

Achieving Dreams Summer Camp 2018



2018 Teen Summer Camp Program Policies:

ADMISSION CRITERIA

1. Campers must have a diagnosis of Down Syndrome.
2. Campers must be at least 13 (thirteen) and not older than 21 (twenty-one).
3. Campers must be exempt from the any of the following health care needs that our staff are not equipped to handle:
 - a) serious or contagious disease
 - b) diabetes management for unstable, brittle diabetics requiring insulin and glucose checks several times a day
 - c) campers requiring frequent wound management
 - d) drug holidays for campers with severe behavioral problems
 - e) campers with a feeding tube or tracheotomy tube
4. Camper's behaviors must be manageable within the scope of Achieving Dreams policy and procedures and the supervision the camp is able to provide. Please see Behavior Plan section of this document for more detailed information.

PART-TIME CAMPERS

Part-time camper positions will only be offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. There will be no part-time positions available on Mondays and Fridays in order to efficiently assign camp staff and to keep costs affordable to families.

PAYMENT OPTIONS & MICHELLE P. WAIVER

Every camper who is accepted into the program is required to pay a non-refundable application fee of \$150.00, including those campers who have the Michelle P. Waiver. Please include this when you send in your application. Checks will not be cashed unless accepted into the program. Each camper will also be required to pay the weekly tuition payment of \$240.00 in order to attend summer camp. This fee reflects less than 1/3 of the total cost per camper.

Dreams With Wings is a Michelle P. Waiver provider. If your son/daughter has the Michelle P. Waiver, Respite funds may be utilized to pay for Camp Tuition. Please notify your Case Manager as soon as possible so that proper documentation can be put into place prior to the start of camp. Also forward your Case Manager's information to the Camp Director. **Dreams With Wings must receive PA's (prior authorization) for respite by May 12th, 2018.** If this is not done in advance, regular camp payments will be required.

UNPLANNED ABSENCES & ILLNESS:

If a camper is ill or unable to attend camp, please notify the head counselor and/or camp director as soon as possible. Contact phone numbers will be distributed to parents/guardians at the Parent Orientation Meeting. We are not able to provide tuition reimbursement for unplanned absences or illness (exceptions will be made for extended illnesses and hospitalizations).

If your child becomes ill while at camp, you will be notified immediately to pick up your child. You are expected to arrive in a timely manner once notified. We are very active in the community so you may be expected to meet us out at the designated place that day if we are unable to return to the camp site due to the activity.

PLANNED ABSENCES & VACATIONS:

We are aware that our program takes place during summer break, and that families will likely be taking vacations during this time. We are happy to accommodate these and any other planned absences. In order to adequately plan staffing and field trips, the camp needs to be notified of such absences in advance. *We must receive notification of any planned absences no later than **Friday, May 12th 2018.*** If proper notification is not received by this date, absences that occur during the duration of the camp will be considered unplanned, and regular weekly tuition payments will be required.

EARLY PICKUP AND TARDINESS:

If a camper needs to be picked up early due to medical appointments, etc., please make arrangements with the head counselor at least one day in advance.

Please make every effort to be on time for the start of camp. Structured activities, both on-site and off-site, begin as early as 9:00am. *Campers should arrive for camp no later than 9:00am.* In the event of a field trip or a scheduled activity with an instructor, the group will leave at the scheduled time. If possible, efforts will be made to allow a tardy camper to join the group at the field trip site.

BEHAVIOR & BEHAVIOR PLANS

The safety of all campers is a top priority of both Dreams With Wings and Down Syndrome of Louisville. **For those campers who have a behavior plan in place or special health care need, notification on the application is required and prior arrangements with the Camp Director must be made. *If your camper has a behavior plan, please attach a copy of the plan to your application form.***

Campers who exhibit challenging behavior will be addressed immediately by camp counselors and Head Counselor. If the behavior is judged to be potentially harmful to the individual or others, the parents/guardians will be notified immediately to pick up their child. Campers who exhibit repeated inappropriate behavior or are harmful to others will be required to have a parent conference to discuss their further participation in the camp program.

LUNCH, SNACKS AND DRINKS

Campers are expected to bring a lunch, snack and an ample supply of water or appropriate drinks for the day in an insulated lunch box with an ice pack. Due to the fact that we are out in the community during lunchtime most days, refrigerators are not typically available. Any food items that need to be kept cold should be packed in an insulated lunch box with an ice pack. Please clearly mark your camper's lunch and containers with his/her name.

Severe Weather Plans

Many of our programs occur outdoors in the summer months. We continuously monitor the weather and on days when heat advisory alerts are issued we will restructure our schedule for activities to be inside during those times. The Camp Director will notify the Head Counselor of any heat advisory alerts issued.

Emergency Evacuations will be posted onsite directing counselors and campers where to go during a Fire and Tornado emergency. Tornado and Fire Drills will be conducted once a month. If an emergency occurs while offsite, staff will look for the safest area for everyone to gather and notify the Camp Director immediately.

Counselors will receive training on our severe weather policy in orientation. As part of our DDID Training Modules, counselors also receive certification on CPR and First Aide.

Camp Orientation

Family Member/Guardian or the primary caregiver is *required* to attend the Camp Orientation. Camp Orientation will be announced. If you fail to attend the orientation you must meet with the Camp Director and Head Counselor prior to your son or daughter attending camp. Important information regarding camp is shared that evening with family members. It is also an opportunity for families to meet the counselors and share important information with them regarding their camper.

Activities Calendar

The calendar lists the two scheduled activities for the day. Each day other activities occur throughout the day with morning circle, social games, reading, outdoor games, and trips to the park, movies, etc. Please be aware that your camper will be involved in these other activities throughout the day. Any changes or cancellations to the scheduled calendar the Head Counselor will notify you of changes on the End of the Day Sheets and will also post a change of plans next to the sign in sheet. Most days we will not return to camp before 3:00 pm. Camp ends at 4:00 each day if you need to pick up your camper earlier than 3:30, please let the head counselor know at least one day in advance.

Please be aware that activities are subject to change due to weather, cancellation, and activities are shorter than planned. There will be no reimbursements for activities that are canceled because other activities are added to the calendar and if possible the activity is rescheduled for a later date.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact Carolyn Bunton, Director of Enrichment Programs, at Dreams with Wings:
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Or

Devon Wasser with any questions or concerns:
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*Families will be asked to complete a survey at the end of the camp. Surveys will be available online as well as in paper form. We ask that surveys be completed in order to be eligible for camp the following year.