

What ages does Camp Fairlee serve?

Programs are available in two age groups: youth, ages 6-21; and adults, age 21 and over. Overnight travel trip participants must be at least 18 years of age.

What are the criteria for admission to the program?

All participants must present completed registration and medical forms before they can be admitted into any camp program. First-time participants and their families will be interviewed by staff prior to admission to ensure that the participant's needs can be met. Individuals with high risk behaviors should contact Camp Fairlee to make certain appropriate resources are available.

How can I pay for camp?

While some individuals pay out of their own personal funds, funding sources from state agencies, clubs and churches often help to cover the cost of camp. Resource coordinators, social workers and other professionals can help you identify these sources. Call us for additional information.

What are sleeping quarters like?

All buildings are climate controlled, dormitory-style cabins. Staff sleeps on top bunks in the same area as participants to provide 24-hour direct supervision. Bathroom facilities have indoor plumbing and are accessible. Beds are twin size. Campers bring their own linens and toiletries.

Is the facility accessible?

Yes, program areas including swimming pool, activity building, high ropes course and canoeing are accessible to wheelchairs. An electric hoist lift and shower chairs are available to assist with personal care.

Are healthcare professionals available?

Camp Fairlee uses a combination of Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses and Certified Medication Technicians to provide assistance to participants. During summer sessions, there are at least two nurses on site 24/7. A physician is on call year round for all programs.

What kind of training and screening do staff receive?

Camp Fairlee trains its staff as per American Camp Association Standards, requirements by the State of Maryland and Easter Seals policies. Such training includes personal care supervision, lifting and transferring, behavior management, abuse, neglect and exploitation, First Aid and CPR. All staff go through criminal background checks with the State of Maryland and Federal Bureau of Investigation. Lifeguards are certified by the American Red Cross.

What about food and nutrition?

We use an outside vendor with professionally trained and experienced chefs. We can meet special dietary needs such as gluten free, diabetic, vegetarian and low sodium diets.



Camp Fairlee strives to ...

- provide a nurturing environment with an exciting choice of activities geared to the age, interests and abilities of each individual
- create a program that enables all individuals to participate to their fullest potential

Easter Seals Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore provides exceptional services to ensure that all people with disabilities or special needs and their families have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play in their communities.

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Easter Seals Camp Fairlee offers campers of ALL AGES and ALL ABILITIES a safe and accessible camp experience where they are challenged to discover their full potential. Campers build new skills, friendships, and a lifetime of memories, while parents and caregivers enjoy a break from continuous care responsibilities.



"Allie tries new things at camp that she does not try at home" Gwen, Allie's mom, says. "She loves going places and through the daily adventures program at camp she gets to try something new every day. Through camp she has learned to be independent."



Choose an Adventure!

Residential Summer Camp

Sessions are held June through August and include activities geared to the age, interests and abilities of each individual. Activities include canoeing, swimming, rock wall, zip line, ropes, horseback riding, arts/crafts and more. Participants are required to have a doctor's approval to engage in certain activities. Separate sessions are scheduled for children. Most sessions are six days in length. Other options are available.



"When Michael first started attending camp, he needed to be monitored at all times, but now he can work on projects independently." Michael's mom, Anne, says "He has brought these skills home, as well."

Summer Daily Adventure

In this program, campers embark on a daily adventure every day to a destination of interest and fun and return each evening to Camp Fairlee. The six day sessions are for children 13-20 and adults 21 and over.

Weekend Respite

The weekend respite program runs September through May with separate weekends for children and adults. Participants enjoy seasonal activities such as pumpkin picking, indoor sports, and seasonal parties. Most weekends include field trips to various local attractions including movies, museums, bowling alley, the zoo and other places of interest.



Summer Day Camp

The day camp program is for children and adults who want to participate in camp activities but who are not ready to stay overnight. Children without disabilities are also encouraged to apply.

Travel Trips

Travel trips offer opportunities for adults with disabilities to go on vacation and enjoy major attractions. Participants must be at least 18 years old, able to travel by different modes of transportation, and require minimum supervision. Destinations are chosen based on popular requests from participants and itineraries are subject to change without notice. Previous destinations have included New York City, Las Vegas, Nashville, and Disney World.



Autism Services



There are specialized summer camp sessions and respite weekends just for children with Autism where there is one trained counselor for each child. In past years, experienced professionals from Kennedy Krieger Institute have provided specialized training to counselors on the needs of children with Autistic behaviors. Often, children with Autism attend regular sessions if one to one counseling is not needed.

"Dani goes on trips that we cannot afford as a family" says Lee, uncle to Dani, who takes Travel Trips through Camp Fairlee. "What could be better for her than traveling and Camp Fairlee provides that for her."