

Eligibility Guidelines

The purpose of Camp Burnt Gin is to provide a summer camping experience for children who have a physical disability and/or chronic illness. The goals of Camp Burnt Gin are to offer an experience which will be fun and safe; provide the kind of experience and stimulation which will encourage continued social, physical and emotional growth; help campers realize and reach their maximum leisure abilities; and emphasize the importance of each person to help increase self-esteem.

Eligibility Criteria:

- The child must have a physical disability or chronic illness.
- The child must be 7 through 20 years of age and young adults must be 21 through 25 years of age.
- Benefits from participating in camp are beyond respite for the caregivers.
- The child's supervision and personal care needs can be met in a setting that provides a ratio of three staff to seven campers.
- The child does not exhibit aggressive, self-abusive or inappropriate sexual behavior.
- The child attends school.
- The child's medical needs can be met in a rustic camp setting and do not require routine 24-hour nursing services (emergencies and unexpected illnesses are the exceptions).

Other Factors to Consider in Determining Appropriateness:

- Can the child participate in group activities with assistance?
- Can the child tolerate heat?
- Does the child have sleeping problems (inability to go to sleep, wakes frequently)?
- Are there any concerns about the child wandering away from the group and becoming lost?
- Can the child and parent adjust to the separation?
- Is the child able to easily adjust to a change in their daily routine?
- Can the child's summer therapy be discontinued during the week of camp?
- Does the child have other recreational opportunities?

Examples of routine 24 hour nursing services which we cannot provide include but are not limited to:

- **Diabetes Management:** (checking blood sugars after 10 p.m., carbohydrate counting, nighttime nursing visits to observe for signs and symptoms of hyper/hypoglycemia etc.) Children who have diabetes must be able to self manage their care. A statement from the child's physician verifying their ability to comply is required.
- **G-Tube Feedings:** We cannot accommodate children who receive overnight g-tube feedings. Children who receive g-tube feedings during the day will be considered on an individual basis as staffing allows (maximum of four feedings per day).
- **Tracheostomies and Ventilators:** We are unable to meet the needs of children with tracheostomies and ventilators.
- **CPAP and Bi-PAP:** We are unable to accept children who require a CPAP or BiPAP machine. Nursing staff are not available to make regular night visits to observe camper and equipment.
- **Extensive Medication Administration:** Nursing staff are not available for medication administration after 10 p.m. or before 7 a.m. except in emergencies.

If you have questions regarding a child's eligibility or appropriateness for Camp Burnt Gin, please do not hesitate to call the camp director, Marie Aimone at 803-898-0784.

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