
Special Camp for Special Kids 2017

Camper Information Sheets

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Thank you for your interest in Special Camp for Special Kids 2017! Please take a moment to read through the following information regarding the Camper application process.

The Priority Deadline is March 1, 2017. Returning your application by this deadline allows for our staff to thoroughly review all applicants and begin the enrollment process for those individuals who are accepted. After March 1st, Special Camp cannot guarantee that there will be Camper positions available. Please note that applications are considered in the order that they are received.

APPLICATION OVERVIEW AND HOUSE VISITS

Our staff uses the Camper Application to learn essential information about each camp participant. In addition, all new Camper families (and some returning camper families) will be contacted by our staff to arrange a house visit. Confirmation of acceptance is contingent upon this visit (and additional visits, if necessary). House visits provide our staff, the Camper, and their family with the invaluable opportunity to get to know one another prior to the start of camp. In addition, the house visit allows our staff to form the best Camper-Counselor pairing possible. **Please note: both the Camper applicant and a parent or guardian must be present for the entire house visit.**

A copy of the application is given to the Camper's Counselor, who uses the information in determining the best means to assure that the Camper gets the most out of the Special Camp experience. Since diagnoses change and we have new staff members and volunteer Counselors each year, we ask that you thoroughly and clearly fill out the Camper application.

You will be notified via email once your application has been received by the Special Camp office. **Please provide a reliable email address at which you can receive updates and other communications from Special Camp.** Confirmations of acceptance will be sent via email at a later date.

TUITION AND SCHOLARSHIPS

As of 2008, Special Camp for Special Kids is not a Regional Center Vendor. If you are a Regional Center Client and have respite hours, the Regional Center will reimburse you for the Camper's time spent at Special Camp. Please contact your caseworker for more information.

The Camper tuition fee is \$400 per session. This fee is used to partially underwrite the cost of meals, transportation, and activities at Special Camp. A Special Camp t-shirt is included with the cost of tuition.

Tuition will be requested once the applicant has been placed in a session. At that time (early

April), a confirmation email will be sent with payment instructions. **All balances must be paid by April 30, 2017 and tuition becomes non-refundable thereafter.**

Need-based Camper tuition scholarships are available. Please contact Lindsay Eres, Executive Director at (949) 661-0108, ext. 1226 or via email at Lindsay.Eres@smes.org to receive a Scholarship Request Form.

COUNSELOR SELECTION PROCESS

All Counselors are required to submit an application to Special Camp. Prior to being accepted, each new Counselor is interviewed by a Special Camp staff member. Counselors also attend a mandatory Training Seminar led by our Counselor Coordinator and staff. Please contact Lindsay Eres, Executive Director, if you have any other questions regarding our Counselor selection process.

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES

Session One
July 10-14, 2017

Session Two
July 17-21, 2017

Session Three
July 24-28, 2017

Session Four
July 31-August 4, 2017

Tentative Camp Hours:

Monday: 9:00am – 4:00pm
Tuesday: 9:00am – 4:00pm
Wednesday: 9:00am – 4:00pm
Thursday: 8:00am – 5:00pm
Friday: 9:00am – 5:30pm*

**Geraldine Parent Family Picnic and Award Ceremony, All Sessions: Friday 4:00pm – 5:30pm*