



2012 CAMP CRITERIA AND CAMP SESSIONS



Ontario

Helping Kids with Physical Disabilities Succeed

Please read over this document before completing your camper application.

CAMP ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION PROCESS

While camp is a great experience, it is definitely not for everyone. Campers live in a group setting with many other children/youth who have a physical disability. The setting will be quite active and full of sounds. Campers need to be able to successfully function in such an environment. To best determine a camper's eligibility and appropriateness, Easter Seals staff will carefully review each camper's application prior to acceptance. The camp's nursing facilities are limited and, by the nature of camp, are remotely located. Camp is typically not able to meet the needs of children/youth who require skilled nursing care. Easter Seals Ontario has the right and duty to rescind an acceptance or to send a camper home early due to health, medical, or behavioural concerns.

Use this information to decide on the best session for your child:

1. Decide which camp you would like your child to attend – keep in mind that transportation is the parent/guardian's responsibility.
2. Select your first and second choice of sessions and write the corresponding codes (right hand columns of the session chart on the back) on the front of your child's application form in the space provided.

CRITERIA FOR INDIVIDUAL CAMPERS

Easter Seals camps provide outdoor recreational experiences for children and youth. Therefore, the camper must:

- be registered with Easter Seals Ontario (please note: the Incontinence Supply Grant is a separate registry) and be aged 6 to 18 as of July 1, 2012;
- be able to make choices, follow directions, and be aware they are participating in a recreational program;
- have the physical and mental stamina to participate in a challenging outdoor program; and
- have a desire to fully participate in the daily activities of camp.

Camp has increased risk associated with it in comparison to home or school. To ensure safety, campers must:

- have a signed medical statement from their primary care physician or nurse practitioner a month prior to the start of the camp program;
- have no recurring history of problems with respiration, swallowing, or choking;
- have a well established communication system (verbal or augmentative) that allows for effective peer and staff interaction; they must have the ability to communicate a consistent yes and no (verbal or non-verbal); and
- be able to comprehend their own needs, ask for assistance when necessary, and indicate when they are in distress.

Please Note: Easter Seals is thrilled to offer non-traditional camp programs. **Please be aware, for safety reasons, specific criteria exist for participation in some programs such as: white water rafting, out-trips and high ropes activities.**

Camp is a group experience and therefore campers are required to:

- exhibit no inappropriate behavioural tendencies toward themselves or others;
- be able to actively participate in a group environment with a 1:2 ratio of staff to campers; please note that 1:1 care is **not** provided at camp;
- be able to enjoy group meals in the dining hall without being disruptive to others; and
- be able to sleep in a cabin with a group of campers without being disruptive to others.

Easter Seals Ontario reserves the right to: deny any child/youth admission into the camp program who does not meet the criteria or for whom it cannot be established that their needs will be safely met; and deny admission to any camper whose medical, physical, or behavioural condition upon arrival at camp is significantly different to that which was disclosed in the application form or was advised in writing, prior to camp.

CAMPER SESSIONS

The camp summer is divided into a number of sessions, based on age. We have endeavoured to provide parents with as much flexibility as possible in choosing a time to send their child to camp.

Camp Fees

The cost of the programs listed below is the true cost of running these programs. We ask parents to pay what they are able to with a minimum payment of \$125*. Our generous donors fund the remaining fees.

* Campers who are 18 years and younger as of July 1st, 2012 and are not Crown Wards are eligible for funding from Easter Seals Ontario and are only required to pay a minimum \$125 (non-refundable) payment with their application. Campers who will be 19+ as of July 1, 2012 or are Crown Wards are **NOT** eligible for funding and are required to pay full fees for the session.

EASTER SEALS CAMP MERRYWOOD (opened 1948) is situated on a peninsula that stretches out into Rideau Lake near Perth, Ontario. Merrywood is approximately 1 hour from Ottawa and Kingston and approximately 4 hours from North Bay. Merrywood offers a traditional camp program and a full complement of waterfront activities. Campers are exhilarated by the adventurous activities on land, on lake and off-site on canoe and overnight trips.

2012 Camp Sessions at Camp Merrywood:

Session	Age	Length	Cost	Dates	Code
Explorers	8-12 years	10 days	\$2,000	July 1 – July 11	ME1
				July 15 – July 25	ME2
				July 29 – August 8	ME3
Pathfinders	13-18 years	10 days	\$2,000	July 1 – July 11	MP1
				July 15 – July 25	MP2
				July 29 – August 8	MP3
Leaders-In-Training (LIT)	17-22 years	10 days	\$800	July 1 – July 11	MLIT1
				July 15 – July 25	MLIT2
				July 29 – August 8	MLIT3
GEAR-UP	16-25 years	10 days	\$2,000	July 1 – July 11	MGU1
				July 15 – July 25	MGU2
				July 29 – August 8	MGU3
Out-Tripping Adventure Camp	12-18 years	6 days	\$600	August 11 – August 18	MOT
Discovery Camp	6-12 years	5 days	\$1,000	August 12 – August 17	MD
Family Camp	1-18 years	5 days	\$900/person	August 21 – August 26	MF

EASTER SEALS CAMP WOODEDEN (opened 1946) overlooks the Thames River on the outskirts of London, Ontario. Woodeden is situated on 106 acres of beautifully landscaped ground that includes an accessible tree house. Campers expand their leadership abilities through a wide variety of creative programs and multi-sport activities, as well as on North America's only fully accessible high ropes course. This year campers will be able to fully utilize the new indoor climbing wall, life skills kitchen, music and drama area and gymnasium at camp.

2012 Camp Sessions at Camp Woodeden:

Session	Age	Length	Cost	Dates	Code
Explorers	8-12 years	10 days	\$2,000	July 1 – July 11	WE1
				July 15 – July 25	WE2
				July 29 – August 8	WE3
Pathfinders	13-18 years	10 days	\$2,000	July 1 – July 11	WP1
				July 15 – July 25	WP2
				July 29 – August 8	WP3
GEAR-UP	16-25 years	6 days	\$1,200	August 11 – August 17	WGU
Discovery Camp	6-12 years	5 days	\$1,000	August 12 – August 17	WD
Family Camp	1-18 years	5 days	\$900/person	August 20 – August 25	WF

For more information on Easter Seals Camps, please visit our website at www.eastersealscamps.org or contact the Recreation Coordinator at 416.421.8377 x 325 or toll-free at 1.800.668.6252 x 325 or by e-mail at camp@easterseals.org.