



Channel 3 Kids Camp

OVERNIGHT INCLUSION
PROGRAM

What is Inclusion?

- Inclusion means all participate and all belong
- Mission: To include children with both physical and developmental disabilities with typical campers and typical camp programming



How inclusion works in reality?

- Inclusion for a school program means something completely different in a camping and recreation program
- All programs will be adapted including facility upgrades to accommodate all children
- This includes past and future educational and recreational activities

Overnight camp program for children with special needs

- 24 Hour Nursing care
- Fully trained staff with training through organizations such as Muscular Dystrophy Association, Epilepsy Foundation, ASCR (Autism), Concentra(body mechanics), American School of the Deaf(sign language), National Inclusion Project and more
- Brand new fully accessible 64 bed dormitory for children's accommodations with air conditioning
- Upgrades to facility
- Working with activity staff to adapt past games and activity areas

Overnight camp program for Typical children in regards to Inclusion

- Letters and newsletters home to families with introduction to inclusion at camp
- First day orientation for campers to introduce inclusion mission
- Open communication with those children with special needs to typical peers through guided work with Wheeler clinic and on site social worker

Creating Accessible Camp Activities for all children

- When planning activities make sure we consider time in between, tools for sensory and behavior concerns, fine motor and physical accessibility, social cues, transitions, and success or activity
- Inclusive games and the benefits for all children verses competitive games that can lead to bullying and unsuccessful time spent at camp

Partnering organizations for camp season

- The Epilepsy Foundation children ages 8-18 with various stages of Epilepsy participate in camp week
- Outdoor survival camp week for teens ages 15-18 to continue interest in returning to camp while giving teens added programs

Partnering organizations for camp season continued..

- *Muscular Dystrophy Association:*
- Children ages 6-14 with varying forms of Muscular Dystrophy participating in camp week
- Fun themed days along with VIP day MDA brings in lots of large sponsors and events

Partnering organizations for camp season continued

- Academy of Dermatology (Camp Liberty)

Children ages 6-14 with varying levels of dermatological issues

Some children may have very extensive skin issues and our staff along with the team of doctors and interns accommodate the child's needs during camp

Registration and enrollment

- Families may register online for general camp weeks
- Paper copies are also sent to those parents that may not be technologically inclined
- Outreach to DDS caseworkers and DCF caseworkers to refer and aid families with registration and funding process
- Scholarships available for families who qualify based on CT income guidelines and sliding scale fees
- Licensed provider through DDS therefore accept campers with budget line and one time family grants

Year Round Respite Program

- Participants ages 8 and up
- Weekends once a month Fri-Sun
- Typical camp programs
- Respite for parents and caregivers along with campers
- 24 hour nursing staff/ Staff includes paraprofessionals from schools, support workers, college students, school nurses
- Great socialization and ease and transition into overnight camp weeks for summer. Great way for both parents and kids to be familiar with “camp life”

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