



2024 CAMPER ELIGIBILITY

**Eligibility criteria reviewed annually*

ALL CAMPER CRITERIA

- 6-17 years of age
- Requires no more than minimal daily nursing care
- Breathes without ventilator
- Consistently communicates yes/no with everyone (verbal, nonverbal, AAC)
- Needs skilled therapy intervention (OT, PT, Speech)
- NO violence/aggression (physical or verbal) towards others
- Does not demonstrate self-harming behaviors
- Attends school full day, 5 days/week
- Able to transition between multiple activities daily
- Does not elope or run away
- Able to engage in a variety of environments (loud, busy, bright, hot)
- Has the stamina for a busy camp schedule (7am-9pm awake, meals, therapies, activities, campouts etc.)
- Able to adapt to changes in schedule
- Able to live in community (living in a cabin with others, peers touching their belongings, etc.)

PLACEMENT GUIDELINES

Bay Cliff will assess our ability to successfully care for each child, each year. This assessment begins with the all-camper criteria (above) and then continues with the following placement guidelines. It is based on our existing camp structure including but not limited to: staffing, housing and scheduling. Our housing is divided into three Units, each being unique.

UNIT I (The Hive): female campers, ages 6 – 17.

UNIT II & III (The Woods): male campers, ages 6 – 17.

Typical counselor-to-camper ratio 1:6 (1:4 for youngest campers)

Units are organized into cabins, each with a bathroom and with showers either in the cabin or down the hall.

Two counseling staff are in-charge during 'rest' times, while children are in cabins and others are off-duty.

Campers stay at Bay Cliff for full 7-week camp session.

- Require minimal support (at least 75% independent) in ADLs (bathing, dressing, grooming, feeding self)
- Safe during unstructured time, with reduced adult support (ex. time on playground)
- Follow 1+ step directions
- Take direction from more than one adult
- Complete routine tasks
- Transition with the group around camp
- Move around camp independently (or modified independence using device)

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UNIT I, II, III PLACEMENT GUIDELINES – CONTINUED

- Remain seated for meals
- Participate in meals with high degree of independence
- Play and interact with peers or independently
- Tolerate quiet time (called 'rest') on weekdays
- Participate with peers in small & large group activities without significant support
- Adhere to publically appropriate behavior in camp setting and with cabin mates (Please inquire if you have questions)

UNIT V (The Den): female and male campers, ages 6 – 17.

Typical counselor-to-camper ratio 1:2

Unit is organized into three large cabins, with accessible restrooms available centrally. Restrooms and Unit door equipped with automatic openers.

One counseling staff member is in charge in each cabin during 'rest' times, while children are in cabins and others are off-duty.

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- Require barrier-free environment
- Have established swallowing/dysphagia protocol if applicable (altered texture, nothing by mouth [NPO] etc.)
- Tolerate support/care provided by more than one person
- Demonstrate participation in therapy, and large and small group activities with assistance
- Demonstrate interpersonal interactions in a variety of environments with a variety of people

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