



# Wisconsin Lions Camp

## General Camp Information

## Youth with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism

### Preparing for Success at Camp

Camp is an opportunity for campers to experience independence away from their families in a safe environment. Cell phones are not allowed at Camp unless for medication or behavior management. We typically do not allow campers to make or receive phone calls. To ensure success, families should reinforce for campers that they will have fun, be successful and that the Camp staff are there to support them. Consider if receiving mail will help or hinder your camper. The American Camp Association's website [www.acacamps.org/campers-families/planning-camp](http://www.acacamps.org/campers-families/planning-camp) has helpful information. We will contact you during Camp for the following issues.

### Health Issues:

- To consult you for further medical information.
- Any care needing an out-of-camp appointment.
- Any medical emergency where 9-1-1 is called.
- An illness that lasts for more than 4-6 hours. Illnesses over 12 hours require a camper to be sent home.
- Any non-compliant behavior around health care, such as a refusal to take medications or treat medical condition.
- Other medical situations or symptoms that you, the parent/guardian, would like us to contact you for should they occur.

### Behavior Issues:

- For further ideas, suggestions or tips for behavior not seen or discussed previously with the camp staff.
- Behaviors that occur more than three or four times in a day.
- For behaviors that may have caused injury to another person, such as hitting, biting or kicking.
- Concerns regarding inadequate self-care skills such as toileting or showering.
- Homesickness that is extreme or has lasted longer than 12 hours.
- Campers who do not seem to be enjoying the camp experience or who are struggling with the camp routine and structure.

The decision to send a camper home is a rare one, and is only made to ensure that Camp and the camper are safe physically or emotionally. For questions on this process, please contact our Camp Director.

**Mail:** Will be given to you by your camp staff.

**Visitors:** We prefer that campers do not receive visitors at Camp.

**Medical insurance:** The Wisconsin Lions Camp does not carry any type of medical insurance for our campers. You are responsible for any and all medical costs for your camper.

**Transportation:** All guardians are responsible for their camper's transportation to and from Camp. Please contact us if you are unable to provide transportation so we may reach out to Lions Clubs to see if they can assist you.

**Spending money:** All campers will have an account established at the camp store (Trading Post) with the \$25.00 deposit paid with the application. Campers have the opportunity to purchase a snack daily and shop the souvenir items. Some of the food items found in trading post are candy, salty snacks, frozen treats, soda or other beverages. Guardians will have the opportunity to donate the balance or have it refunded back to them.

**Birthdays:** If you celebrate a birthday at Camp, we'll celebrate with your camper if they feel comfortable doing so. We will check with you at registration.

**Special diets:** Our food service staff work with many special diets. After we receive your special diet forms, you will be contacted prior to your Camp week to ensure we are able to meet your special diet needs.

**Lost and found:** Label all your items before coming to Camp. Before departing, please check your luggage to ensure that items are there. We will only mail back items on a COD basis. Items left at Camp will be held until Labor Day and then donated to the local Goodwill.

Due to the high volume of medications we see at Camp, we must follow the following steps to ensure your safety in the Health Lodge. Please contact our Healthcare Supervisor with any questions. The following forms **must** be at Camp by the deadline date: **June 21 for session one (July 7-11), June 28 for session two (July 14-18).**

- **We will cancel any camper who does not have their forms in by the deadline.**
  - A health history form, to be filled out by the legal guardian annually for up-to-date health information.
  - A physical examination form, based on an exam dated after August 2, 2022 filled out by a licensed MD, PA or NP must be on file. This is only due if it is sent to you – exams are good for 24 months.
  - All follow-up forms such as diabetes, seizure, mental health concerns, anaphylaxis allergy or asthma questionnaires need to be filled out to give us detailed information about the condition.
  - A waiver form, to grant permission for medical treatment and care.
- Turn in all medications, including over-the-counter medications, vitamins and homeopathic remedies. All medications must be in the original container with your

camper's name, dosage and times clearly stated. If any information is missing, we cannot administer that medication. Please consider which medications are necessary for the week they are at Camp and plan accordingly by only bringing what is needed plus one or two extra.