

Camp Happiness Criteria for Admission

Please read the following. These will be used as guidelines for acceptance to Camp. Each child or young adult should be able to do the following. Staff ratio is 1 staff for every 4 campers as appropriate.

Disability

- Camper has a diagnosis of Cognitive or other Developmental Disabilities

Self-Care Skills/Behavior

- Able to eat/drink with minimal assistance
- Toileting - Certain camp sites may be able to accommodate non toilet trained children.
- Able to dress/undress (some assistance in tying shoes, zippers, buttons, etc...)
- Can participate safely on walks, short hikes, field trips, and other community excursions as part of a group (does not need one on one supervision)
- Understands/responds appropriately to simple commands
- Does not exhibit DESTRUCTIVE/AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR. (Behavior that cannot be brought under control by methods usually used in group setting). Campers who need one on one assistance will be considered.

Developmental Level

- Able to participate in a group
- Able to remain in assigned area
- Can respond appropriately to simple requests
- Can interact positively with others

Communication

- Can respond (verbally/gestures)
- Can make wants and needs known to others
- Does not have such a severe communication disorder as to be unable to get meaning from communication from others (verbal/gestures)
- Has sufficient communication to interact positively with others

Physical/Medical Problems

- Can move with minimum assistance
- Can care for self with minimum assistance (if uses a wheelchair can aid in transfer)
- Certain camp sites may be able to accommodate wheelchairs
- Does not require constant monitoring or "1 on 1" care
- Those who need "1 on 1" assistance will be considered with an aide.
- Does not experience medical crises which require medical intervention
- Does not require procedures that must be performed by medical personnel
- Does not exhibit uncontrolled seizures

Parent/Guardian and/or physician must provide complete information regarding all medical/emotional/physical problems, changes in treatment or medication, and symptoms for which parent/guardian/physician should be notified.