



# BE A READING BUDDY

## Volunteer at Camp iRock

As a Reading Buddy volunteer, you will spend time with a Camp iRock camper on a regular basis to help them improve their literacy skills and inspire a love of reading and books. You will provide encouragement as a child succeeds, and you will be able to model through your own actions that reading is fun!

Camp iRock Reading Buddies are needed twice a week for 30 minutes or more, June 5-July 19. Volunteers will receive training and supervision from the School District of Pickens County and will coordinate all activities with the Camp iRock teaching staff to support and extend the literacy learning that is occurring in the Camp iRock classroom.

Reading Buddies should be patient and encouraging, good communicators with excellent listening skills, able to work one-to-one with young people at their pace, passionate about literacy, fluent in English and a competent reader, and able to interact with children from diverse backgrounds.

Reading Buddies will have the opportunity to develop meaningful relationships with a child, see a child's reading skills and confidence grow, share your love of reading and books with children, and use your creativity and innovation to facilitate learning.

All Reading Buddy volunteers must be 18 years of age or older and will be screened through a SLED background check.

For more information, contact Karen Culley, United Way of Pickens County, [kculley@uwpickens.org](mailto:kculley@uwpickens.org), 864-850-7094 ext. 102.

### WHEN

Mondays-Thursdays,  
8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.  
(Possible afternoon hours  
available)

### WHERE

Chastain Road Elementary,  
Pickens Elementary, or  
West End Elementary

### COMMITMENT

Prefer a minimum of 30  
minutes, twice a week