

Family Camp Program Eligibility Standards

Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp Family Camp serves individuals with disabilities between 8 and 12 years of age and their families. For the safety of all campers, families and staff, each family applying to Family camp must meet the following standards. Final discretion falls to the Program Director.

Camper Eligibility

The applicant must:

1. have a diagnosed disability appropriate to programming;
2. be between the ages of 8 and 12 on June 15 of the year attending;
3. exhibit behavior that can be managed safely by parents;

Exclusionary behaviors include:

- a. physical or verbal violence directed toward self or others that cannot be safely maintain by parent;
 - b. physical violence toward property(e.g. fire setting);
 - c. sexual violence of any kind
4. demonstrate a willingness to participate in the majority of camp activities;
 5. be at a level of health and wellness that is manageable in the camp setting;
Unmanageable conditions for Camp setting include:
 - a. requiring mechanical assistance for physical transfers;
 - b. depending on highly technical life sustaining equipment or apparatuses(e.g. ventilators);
 - c. needing 24 hour ongoing nursing supervision(e.g. unstable diabetes);
 - d. undergoing the process of changing or altering medication which causes medical instability;
 - e. having frequent uncontrolled seizures;
 - f. having a current communicable disease, feeling ill, fever, open draining lesion or rash, topical parasites, etc.
 6. be adaptable to the group living environment without unduly disruption of the quality of the experience for others.

Camper must be able to:

- a. spend part of the day away from family;
- b. sleep in a dorm style area without excessive disorderly behavior;
- c. follow directions of staff;
- d. remain with the group;

Family Members

The applicant's family members must:

1. be at least five years of age;
2. demonstrate a desire and willingness to participate in the majority of camp activities;
3. pass a background check (16 years and older) that shows no history of physical, verbal or sexual violence of any kind to persons, places or things;
4. be healthy (including camper)e.g. free of any communicable disease, feeling ill, fever, open draining lesion or rash, topical parasites, etc.
5. be willing to spend some programming time away from camper and each other;
6. be the primary caregiver (parents/guardians) for their camper and other children during their time at camp; Responsibilities include (nurse is available for medical support):
 - a. administering medications;
 - b. tending to physical and personal care needs e.g. feeding tubes, catheterizations, diapering, general hygiene, etc.;
 - c. dealing with all disciplinary or behavioral needs

Staff

All staff members have had a background check and health clearance.

Staff will be responsible for:

1. Running program;
2. Providing family activities
3. Encouraging participation
4. Providing a safe environment
5. Supporting families
6. Setting clear boundaries (staff will intervene with safety and behavioral issues if parents are unavailable)

Dismissal from Camp

Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp reserves the right to reject applications prior to attendance or to deny admittance to camp upon arrival based on inability to meet eligibility standards. Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp reserves the right to dismiss any participant from further participation in the program in the event staff determines that the participant cannot meet the program eligibility standards.

Appeal Process

Upon denial of an application to camp, the applicant, parent or legal guardian, may file an appeal within the due process procedure as follows:

1. File a written statement with the business office of Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp, Inc. within thirty (30) days of receipt of the denial. Mail statement to:
Executive Director
10725 SW Barber Blvd. Suite 50
Portland, Or. 97219
2. A committee consisting of three Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp staff, to include the Executive Director and two members of the Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp, Inc. staff will review the statement within (15) fifteen days of receipt.
3. The committee will provide a written reply to the party filing the statement within (7) seven days after the review has concluded.