

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR CAMPERS AT BEACON LODGE

This page contains Camper Criteria for all Adult and Children's Village sessions
as well as general criteria for all campers.

Please find your session and read the criteria carefully.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ALL BEACON LODGE CAMPERS:

- A. Campers with acute medical conditions that could result in a medical emergency at camp cannot be accepted.
- B. Campers must be free from communicable disease and provide a yearly physical form & current med sheet.
- C. All campers will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis to determine proper session placement based on the campers individual needs. Administration reserves the right to assign campers to specific sessions due to staffing & camper needs.
- D. The minimum age of an adult camper is 18 and the maximum age of a child camper is 19. The upper age limit for adults is based on health, safety in a camp setting, and assistance needed.
- E. No camper will be permitted to attend camp if he/she displays physically/verbally aggressive tendencies (i.e.) punching, biting, scratching, kicking, and/or obscene/offensive language. If the camper has a history of these behaviors, please reconsider registration, campers that display these behaviors will be sent home. It is the caregiver's responsibility to pick the camper up within 12 hours of the phone call. If a camper is called to be sent home and there is no available contact, that camper will not be permitted to return the following year.
- F. ***Camper's that require 1:2 assistance with bathing, dressing, feeding, or toileting can be accepted. Special Care is an available session. Personal Care needs will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis to determine proper session placement.***
- G. Campers' status will be reviewed & determined on a yearly basis. Camp Coordinator will notify campers or caregivers following the current camping season via written letter.
- H. All campers must arrive to camp on check-in day from 12:00pm to 3:30pm and depart on checkout day from 9:30am to no later than 12:00pm. Campers that are NOT picked by 12 noon will be charged an hourly rate for care, billed directly to the camper, facility, or caregiver and will not be permitted to return the following year. **No exceptions.** On check-in day ONLY dinner will be served, on checkout day ONLY breakfast will be served. Please be sure campers eat lunch prior to arrival.

CHILDREN'S VILLAGE SESSIONS

CAMP CONNECTION: (4 DAY SESSION)

- A. Visually impaired children ages 9 months to 6 years.
- B. A maximum of 11 families will be registered.
- C. At least one parent or caregiver, no more than 6 people per cabin must accompany Child.
- D. Registration fee and camp fee include 2 adults and 1 child. Additional adults & children will be an added cost.
- E. Adults will attend several educational seminars, while children participate in-group activities supervised by camp staff. Family time is scheduled for children and adults to participate in camp activities together.

CHILDREN'S VILLAGE TRANSITIONAL CARE: (6 DAY SESSION)

- A. Mild to moderate levels of mental retardation, Autism, Asperger's Syndrome, etc.
- B. 6-18 years of age.
- C. Non-physically aggressive to self or others. No severe behavior disorders.
- D. Continent. Personal care needs will be evaluated on an individual basis. Must be able to assist counselors with bathing, dressing, feeding, and toileting. Children that may wet the bed will be required to bring a supply of personal care items; pull-ups/briefs, bed pads, wipes, and ample changes of clothing/pj's.
- E. Ability to communicate personal needs, follow basic directions, participate in daily activities in a group setting, and live peacefully in close quarters with up to 4 cabin mates.
- F. Campers with a dual diagnosis will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- G. Ratio of 1 counselor to every 3 children/campers.
- H. Maximum enrollment 40.

CHILDREN'S VILLAGE ASSISTED LIVING: (6 DAY SESSION)

- A. Learning Disabled, Mild Mental Retardation, PDD, High Functioning Autism.
- B. 7-18 years of age
- C. Non-physically aggressive to self or others.
- D. Continent & self-sufficient with bathing, dressing, feeding & toileting. Verbal prompting, mobility assistance, and basic assistance will be given in regards to ADL's & daily schedule of activities. Ability to communicate personal needs, follow directions, participate in daily activities in a group setting, and live peacefully in close quarters with up to 6 cabin mates.
- E. Ratio of 1 counselor for every 4 campers.
- F. Maximum enrollment 50 campers.

CHILDREN'S VILLAGE VISUALLY IMPAIRED: (11-DAY SESSION)

- A. Vision requirement – 20/70 in better eye with best correction.
- B. Non-physically aggressive to self or others. Non-verbally abusive.
- C. Typically no mental retardation, but campers with mild learning disabilities and/or mental retardation may be accepted upon review or based on previous attendance.
- D. Ratio of 1 counselor for every 6 campers.
- E. Campers must be independent in all aspects of daily living skills. Staff will provide appropriate mobility assistance, dining hall assistance, and verbal prompting when needed.
- F. Continent. Independent in all aspects of daily living skills w/ appropriate assistance from staff w/ mobility. Ability to self-bathe, dress, feed, follow directions, rules & policies.
- G. 6-18 years of age

CHILDREN'S VILLAGE VISUALLY IMPAIRED: (6-DAY SESSION)

- A. Vision requirement – 20/70 in better eye with best correction.
- B. Non-physically aggressive to self or others. Non-verbally abusive.
- C. Typically no mental retardation, but campers with mild learning disabilities and/or mental retardation may be accepted upon review or based on previous attendance.
- D. Ratio of 1 counselor for every 6 campers.
- E. Campers must be independent in all aspects of daily living skills. Staff will provide appropriate mobility assistance, dining hall assistance, and verbal prompting when needed.
- F. Continent. Independent in all aspects of daily living skills w/ appropriate assistance from staff w/ mobility. Ability to self-bathe, dress, feed, follow directions, rules & policies.
- G. 6-18 years of age

CHILDREN'S VILLAGE SPECIAL CARE (5 DAY SESSION)

- A. Moderate to severe levels of retardation, autistic, or autistic like behaviors, or campers that may be physically challenged that need personal care assistance.
- B. 6-18 years of age.
- C. Personal care needs will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Campers must bring their own supply of personal care items, (i.e.) briefs, moist wipes, bed pads, shirt savers and utensils...
- D. Non-physically aggressive to self or others. Behavioral disorders will be evaluated on case-by-case basis.
- E. Ability to function with a ratio of 1 counselor to 2 campers.
- F. Maximum enrollment is based on staffing and camper needs.
- G. Campers with a dual diagnosis (i.e. mental retardation and quadriplegia) will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Acceptance will depend on the number of staff per season, staff experience, and camper's needs

ADULT CAMP SESSIONS:

ADULT CAMP TRANSITIONAL CARE: (6 DAY SESSION)

- A. Mild to moderate mental retardation, mild Autism.
- B. Non-physically aggressive to self or others.
- C. Continent. Minimal assistance needed and/or verbal prompting for personal care (i.e. ADL's)
- D. Able to function in a camp environment with a ratio of 1 counselor for every 3 campers.
- E. No severe behavior disorders.
- F. Campers with a dual diagnosis will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- G. Maximum enrollment 45-50 (Dependent of staff availability & camper needs)

ADULT CAMP ASSISTED LIVING: (6 DAY SESSION)

- A. Learning disabled, mild mental retardation, or no MR, but a mild disability present
- B. 18-65 years of age
- C. The ability to work well, socialize with, and interact in peer group settings.
- D. Continent & minimal assistance needed w/ ADL's via verbal prompting.
- E. Ratio of 1 counselor to every 4 campers.
- F. Maximum enrollment 60 campers.

ADULT CAMP BLIND/VISUALLY IMPAIRED: (11 DAY SESSION)

- A. Vision requirement – 20/70 in better eye with best correction. (Legally Blind w/ best correction, totally blind, Macular Degeneration, Retinitis Pigmentosa, Glaucoma, etc.) Typically no mental retardation.
- B. Non-physically aggressive to self or others. Non-verbally abusive.
- C. Campers must understand staff is here to assist campers with basic needs in regards to mobility, direction, and camp activities; however, BLC promotes independence and asks campers to help themselves as much as possible in the cabin, at meal times, and during down time.
- D. Continent & Independent in all aspects of daily living skills w/ appropriate assistance from staff w/ mobility. Ability to self bathe, dress, feed, follow directions, rules & policies, responsible for personal laundry if needed, and must be responsible to manage money in camp & during off-camp trips. **MUST** be responsible for travel arrangements, & tickets if applicable.
- E. No behavior disorders. Must be able to live in close quarters in a cabin of up to 7 people and up to 100 campers & staff per session.
- F. Campers must be able to function in a camp environment w/ a ratio of 1 counselor for every 6 campers. Must agree to adhere to all guidelines set forth by the Board of Directors and Camp Administration.
- G. Maximum enrollment 41 men, 41 women, 8 married couples.

ADULT CAMP SPECIAL CARE: (5 DAY SESSION)

- A. Moderate to severe levels of retardation, autistic or autistic like behaviors, or campers that may be physically challenged that need personal care.
- B. Personal care needs will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Campers must bring their own supply of personal care items, (i.e.) briefs, moist wipes, bed pads, shirt savers, and utensils..
- C. Non-physically aggressive to self or others. Behavioral disorders will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- D. Ability to function with a ratio 1 counselor to 1 or 2 campers.
- E. Maximum enrollment is based on staffing and camper needs.
- F. Campers with a dual diagnosis (i.e. mental retardation and quadriplegia) will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Acceptance will depend on the number of staff per season, staff experience, and camper's needs