAILS

Dates: Friday 6 November – Sunday 8 November 2026 **Location:** Sunshine Coast Recreation Precinct

What to Expect

- A family-centred camp experience where parents, carers and siblings attend together
- Structured recreational activities designed to create meaningful communication opportunities
- Professional mentoring from AAC-trained clinicians
- A fun, supportive and inclusive environment
- Opportunities for professional development for students and support volunteers

Key Information

- Organised by Variety Queensland and overseen by Variety Queensland staff, volunteer Speech Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, students, and allied health professionals
- Applications are now open for families and volunteers
- Volunteers are encouraged to attend the full duration of camp (part-time volunteers may be considered)
- Volunteers are not required to stay overnight, however accommodation and meals are provided for those who do
- All volunteers must hold a current Working with Children Blue Card

Please note: This is not a respite camp. Families actively participate in all activities.

VOLUNTEER ROLES

AAC Trained Professional

In this role, you will act as the primary mentor to a camper and their family (we aim for one trained professional volunteer per family).

Suitable for:

- Speech Pathologists

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- Occupational Therapists
- Other professionals with AAC training and expertise

AAC Support Professional

In this role, you will provide additional support to the camper and their family, assist the primary mentor, and (for students) gain valuable professional development experience.

Suitable for:

- Speech Pathologists (trained AAC professionals)
- Speech Pathologists (no or minimal AAC training)
- Speech Pathology students
- Occupational Therapists
- Occupational Therapy students
- Physiotherapists
- Support Workers
- Teachers
- Education Assistants
- Other Allied Health Professional

Lived Experience (AAC) Mentors

Lived Experience (AAC) Mentors are people who have a lived experience using AAC themselves or helping others implement it. AAC Mentors support the campers by demonstrating AAC use in real-life contexts, share information about their AAC journey, share tips and strategies for using AAC, and encourage others learning to use AAC.

General Volunteer

Assist with fun, engaging activities for siblings attending camp.

Volunteer Responsibilities

Volunteers will support the Camp Committee in delivering the program by:

- Welcoming families and providing orientation to camp
- Working individually with campers and families to maximise communication during activities
- Facilitating small group activities (all resources and instructions provided)
- Scaffolding and modifying activities to meet individual needs
- Supporting regulation using positive behaviour supports
- Creating communication opportunities during activities, meals, and group sessions
- Providing feedback and guidance to parents around communication goals
- Encouraging siblings and parents to become confident communication partners
- Modelling positive communication partner skills and total communication approaches
- Supporting families with practical needs (equipment set up, bags, transitions)
- Assisting with the sibling recreation program alongside venue staff
- General camp duties including set up, pack down and tidying

Volunteer Information

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Contact Information

Contact Information *

First Name

Last Name

Please upload a photo of yourself - this helps us put a face to a name! *

Attach a file:

What is your gender? *

- ☐ Female
☐ Male
☐ Non-Binary
☐ Other:

This will be used for room allocation purposes

Organisation *

Organisation Name

Occupation *

Contact Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Contact Email Address *

Must be an email address.

This will be the primary contact used for all communication.

Additional Volunteer Roles

Along with assisting families and having fun, we're looking for some dedicated volunteers to help with the following roles. Please select the options you'd feel comfortable doing.

Volunteer Roles

- ☐ General Volunteer Duties
☐ Pre Camp Packing (at Variety Bunya Office)
☐ Medical Officer (Must have appropriate First Aid Qualification)
☐ Disco Set Up (Night 2)
☐ Assistance with Sibling Activities

Dietary Requirements

All meals will be provided. Dietary information collected in your application will be provided to the venue for catering purposes. We will notify you if we need clarification or to discuss your needs.

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All cabins have a bar fridge to store any temperature-sensitive foods and medications.

Please select any dietary restrictions or preferences you have *

- ☐ N/A
- ☐ Vegetarian
- ☐ Vegan
- ☐ Gluten Free / Intolerant
- ☐ Dairy Free / Lactose Intolerant
- ☐ Nut Free
- ☐ Seafood / Shellfish Free
- ☐ No Pork
- ☐ Other:

Do you have any food allergies? If yes, please specify what and treatment to be provided *

For example, Shellfish allergy with an anaphylaxis reaction. Requires EpiPen administration.

Do you have any other food or mealtime requirements we should know about? Please provide as much detail as possible

For example if you like certain textures, needs food blended, cut into certain sizes, or has a preferred eating routine.

Camp Shirts

Volunteers will be provided with red Variety volunteer shirts to wear for the duration of camp.

For T-shirt sizing please click [here](#)

What is your shirt size? Sizes are unisex.

- ☐ Small
- ☐ Medium
- ☐ Large
- ☐ X Large
- ☐ XX Large
- ☐ XXX Large
- ☐ Other:

Please note that small is the smallest size we can offer.

About You!

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If you are selected, this information and your photo will be shared with your matched family before camp so they can begin to get to know you ahead of time. This helps create a sense of familiarity, ease any nerves, and make those first moments at camp feel more comfortable and welcoming for everyone. You will also receive similar information about your matched family, including a photo and a few details about them, so you can feel just as prepared and confident before you arrive. Our goal is to help build early connections and ensure both you and your family feel relaxed, supported, and ready to enjoy the camp experience together. Please only provide information you are comfortable sharing.

Where are you from? *

How do we say your name? You can write it phonetically, e.g. 'Em il ee' *

What is a fun fact about you? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 50 words.

e.g. Climbed Mt Everest, appeared in a movie, have 9 siblings etc

Tell us 3 Things You Like: *

E.g. GArdening, Dancing, The Beach, Spending trime with family.

Tell us 3 Things You DONT Like: *

e.g. Spiders, Folding the Washing, Rude People

What are you most looking forward to at MMC Camp? *

E.g. Meeting everyone, dancing at the disco, learning new skills

What is your favourite...

Song? *

Movie? *

Place? *

Colour? *

e.g. My family home, the spit beach, the Botanical Gardens

Volunteer Capacity

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What volunteer role you are applying for?

What role are you applying for? *

- ☐ General Volunteer (no ACC experience)
- ☐ AAC Lived-Experience Mentor
- ☐ AAC Trained/Qualified Professional
- ☐ AAC Support Professional e.g. Student, OT

What made you want to volunteer at Variety Motor Mouth Camp? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

Do you have any special interests or hobbies that may be considered in planning camp activities (eg. play a musical instrument, arts and crafts, sports coach etc) - please list

What is your day to day role?

AAC Trained Professional

- ☐ Speech Pathologist
- ☐ Occupational Therapist
- ☐ Educator (Teacher, Teachers Assistant, Support Worker)
- ☐ Other:

AAC Support Professional

- ☐ Speech Pathologist
- ☐ Speech Pathology Student (3rd year)
- ☐ Speech Pathology Student (4th year)
- ☐ Occupational Therapist
- ☐ Occupational Therapist Student (3rd year)
- ☐ Occupational Therapist Student (4th year)
- ☐ Teacher
- ☐ Education Assistant
- ☐ Physiotherapist
- ☐ Other:

The following information will help us in our selection of volunteers:

Please provide a brief summary of your experience working with children who use communication systems (AAC)?

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Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

*Not applicable to sibling recreation program applicants

Please select the high tech communication systems and access methods you have experience with and would be comfortable / confident to support a user with

Hardware - Please select all that apply *

- ☐ Unaided Key Word Sign
- ☐ PODD books (direct access)
- ☐ PODD books (alternative access)
- ☐ Tobii Dynavox devices (direct access)
- ☐ Tobii Dynavox devices (alternative access)
- ☐ Smartbox devices (direct access)
- ☐ Smartbox devices (alternative access)
- ☐ Nova Rugged devices (direct access)
- ☐ Nova Rugged devices (alternative access)
- ☐ Accent devices (direct access)
- ☐ Accent devices (alternative access)
- ☐ iPad (direct access)
- ☐ iPad (alternative access)
- ☐ Other:

Software and Vocabulary - Please select all that apply *

- ☐ TD Snap
- ☐ Grid 3
- ☐ NuVoice - Unity
- ☐ Proloquo2go
- ☐ Proloquo
- ☐ PODD (high tech)
- ☐ LAMP WFL
- ☐ WordPower
- ☐ Other:

Alternative Access Methods - Please select all that apply *

- ☐ Eye gaze
- ☐ Switching
- ☐ Head Pointing
- ☐ Auditory scanning
- ☐ Other:

Is a child who you work with applying to attend the Motor Mouth Camp? *

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

If yes, who?

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QLD Working with Children Check (Blue Card)

We require all volunteers to have an active Blue Card for camp. If you do not have one, you can apply for a volunteer Blue Card, which is free of charge and can be linked to Variety. If you do not have a Blue Card, you will need to apply for one before submitting your application. You can apply here: [QLD Volunteer Blue Card Application](#). Please note this process can take up to 28 days.

Do you have a current Blue Card for working with children? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you do not have a Blue Card, you will need to apply for one.

Working with Children Blue Card Number and Expiry Date

Blue Card Number *

Date of Birth *

Must be a date.

We need this information to link you to Variety as a volunteer

Blue Card Expiry *

Must be a date.

This must be valid over the camp dates or a new card will be required.

Please upload a copy of your Blue Card *

Attach a file:

First Aid Qualifications

Do you hold a current First Aid Certificate/Qualification? *

☐ Yes
☐ No

Please upload your current First Aid Certification *

Attach a file:

Please select the qualifications you currently hold *

- ☐ HLTAID009 – Provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
- ☐ HLTAID010 – Provide Basic Emergency Life Support
- ☐ HLTAID011 – Provide First Aid
- ☐ HLTAID012 – Provide First Aid in an Education and Care Setting
- ☐ HLTAID013 – Provide First Aid in Remote or Isolated Site

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- ☐ HLTAID014 - Provide Advanced First Aid
- ☐ HLTAID015 - Provide Advanced Resuscitation and Oxygen Therapy
- ☐ PUAEME008 - Provide Pain Management
- ☐ Other:

Availability

It is not compulsory to stay overnight at camp however priority will be given to those volunteers who are available for the entire camp duration.

If you are available overnight, accommodation will be provided at the venue in shared volunteer rooms.

Are you available to attend the whole camp? (3 days, 2 nights from Friday 6 - Sunday 8 November) *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Availability - Please specify which days/times you WILL be available

Please note camp activities will finish late in the evening at 9pm and morning activities would require you to be back on site at 8.am.

Friday 6th November *

- ☐ Morning ☐ Afternoon ☐ Evening ☐ Overnight

Full day

Saturday 7th November *

- ☐ Morning ☐ Afternoon ☐ Evening ☐ Overnight

Full day

Sunday 8th November *

- ☐ Morning ☐ Afternoon

Finish by 3pm / pack up

Medical Information

*** indicates a required field**

We will have a trained First Aid Officer appointed and available 24/7 throughout the camp. Their contact details will be shared with everyone upon arrival.

First aid will be available for minor needs. For any serious concerns, emergency services will be engaged according to the venue's emergency procedures. This will be briefed upon arrival.

Medical information will be shared with the First Aid Officer in case of emergency.

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Do you have any medical conditions or health concerns we should be aware of? If yes, please provide details (e.g. Allergic to bee stings, medication name/s, back injury, anxiety etc) *

Please provide any other information that may affect your participation at camp:

Emergency Contact Details *

First Name

Last Name

This contact must not be attending camp.

Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Relationship to you *

Declaration & Volunteer Liability Waiver

* indicates a required field

These Terms apply to all people who attend, volunteer at, or support a Variety Queensland camp. By registering or attending, you agree to these Terms.

Definitions

Variety means Variety – The Children’s Charity of Queensland **Participant** means a child, young person, or adult attending the camp **Guardian** means a parent, carer, or authorised support worker **Staff** means Variety employees, contractors, and volunteers **Camp** means the scheduled activity days and all related transport, accommodation, and excursions

1. Eligibility and Registration

Variety will publish eligibility rules for each camp. You must provide accurate, complete, and up-to-date information and supporting documents as requested.

Places are limited. Variety may accept, decline, or waitlist registrations at its discretion.

You must promptly notify Variety of any changes to health status, medications, accessibility needs, supervision requirements, or emergency contacts by emailing kidssupport@varietyqld.org.au.

1. Safeguarding and Child Safety

Variety is a child-safe organisation and is committed to the safety, wellbeing, and participation of children and young people.

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All Staff and volunteers are required to hold and maintain a valid **Blue Card** (or exemption) and comply with Variety's Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy and Code of Conduct.

Guardians must ensure children attend with appropriate supervision.

Any concerns, disclosures, allegations, or suspicions of harm, abuse, neglect, or exploitation must be reported immediately to Variety Staff. Variety may report matters to Child Safety Services, the Queensland Police Service, or other authorities where required by law.

Variety may remove any person whose behaviour is unsafe, harmful, or inconsistent with child safety requirements.

1. Health, Medical, and Accessibility

To attend camp, you must provide accurate and up-to-date information about any medical conditions, medications, allergies, dietary needs, accessibility requirements, personal care needs, behavioural support needs, or other health and wellbeing considerations for yourself and all members of your family group attending camp.

You acknowledge that medical management remains the responsibility of the participant's parent/guardian or primary caregiver. This includes the medical care and support of the participant, siblings, support workers, and any other adults or children attending as part of your family group.

Required medications, medical equipment, mobility aids, dietary items, personal care items, or other health-related supports must be supplied, stored and managed by the family. Parents/guardians and primary caregivers remain responsible for administering medications and monitoring ongoing medical needs. Variety does not take responsibility for the storage, administration or monitoring of medications or ongoing medical care, unless otherwise agreed in writing before camp.

In the event of illness, injury or emergency, you authorise Variety to:

- provide first aid by appropriately trained personnel;
- seek medical treatment;
- contact emergency services; and
- share relevant personal or medical information with medical responders, where required.

You are responsible for any medical, ambulance, treatment or related costs incurred by yourself or any member of your family group.

You accept responsibility for ensuring all members of your family group are appropriately supported, supervised and cared for throughout camp.

Variety may refuse participation or require early departure if a participant's, family member's or support worker's condition, support needs or behaviour presents a safety risk to themselves or others.

1. Risk Acknowledgement and Assumption

Camps involve group, recreational, and outdoor activities. You acknowledge that participation carries inherent risks, including slips, trips, falls, weather exposure, minor injuries, fatigue, and other normal physical or recreational hazards

You agree to:

- Follow all reasonable instructions from the Staff
- Use safety equipment provided
- Participate only in activities appropriate to the Participant's abilities and disclosed needs

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Variety may change, modify, or cancel activities for safety, weather, or operational reasons.

1.Code of Conduct

All Participants, Guardians, and visitors must:

- Act respectfully, inclusively, and with consideration for others.
- Not engage in bullying, harassment, abuse, discrimination, or unsafe behaviour, including physical, verbal, or online misconduct.
- Follow all camp rules, schedules, and lawful directions from Staff.
- Maintain boundaries appropriate to children and young people at all times. Physical contact must be appropriate and consistent with child-safe practices.
- Not bring or consume alcohol, illegal substances, weapons, vaping devices, or other unsafe or prohibited items.
- Care for camp facilities, equipment, and communal spaces. Report any damage or hazards immediately.
- Ensure personal interactions do not place themselves or others at risk, including during transport, activities, or accommodation.

Variety reserves the right to remove any person from the camp whose behaviour is unsafe, inappropriate, or inconsistent with these standards, without refund.

1.Supervision and Support

Guardians or nominated support workers remain responsible for:

- Personal care, toileting, mobility, behaviour support, and medication
- Supervision outside scheduled activities

Variety may request additional support, adjust participation, or refuse attendance if care needs exceed available resources.

1.Transport, Accommodation, and Meals

All transport to and from the camp, activities, accommodation, and meeting points is the responsibility of the Participant and/or Guardian.

Accommodation and rooming allocations are made based on safety, accessibility, age, and availability. Participants, staff, and guardians are not permitted to enter accommodation rooms assigned to others unless expressly authorised by Variety staff.

We will try to cater for all disclosed dietary requirements. If we are unable to meet specific needs, we will let you know in advance if you need to bring your own food. Severe allergies must be identified during the application process.

1.Personal Property

Participants should bring only essential items. Belongings should be clearly labelled.

Variety is not responsible for loss, theft, or damage to personal property, except where required by law.

1.Media, Storytelling, and Consent

Variety may capture photographs, video, or quotes to communicate impact and promote its charitable purpose.

Please let us know your media consent preference when completing the application form.

Where consent is given, you grant Variety a non-exclusive, royalty-free licence to use approved media in print, digital, social media, events, and sponsor communications.

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If at any time during the event you feel uncomfortable or wish to withdraw consent, please notify a Camp Leader immediately. Consent may also be withdrawn in writing after the event. Withdrawal does not affect prior lawful use.

Participants must not record or share images or information about others without consent from the participant's Guardian and Staff approval.

1.Privacy and Data Protection

Variety collects personal and sensitive information to manage registration, safety, accessibility, medical needs, and program reporting.

Information will only be shared on a need-to-know basis for safety, care, or legal compliance.

1.Cultural Safety and Inclusion

Variety is committed to culturally safe, inclusive, and respectful practice, including respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, cultures, and community protocols.

Participants are encouraged to advise Staff of any cultural, religious, or community needs.

1.Fees, Changes, and Cancellations

The camp is provided free of charge to families, but it represents a cost to Variety. Last-minute cancellations mean Variety may still incur expenses and cannot offer the place to another family. If you withdraw within two weeks of the camp, for reasons other than unavoidable circumstances, you may be asked to cover costs already incurred by Variety.

1.Warranties, Liability, and Indemnity

Variety does not guarantee specific outcomes or benefits from participation.

To the extent permitted by law:

- Variety excludes liability for indirect or consequential loss
- Variety is not responsible for the acts or omissions of third-party suppliers

You agree to indemnify Variety, its officers, employees, volunteers, and contractors for losses, claims, or costs arising from:

- Breach of these Terms
- Failure to follow reasonable instructions
- False, misleading, or incomplete information provided
- Misuse of equipment or facilities

Nothing in these Terms limits or excludes liability for:

- Personal injury or death caused by negligence
- Breach of statutory child safety obligations
- Rights or guarantees that cannot be excluded under the *Australian Consumer Law*

1.Emergency and Incident Management

Participants must comply with emergency procedures and directions from Staff.

All incidents, injuries, near misses, and child safety concerns must be reported immediately to Staff.

Variety may document incidents and notify Guardians and relevant authorities as required.

1.Complaints and Feedback

Complaints or feedback may be raised through Variety's published complaints process.

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Child safety complaints may be escalated externally to appropriate authorities at any time.

1.Changes to Terms

Variety may update these Terms from time to time. The version provided at registration applies unless otherwise agreed in writing.

1.Governing Law

These Terms are governed by the laws of Queensland and the Commonwealth of Australia. Queensland courts have non-exclusive jurisdiction.

Participant and Guardian Acknowledgement

By submitting this form, I confirm that:

- I have read and understood these Terms
- I consent to emergency medical treatment and information sharing
- I accept the ordinary risks of participation
- I have provided complete and accurate information
- I understand supervision and medical responsibilities
- I agree to the privacy and media terms where consent is provided

Please indicate that you have read, understood, and agree to the terms outlined in this Volunteer Agreement and Waiver *

☐ Yes, I have read and agree to the terms

Variety Queensland Camp Terms + Conditions and Participant Waiver

If you have any questions regarding the application form, T+Cs or Participation waiver, please email us at kidssupport@varietyqld.org.au before submitting your application.

Do you confirm that you have read, understood, and agree to all terms and conditions, waivers, and consents outlined above? Do you also confirm that you are signing as the responsible party and, where applicable, on behalf of the participant and any additional parents or carers?

☐ Yes, I confirm and agree

Media Consent

Opting out of media consent will not affect your application in any way.

If you choose not to provide media consent, you will not be able to appear in group photos or other camp media. Don't worry — this won't stop you from joining in the fun, but you may miss out on being part of certain photo opportunities.

Participants without media consent will be identified, and every effort will be made by our media team to ensure they are not photographed or filmed.

Please review our Media Consent information [here](#) before answering

Do you give permission to Variety to photograph, film, or interview me and to use these materials?

- ☐ YES, I give my consent (this can be revoked at any time)
- ☐ NO, I do not give my consent

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Thank You

Thank you for applying to volunteer at the Variety Queensland Motor Mouth Camp!

For more information and frequently asked questions, download our Camp Information booklet here: [Variety Motor Mouth Camp Information Booklet](#)

Or you can check out our Motor Mouth Camp web page here: [Variety Queensland - Motor Mouth Camp](#)

Applications close July 31