

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



### Who can attend Camp Burnt Gin?

Camp Burnt Gin is for children 7 through 15 and youth 16 through 20 years of age who have physical disabilities and chronic illnesses.

### What are the campers' disabilities?

Some of the more common disabilities are cerebral palsy, spina bifida, seizures, sickle cell anemia, hearing loss, chromosomal disorders, and heart disease. The severity of the disabilities varies tremendously. There are children who require very little assistance from the counselors, and there are children who need help with all aspects of daily living.

### Who will take care of my child and what type of training do they have?

In each cabin of eight campers, there are typically four counselors. The majority of the counselors are college students who have experience working with children and who are interested in working with children who have special needs. They participate in a weeklong training program where they learn about the health problems of the campers and the special care the children require.

### Who will take care of my child's medical needs?

Two nurses are available at all times to give medicine and first aid and supervise the children's medical treatments. Sumter Pediatrics serves as our camp doctors, and the local hospital is about 20 minutes away.

### Is this an overnight camp or day camp?

Camp Burnt Gin is a camp where the campers spend the night. Children who are 7 through 15 years old spend seven days at camp. Youth who are 16 through 20 years of age spend six days at camp.

### My child has never been away from home. What if he becomes homesick?

Almost all children, whether they have special needs or not, experience some homesickness. The camp staff is trained to help children adjust to being away from home. Usually, once the children get involved in the camp activities and start having fun, they do fine. If, however, a child does not adjust to being away from home, the camp staff will contact the parents.

### When will I find out if my child is accepted to attend camp?

Acceptance is determined on an individual basis. Many factors are considered in determining acceptance, including the child's physical disability, medical and personal needs, and whether or not the child is able to participate in another camping program. Parents are notified of their child's acceptance in May.

### What is the cost of Camp Burnt Gin?

It is free. Camp Burnt Gin is supported by state funds and contributions.

### Is transportation to and from camp provided?

No. Transportation to and from camp is the responsibility of the child's family.



# WELCOME TO CAMP BURNT GIN

A Summer Camp for  
Special Children





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CAMP BURNT GIN, located near Sumter, South Carolina, offers a summer camping experience for youth, 7 through 20 years of age, who have a physical disability or chronic illness. Sponsored by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, the camp provides a safe environment where children and teens who have special health care needs can make new friends, become more independent, feel good about themselves and have **FUN!**

You may also visit our Web site  
<http://www.scdhec.gov/campburntgin>  
for more information.



**THE DEADLINE FOR  
APPLICATIONS  
IS MARCH 1.**

If you have questions or would like an application, contact the camp director, Marie Aimone, at (803) 898-0455.

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