

## Camp Horizon Frequently Asked Questions

### **Where is Camp Horizon located?**

Camp Horizon takes place on the campus of Virginia Wesleyan College, where we rent facilities, including classrooms, gym, pool and dorm rooms for overnight camp.

### **When is Camp Horizon?**

There are eight sessions beginning the week of June 20-24, 2011.

Sessions are Monday through Friday, except for Session 3, which begins on Tuesday, July 5 (Monday July 4 is a holiday). Campers may attend day camp during any of the eight sessions. Overnight camp for teens and adults is also offered during Sessions 1, 2,3,4 and 7.

### **What are the camp hours?**

Day camp hours are 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Overnight campers arrive on Monday morning at 10:00 and leave at 4:30 on Friday afternoon.

### **Do you provide transportation?**

Campers must provide their own transportation to and from the campus.

Camp Horizon provides transportation for field trips only.

### **Who can attend?**

Children age 5 and up and adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

Campers in previous summers have had intellectual disabilities, cerebral palsy, autism, Asperger's, spina bifida, Down syndrome and other disabilities.

### **Who is on the staff?**

Camp counselors and instructors are predominately college students studying special education, recreational therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, psychology, art therapy, or music therapy. Some of the staff are professionals in the public schools who choose to work at camp during the summer. We hire counselors who are specifically interested in working with this population and are dedicated to making camp a memorable experience for the campers.

The camp director is a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist, and the Assistant Director is a teaching professional working for SECEP during the school year. The overnight director is a special education teacher.

### **What is the camper/staff ratio?**

We have a minimum ratio of one counselor for every two campers. Campers receive supervision and assistance according to their individual needs. If needed, campers receive 1:1 assistance.

**What is the campers' day like?**

1. Large group sports and active games in the gym for the first 45 minutes of the day
2. Leisurely buffet lunch in the dining hall (included in camp fee)
3. Three small group activities (art, music/drama and leisure skills). Campers rotate among the three.
4. Pool activities in the Virginia Wesleyan indoor pool, where campers are closely supervised, and lifeguards are on duty. For additional safety, we provide lifejackets for use by those who cannot swim.

**Do campers go on field trips?**

Most weeks of camp include a field trip during the day. There is one evening field trip during each week of overnight camp.

Daytime field trips may include sites such as the Virginia Aquarium, Air & Space Museum, Norfolk Botanical Gardens, VB Schools' Planetarium, Chrysler Museum, the Virginia Living Museum, the Sports Hall of Fame and other locations not yet confirmed.

Evening field trips may include the VB oceanfront, the Virginia Zoo, or other locations not yet confirmed.

Field trip transportation is provided through a contract with the Norfolk Public Schools.

**Are medications administered at camp?**

Yes. During day camp, the camp nurse will administer medications to campers. Overnight medications are administered by certified medication assistants. There are specific instructions included with the camp application materials about what is required in order for us to administer medications at camp. Please read them carefully and follow them completely.

**Are campers grouped according to age or ability levels?**

We strive to place campers in groups with some others of their own age.. Because we have a wide range of ages and ability levels in any given week, campers may also be with others of a different age. Most groups have campers with a variety of ability levels, and within any given group, activities are adapted to each individual's ability level to enable maximum participation by all campers.

**Is there a fee?**

The fee for day camp is \$350 per session (\$280 for the shorter session of July 5-8). This includes a daily lunch as well as field trip transportation and admission.

The fee for overnight camp is \$530/session.

### **Is scholarship assistance available?**

Some scholarship assistance is available, based upon financial need.

1. If the camper is a child, (or is age 18-21 and still in school), scholarship assistance can be requested from the Bertha Snyder Children's Care Fund. Applications for this assistance can be obtained from The Up Center. The maximum assistance available from this source is \$150 for day camp or \$300 for residential camp.
2. Assistance from The Up Center is available to children and adults. It is also based on financial need. Applications for this assistance are included in Part A of the camp application materials on our website: [www.theupcenter.org](http://www.theupcenter.org) (move your cursor to "for people with disabilities", then move cursor up and click on link for Camp Horizon). We try to assist every camper who is in financial need in attending at least one session of camp.
3. If you have a case manager at a local Community Services Board or the Dept. of Social Services, they may be able to provide some scholarship assistance.

### **Can campers attend more than one session?**

Yes, campers may choose to attend one or more sessions of camp, as space is available. Depending on enrollment, scholarship assistance may not be available for multiple weeks of camp.

### **When is the deadline for applying?**

Camp application forms must be received no later than June 1, 2011. However, we encourage earlier submission of applications to ensure a space in your chosen session. Enrollment in sessions will close as they reach capacity, and additional applicants will be placed on a waiting list.

### **What forms are needed to apply for Camp Horizon?**

All necessary application forms are on our website: [www.theupcenter.org](http://www.theupcenter.org) (move your cursor to "for people with disabilities", then move cursor up and click on link for Camp Horizon).

Part A forms should be submitted as soon as possible with the \$25 application fee to reserve your space in camp.

Part B forms require a physician's signature and may be mailed in at a later date, but must be received by June 1, 2011.

Part C is important information for you to read and retain in your records.

Please be sure that all forms are signed by a parent, guardian or adult camper as indicated on the form.