

About the Camper Interest Form



Important Details

Please read this portion very thoroughly prior to expressing interest in Camp Encourage and keep for future reference.

When will this overnight camp take place?

- ALL campers, ages eight through eighteen will arrive Wednesday, July 28th around 1:00 and will stay through Saturday, July 31st just after lunch. Specific arrival and departure times will be ironed out at a later date.

Where will Camp Encourage be held?

Camp Encourage will be held at Tall Oaks Conference Center, a beautiful camp facility forty-five minutes west of the Kansas City metropolitan area.

Who should apply?

We are currently targeting individuals on the autism spectrum that are:

- between the ages of eight and eighteen (at the time of camp),
- independent with toileting needs,
- independent with showering needs, and
- successful with a 2:1 child / adult ratio (not presently exhibiting intensive behavioral or functional needs that would require the constant support of 1:1 assistance)

We plan to target the entire spectrum of children in future years—younger children through adults as well as those that need the support of one to two counselors. Few camps are presently available for the population we selected to begin serving. If your child has more intense needs and does not meet the criteria above, contact us for references to presently existing camps.

How will the selection process work?

To first meet the needs of our immediate community, priority will be given to campers that reside in Missouri and Kansas. All *Interest Forms* from these two states with the required postmark date will be placed in a lottery pool. If the number of campers interested exceeds the number of available slots, a waiting list will be created (in case any cancellations occur). If slots remain open, another lottery will take place with interested campers from additional states.

How much does Camp Encourage cost?

The fee for each camper (ages eight through eighteen) participating in Camp Encourage 2010 is \$800. This amount is less than the actual cost per camper which includes quality planning, specialized materials and supports, meals, comfortable cabins, and tailored activities.

Please do not let the cost deter you from applying. We are working diligently to make this opportunity available to a variety of campers, despite socioeconomic differences or difficulties through scholarship funding. All families that expressed a need for financial support in past years (2008 and 2009) received scholarship funding. Should a family be in need of such support, *it will not need to be indicated until the camper selection process is completed.* Once campers are selected to attend Camp Encourage, applications will be available for scholarship consideration.

When does the following form need to be submitted?

Completed Interest Forms received with a postmark date not later than April 1 will be considered within the first pool of applicants. Forms received following this deadline will likely be placed on a waiting list unless available slots remain.

What if I have questions?

Please feel free to contact us at camp.encourage@sbcglobal.net or 816.830.7171.

Where do I mail my completed form?

All Camper Interest Forms need to be mailed to: Camp Encourage, P.O. Box 10433, Kansas City, MO 64171.

Camper Interest Form



Instructions

- Please remember that mailing this informs Camp Encourage that you are interested in having your child participate in camp and **does not indicate acceptance**. Due to the amount of individuals interested, a lottery process will take place, as described above.
- Completed registration forms received with a postmark date not later than April 1 will be considered within the first pool of applicants. Forms received after that date will be accepted but will likely be placed on a waiting list.
- All Interest Forms MUST be mailed. We will not accept registrations via fax, internet, or personal delivery.
- Information regarding each child's status will be mailed around mid April. Further details about each camper will be gathered following this deadline. Those selected to attend will receive a packet that will need to be completed—providing information regarding medications, social and behavioral abilities, along with further information to ensure a successful camp experience.

General Information

Camper's Name:		Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Date of Birth:	Age at time of camp:	Tee shirt size (<i>indicate adult or child</i>):
Diagnosis/es and Medical Condition/s		

Parent or Guardian:
Day Telephone:
Evening Telephone:
Pager or Cellular:
Email:

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Additional Information

<input type="checkbox"/>	My child is fairly independent and would not require one-on-one support. He or she needs less support, is independent in small group settings, and is able to communicate verbally or through a well-established communication system. Additionally, my child is fairly independent in the following adaptive skills: toileting, dressing, feeding, and sleeping away from home. [In future years, Camp Encourage plans to make additional sessions available for those with more intense needs as well as younger campers and retreats for adults. For this second year, however, only one session is available—targeting the above described population.]
<input type="checkbox"/>	I understand that Camp Encourage will be communicating with me PRIMARILY THROUGH EMAIL (to decrease printing, postage, and camper costs). If this is truly <u>not</u> an appropriate means of reaching you, please state your preference instead: <input type="checkbox"/> home phone: <input type="checkbox"/> cellular phone: <input type="checkbox"/> work phone: <input type="checkbox"/> postal mail