



Program Eligibility Standards

Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp does not exclude applicants based on disability, medical needs, behavioral support needs, or activities of daily living (ADLs). Each application is reviewed individually to determine whether the camper's needs can be safely and reasonably supported within the scope of services, staffing ratios, training, facilities, and program structure available during the requested session.

1. Financial Requirements
 - a. The applicant must have no outstanding balances from previous MHKC programs at the time of enrollment.
2. Developmental Eligibility
 - a. Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp serves adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Documentation confirming the presence of a developmental or intellectual disability is required as part of the application process and is used for eligibility verification only, not to determine program fit.
3. Age Requirements
 - a. Applicants must be program-age-eligible by the first day of Camp.
 - i. Summer Camp: 18 years or older
 - ii. Family Camp: 8 years or older
 - iii. Fall Retreat: 18 years or older
 - iv. January Winter Retreat: 12 years or older
 - v. February Winter Retreat: 18 years or older
 - b. Due to the physical environment, shared housing, and program structure, first-time applicants must be under 45 years old, unless attending Family Camp
 - c. Any returning applicant who has not attended in the past five years will undergo a full review to reassess current needs and program fit.
4. Program Suitability
 - a. Camp programming is delivered in a structured, group-based setting with scheduled activities and transitions throughout the day. Camp programming is designed for campers seeking an active, structured camp experience centered on daily program activities.
 - b. Campers may engage in activities in a variety of ways, including modified, alternative participation, or observational participation as appropriate to individual needs.
 - c. Applications are reviewed to determine whether a camper's needs can be supported within the structure of group-based programming and available staffing.
 - d. Certain camp activities use equipment with manufacturer-specified safety limits, including weight and physical use requirements. These limits are applied for safety reasons only. When a camper is unable to participate in a specific activity due to equipment limitations, alternative activities are available.
 - i. Horses: 250lbs
 - ii. Adventure: 275 lbs.
 - iii. Adaptive Biking: 300 lbs.
5. Behavioral Support Considerations
 - a. MHKC provides routine behavioral support appropriate to a group-based camp setting.

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- b. Behavioral support needs are reviewed individually to determine whether they can be supported safely within available staffing, training, supervision, and program structure.
 - c. The following are examples of behavioral support needs that may exceed the scope of support available at camp and require additional review. This list is not exhaustive and does not automatically exclude participation
 - i. Ongoing physical aggression toward self, others, or property that requires continuous intervention.
 - ii. Verbal or sexual behaviors that pose a safety risk to the camper or others within a group setting.
 - iii. Behaviors that require constant 1:1 supervision for safety or specialized intervention beyond routine staff training, including Ukeru Intervention strategies.
 - iv. Repeated elopement or inability to remain within designated program areas despite support.
 - v. Behaviors that result in frequent or extended time away from group programming due to safety concerns and support.
 - d. Camp provides shared overnight accommodation with routine, on-call supervision. Staff/counselors sleep nearby and are available to respond as needed; however, continual overnight intervention may exceed the support available at camp. Overnight behavioral support needs are reviewed individually to determine whether they can be supported safely within this setting.
6. Medical Support Considerations
- a. MHKC provides on-site nursing coverage at all times during camp sessions. Nursing services include routine first aid, scheduled medication administration, general health monitoring, and response to illness or injury within a camp setting.
 - b. Medical needs are reviewed individually to determine whether they can be supported safely within the scope of services, staffing, and facilities available at camp.
 - c. The following are examples of medical support needs that may exceed the scope of services available at camp and therefore require additional review. This list is not exhaustive and does not automatically exclude participation:
 - i. Medical needs requiring continuous, individualized, skilled nursing care beyond routine monitoring.
 - ii. Complex or ongoing medical procedures that cannot be safely performed in a camp environment.
 - iii. Reliance on life-sustaining medical equipment that requires constant clinical oversight.
 - iv. Medically unstable conditions, including recent significant changes in health status or medication that require close clinical monitoring.
 - v. Seizure disorders that are not currently well controlled and require frequent clinical intervention.
7. Health Screening
- a. All campers participate in a health screening at check-in to assess current health status and reduce the risk of illness transmission at camp



- b. Health screening includes assessment for symptoms of illness or infection, including but not limited to:
 - i. Fever (100°F or higher)
 - ii. Open or draining lesions.
 - iii. Rash or unexplained skin conditions
 - iv. Topical parasites or infectious/communicable conditions
- c. Health screening determinations are based on current symptoms at the time of arrival and do not consider diagnosis, disability, or long-term medical conditions.

Specialty Program Participation Considerations

Beyond the general eligibility criteria, specialty programs (Forest Trekkers, Ground Explorers, Fall Retreat, and Winter Retreat) differ from Main Camp in structure, environment, and available support.

- a. Applicants for specialty programs must have completed at least 1 year of Main Camp participation.
- b. Forest Trekkers, Ground Explorers, and Winter Retreat operate with reduced staffing ratios, extended outdoor activity, limited access to facilities, and fewer medical and behavioral supports than Main Camp. Participation in these programs is determined through an individualized review to assess whether a camper's needs can be supported safely within the structure and environment of the specific program.
- c. Fall Retreat operates with standard staffing ratios comparable to Main Camp; however, participation is still reviewed individually due to differences in schedule, environment, and program design.
- a. The following are examples of factors that may affect participation in specialty programs and should be considered when applying. This list is not exhaustive and does not automatically exclude participation.
 - i. Ability to safely engage in extended outdoor activities with limited access to indoor spaces or rest areas.
 - ii. Medical needs that require frequent intervention beyond what can be supported in an outdoor or remote setting.
 - iii. Behavioral support needs that require higher staffing ratios or frequent time away from the group.
 - iv. Mobility, endurance, or environmental tolerance needs that may limit participation in hiking, uneven terrain, or prolonged outdoor conditions, even with reasonable accommodations.
 - v. Winter Retreat takes place in snow and winter weather conditions. Participation requires the ability to safely navigate snowy or icy terrain and tolerate cold temperatures with available support and accommodations.
 - vi. Eligibility for specialty programs is separate from eligibility for Main Camp.
- b. A camper who is not a good fit for a specialty program may still be eligible for other MHKC programming

Personal Care Providers/Caregivers

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Some campers may receive additional personal support services through their own support networks or ODDS-authorized plans. MHKC is not involved in arranging or authorizing these services. All campers are screened based on the camp's ability to meet their needs within program capacity.

Dismissal from Camp

Decisions regarding early dismissal are made only after reasonable support has been attempted and when the camper's health or safety cannot be maintained within the scope of services, MHKC is able to provide. The circumstances include, but are not limited to:

- a. Exhibiting behavior(s) or medical condition(s) outlined in the camp's eligibility criteria;
- b. Displaying behavior(s) or medical condition(s) that the Programs Director(s) or on-site Nurse(s) deem unsafe for the camper or others to remain at camp.
- c. Worsening of medical condition due to the camp environment.
- d. Refusal or inability to consume sufficient food to maintain nutritional support.
- e. Refusal or inability to drink any liquids in an eight-hour period.
- f. Refusal or inability to take prescribed medications.
- g. Refusal or inability to comply with personal care needs. (e.g., Medications, toileting or changing soiled attends, eating, or drinking).
- h. Pre-existing medical conditions or behavioral needs not disclosed on the Camp application, or during check-in.

Each dismissal decision is made with careful consideration and discussion by key camp personnel. Relevant details about the incident, illness, or behavior, including its frequency and intensity, are collected and assessed. Whenever possible, camp staff maintain open communication with parents or caregivers to explore all options before making a final decision. Campers dismissed for behavioral, or health reasons will undergo a review by the Programs Director to determine their suitability for future participation in MHKC programming, with the outcome communicated to parents or guardians.

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

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