



Wisconsin Lions Camp

General Camp Information & Goals

Youth Sessions

Preparing for Success at Camp

We believe that Camp is an opportunity for campers to experience independence away from their families in a safe environment. You can help set your camper up for success in a number of ways. Use our website to find several of these resources (wisconsinlionscamp.com/summer-camp/).

- Show your camper our camp video.
- Come visit during our Open House.
- Reassure campers that they can be away from families and talk through coping strategies such as a calendar to mark off, favorite pillow or blanket, or a special event to look forward to at home.
- Register for a 1:1 zoom call with the Camp Director, or check out the zoom calls set up for the different populations on our website.
- Check out American Camp Association's website (www.acacamps.org/parents-families/planning-camp) for helpful tips and additional information.

Phone Calls Home: We will call you for the following issues. 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 regarding phone calls or the following issues, please contact Camp Director Andrea.

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.

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.

Lost and found:

Please label all your items before coming to Camp. We have a suggested packing list for your review. Items left at Camp will be held until Labor Day and then donated or added to our lost and found closet for campers who may need clothing. We will mail items to campers who have left items behind.

Mail:

If you receive mail or packages while at Camp, we will deliver the mail to you at meal times. If mail arrives after you depart, we will forward it on to your mailing address on record.

Special diets:

If you've indicated that your camper has a special diet, you have been sent follow up forms to fill out for our Food Service Director, Tammy. If the kitchen staff have questions they will contact you prior to Camp. Our menus are posted for your review, however, we reserve the right to change the menus depending on product availability. During registration you'll have the opportunity to meet with our food service department to review your special diet requests or drop off any food you have brought for meals. Meals are served buffet style at Camp, except during our Blind or Visually Impaired session.

Spending money: All campers will have an account established at the Trading Post with the \$25.00 deposit paid with the application. Campers who have a waived deposit will have a \$10 balance to spend on treats. Campers have the opportunity to purchase a snack daily. The Trading Post is open during arrival and departure to purchase clothing and souvenir items. Guardians will choose on Sunday to donate the balance or have it refunded back to them, unless the fee is waived. Campers do not need any additional spending money during the week.

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.

Visitors: We do not allow campers to receive visitors at Camp since our session is less than one week.

Camp Goals:

Our Camp goals for our campers are:

- Fostering positive self-concept development.
- Opportunity to meet others who have the same disability.
- Strengthening individual capability and independence in areas including self-care, self-advocacy, and decision making.
- Positive attitude toward disability.
- Personal awareness and relationship with the natural environment and the opportunity to be “unplugged” from electronics such as cell phones and television.
- Social interaction with a variety of others and the development of social skills.
- Outdoor recreational skills development.
- Fun at Camp in a safe environment.

We've met our goals when our campers:

- Share they are having fun and enjoying Camp.
- Interact harmoniously with cabin mates, fellow campers, and staff and develops positive relationships during the week.
- Show an appreciation, awareness and understanding of the significance of the natural environment in their life.
- Show or perform one or two new physical skills which they could not perform before coming to Camp, or which they now perform at a higher level.
- Contribute as a member of the cabin group by decision making, choosing activities, creating a schedule, and participating in Camp life.
- Participate in a new challenge or adventure.
- Shares that their expectations, hopes and interests for their Camp experience was met.