

Camp Happiness Criteria for Admission

Please read the following. These will be used as guidelines for acceptance to Camp Happiness. Our staff ratio is 1 staff for every 4 campers as appropriate.

Disability

- o Camper has a diagnosis of an Intellectual or other Developmental Disabilities

Self-Care Skills/Behavior

Camper is able to:

- o Eat/drink with minimal assistance
- o Toileting themselves with minimal assistance (certain camp sites may be able to accommodate non-toilet trained children)
- o Dress/undress with minimal assistance (staff assistance in tying shoes, zippers, buttons, etc.)
- o Participate safely on walks, short hikes, field trips, and other community excursions as part of a group (does not need 1:1 supervision)
- o Understand/respond appropriately to simple commands
- o Does not exhibit DESTRUCTIVE/AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR. (Behavior that cannot be brought under control by methods usually used in group settings).

Developmental Level

Camper is able to:

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

Communication

Camper is able to:

- o Understand/respond to basic communication from staff/peers (verbally/gestures/SGD/PECS)
- o Make wants and needs known to others
- o Have sufficient communication to interact positively with others

Physical/Medical Problems

Camper:

- o Can move with minimum assistance (if uses a wheelchair staff can assist in transfer)
- o Can care for self with minimum assistance
- o Does not require constant monitoring or 1:1 care
- o Does not experience medical crises which require medical intervention
- o Does not require procedures that must be performed by medical personnel
- o Does not exhibit uncontrolled seizures

Campers who need 1:1 assistance may be considered with an aide.

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.