



# Wisconsin Lions Camp

## General Information, Policies & Goals

### Young Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Session

#### **General Camp Information:**

**Birthdays:** If you celebrate a birthday at Camp, we'll celebrate with you! We will check with you at Camp to ensure you're comfortable being recognized for your birthday and if so, you'll get a birthday treat and song at lunch.

#### **Camper Deposit:**

The \$25.00 deposit paid with the application will be transferred to your store account in the trading post for your use to purchase snacks during the week. At the end of the session you can choose to have the balance refunded to you or donated to Camp. The Trading Post will be open during arrival and departure to purchase clothing or souvenirs.

#### **Cell phones & Smart Devices:**

We strongly discourage you from bringing cell phones to avoid any loss or damage as well as keeping Camp as electronic-free as possible. Phones are available to you to make necessary phone calls in the office. If you wish to bring your cell phone or device, you are responsible for your phone and we expect you to be thoughtful in usage, especially in your living spaces.

#### **Lost and found:**

Please label all your items before coming to Camp. We have a suggested packing list for your review. Before departing, please check your luggage to ensure that all items are there. We will only mail back items if we are reimbursed the shipping cost. 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.

#### **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. If your family wishes, they can leave mail for you at Camp and our office staff will deliver it during the week.

#### **Special diets:**

If you've indicated you have a special diet, you have been sent follow up forms to fill out for our Food Service Director, Tammy. If they 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.

**Transportation:**

You are responsible for your own transportation to and from Camp. We are able to pick up and drop off campers at the bus station in Stevens Point. Please call Camp at least two weeks prior to your arrival to notify us of the arrival time at the bus station. If you are unable to find a ride, please contact Michelle at 715-677-4969 to find a volunteer driver for you.

**Visitors:**

We prefer that campers do not receive visitors while at Camp. If you do receive visitors, they must check in the Camp office and wear a visitor badge while on property. They are not able to join us for meals or use any of our camp equipment or program areas. During Camp, we do host a variety of tours – from Lions Clubs to potential campers. We will notify you of those tours at meal times and they will be with a full-time staff member at all times.

**Camp Policies:**

Wisconsin Lions Camp is a safe place and all campers are responsible for contributing to the safe atmosphere here. We reserve the right to ask campers to leave the Camp property if they are unable to follow the above rules. Please contact our Camp Director Andrea with any questions regarding these policies

- To protect the privacy of campers and staff, we strongly discourage the posting of other adult camper and staff pictures from the Wisconsin Lions Camp on personal social media sites by campers and staff. If we receive complaints about inappropriate postings, we may not allow a camper to return to Camp.
- In general, we discourage our staff from having contact with you after Camp since we cannot supervise it. We hire our staff for the Camp season and during the season they are supervised and their actions are visible to co-workers and campers. We do not take responsibility for their behavior off-season or recommend them as caregivers outside of Camp. As an adult, of course, you are free to make your own choice in this matter. We also know that many adult campers exchange contact information with staff without our awareness or permission. You take full responsibility for any off-season contact between our staff members and you.
- Pictures and videos are not allowed in living spaces. We reserve the right to review photos or videos on personal cameras if this policy may have been broken.
- Wisconsin Lions Camp is a safe place. We expect all campers and staff to treat each other with respect. As adults, we expect all campers and staff to respect each other's privacy and personal possessions.

- Quiet time is from 11:00 PM to 7:00 AM.
- Living spaces are private spaces for those who live there, this includes the lounge areas.
- No alcohol, weapons, or illegal substances are allowed at Camp.
- We do allow smoking on Camp at our designated smoking area; however, vaping is not allowed in any buildings on property and must be done in the designated smoking area at the front gate.
- Any type of fighting, harassment, bullying or other negative behavior is not tolerated.

### **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.