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Camp Fairlee

PROGRAM GUIDE

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Easterseals Camp Fairlee has been providing recreation and respite services for people of all ages with disabilities and their families since 1954. A number of services are offered year-round to meet the needs of these families. Camp Fairlee provides a safe and nurturing environment that allows campers to explore new activities while under the guidance of trained and qualified staff. Campers enjoy the company of friends with similar abilities and make lasting friendships. While campers enjoy their time at Camp, their families are able to take a much-needed break from caregiving to enjoy their own vacations, time with other family members or home renovations without having to worry about their loved one.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Residential Summer Camp

The summer program provides a traditional camp experience for campers of all ages and abilities to experience adventures. Campers are also able to go horseback riding (additional fee). The fun does not stop during inclement weather, Camp Fairlee offers indoor sports and games in the 12,000-square-foot, air conditioned activity center.

Respite Weekends

Campers reside in climate controlled sleeping quarters on Camp Fairlee's grounds. Caregivers enjoy a time of respite while their loved ones are enjoying seasonally appropriate activities - like pumpkin picking and hay rides in the fall - arts & crafts, and field trips. Meals are prepared and served on site in the Louisa d'Andelot Carpenter Dining Hall.



Autism sessions

Specialized sessions for children ages 6 - 21 with autism are available during weekend respites and during summer sessions. These sessions are characterized by having one counselor per camper (1:1 ratio).

Fairlee Vacations

This program is for adults over 18. Participants in the Fairlee Vacation program go to places like Disney World, Las Vegas, the Jersey Shore, Georgia and on cruises to the Caribbean, while their families have the respite time they need to attend to other activities. Support staff is available to ensure all campers have a good time and stay safe.



SUMMER FUN AT CAMP FAIRLEE

Resident Summer Camp Program

Daily schedules include morning and afternoon activities such as arts & crafts, music, sports, games, swimming, hiking, canoeing, climbing tower, zip lining, horseback riding (additional costs), fishing and nature activities. Evenings are filled with hayrides, dances, campfires and much more!

The summer camp staff is comprised of professionals and college students recruited from around the world. Each staff member is carefully selected based on skills and experience. An extensive week-long, pre-camp training encourages the enthusiasm, creativity and sense of commitment that is our tradition.



Week-long Specialized Sessions for Children with Autism

While many individuals with autism attend traditional summer sessions, Camp Fairlee also offers specialized autism summer sessions. While campers enjoy swimming, singing and doing arts & crafts at one of Camp Fairlee's 1:1 respite weeks for children with autism, their parents can take some much-needed time off from caregiving.

Our Autism sessions are set up for Youth (Ages 6-21) with autism that require 1:1 care. Participants will follow the daily camp schedule. We also encourage other campers during these sessions who would benefit from the 1:1 care. There are limited number of spaces for these sessions.

Daily Adventures

Offered during the summer, participants in the program reside at Camp Fairlee during the week, but activities involve a daily field trip to nearby points of

interest including the seashore, state parks, zoos and other attractions in nearby cities such as Washington D. C., Annapolis and Baltimore. The Youth Daily Adventure is for children ages 13 – 21 and the Adult Daily Adventure is geared for adults 21+. It is the best of both worlds!





Respite Weekends at Camp Fairlee

From September through May, Camp Fairlee offers respite weekends for the participants and their families to enjoy a short break from caregiving. The respite weekend begins Friday evening and ends on Sunday afternoon. Each weekend has a theme and activities are geared accordingly. Most weekends are blended to accommodate children and adults, but some weekends are catered towards just children, just adults, or specifically for children with autism or those needing 1:1 support.

Fairlee Vacations

For campers looking to explore the world, Camp Fairlee offers Fairlee Vacations throughout the year. The program allows for adults 18+ with intellectual or physical challenges to achieve greater independence while offering the opportunity for personal growth and socialization through travel.

Campers must be able to participate in a 3:1 participant to counselor ratio and be ambulatory or able to transfer to a passenger van and/or plane. Participants must have a legal ID. A passport may be necessary on some trips. Only two people who use wheelchairs will be allowed per trip. We are not able to accommodate power wheelchairs at this time. The program fee varies based on the destination of each Fairlee Vacation.

For more information on Fairlee vacations visit: www.de.easterseals.com/fairlee

Dining Hall

Camp Fairlee's chef caters to many specialized diets, including: gluten free, diabetic, salt free and vegan. Please note any special diet in the camp application.



Camp Facility Rentals

If you are interested in renting the facility for a group or a conference, please contact Camp Fairlee at 410-778-0566. Rentals can include, but are not limited to, church retreats and family reunions. Camp Fairlee can accommodate large groups. Cabins can also be rented on select weekends. Visit www.easterseals.com/de/our-programs/camping-recreation/facilities-rental.html

HELPFUL INFORMATION ABOUT CAMP FAIRLEE

Health Services

At least one nurse will be available on site at all times. A physician is on-call for consultation when appropriate. Health services are limited to procedures that can safely and effectively be delivered in the Health Center at Camp Fairlee.

A completed health form must be received two weeks prior to participant's arrival to camp. All forms must bear a signature of a licensed physician who prescribed medications and/or have reviewed the form. Parent/Guardian must have also signed for permission to treat. In addition, this form must be current and within 12 months of camp attendance.

Applicant Eligibility

Camp Fairlee provides summer respite camp opportunities for individuals with disabilities from age 6 through adulthood.

Applicants must be able to:

- Follow the direction of camp staff;
- Participate in camp activities on a regular basis without being disruptive to others;
- Sleep through the night in a bunk room with a group of other participants without being disruptive;
- Communicate their needs.

Applicants who are ineligible may include: individuals who have a recent history of significant self-abuse, or abuse to others; individuals requiring health services which cannot effectively be delivered in a camp setting; individuals with a medical condition associated with a high risk for complication or injury; individuals unable to adapt to the routine of a camp.

We do not provide third shift staff coverage, which encompasses the turning of a participant through the night. If a night nurse is needed, private arrangements must be made prior to camp.

Accreditation

Easterseals Camp Fairlee is accredited by the American Camp Association and licensed by the Maryland Department of Health.



Registration Information

The completed camp application must be sent with a \$100.00 nonrefundable fee for each session chosen. Applications sent without the fee will not be processed unless a funding source (i.e. clubs, community organizations and/or churches) has agreed to pay the entire cost. In this case, a "Letter of Intent to Fund" must be received and on file.

This form is found in the application packet and must be submitted to the agency or organization that will manage the funding. The completed form should be faxed, emailed or mailed to the camp to put on file. You will not receive an acceptance packet until that form is on file. You may make as many copies of the form that you need. One half of the program fee is due no later than June 1st, and the balance is due by the first day of the camp session unless other arrangements have been made and the "Letter of Intent to Fund" is on file.

If you are a Maryland Autism Waiver Program participant, you must confirm with your coordinator the number of hours you will need for your session. A copy of the Plan of Care, with Easterseals Camp Fairlee as a provider and the hours needed, must be sent to the Camp prior to attending. If a participant attends and does not have the hours available, the parent/caregiver will be responsible for the balance due.

The program fee includes accommodations, meals, program costs, staff supervision and administrative costs.

How to Register



1. Complete Camp Fairlee application either online at www.de.easterseals.com/fairlee or by mailing the application and your nonrefundable \$100 application fee to Camp Fairlee, 22242 Bay Shore Rd., Chestertown, MD 21620.

2. Once the application has been received and reviewed by the Director, an interview for all new participants will be scheduled.

3. Mail health forms and horseback riding applications. A health form is required for all participants dated within the last 12 months, and must be received two weeks prior to the camp event date.

4. You will receive a confirmation letter and arrival time for opening day registration. Go to our website at www.de.easterseals.com/fairlee, and look for the online registration link.



Welcome to CAMP FAIRLEE

New Applicants

All new applicants and their parents/guardians/caregiver must participate in a pre-camp interview with camp staff prior to acceptance. Once your completed registration has been received, an interview will be scheduled. This allows staff to become familiarized with the camper, to assess the individual's needs, and to ensure they have applied for the appropriate camper to counselor ratio. Camp Fairlee makes every effort to accommodate all applicants; however, reserves the right to accept or deny any application prior to attendance.

All applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis. Once sessions are filled, applicants will be placed on a waiting list in the order they are received.

REMEMBER You may register online: www.de.easterseals.com/fairlee

Refunds

The registration fee of \$100 is nonrefundable. Participants will receive a refund on their program fee, minus the \$100 registration fee, if they cancel no later than one week prior to registered session. Participants who choose to withdraw while program is in session will not receive any refund. An exception will only be made in case of family or medical emergencies. In such cases, a pro-rated refund will be applied. All refunds must be approved by the Camp Director.





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Easterseals Camp Fairlee is located on a beautiful 250-acre site on Maryland's Eastern Shore known as Fairlee Manor. It is a historic site with an early American manor house. In 2015, Camp Fairlee underwent a \$6.5 million expansion and modernization to its campus allowing the camp to serve more families year round.

Today, Camp Fairlee boasts seven new, accessible and comfortable residential cabins, an indoor Activity Center that allows camp to operate even in inclement weather, an expanded dining hall that seats 150, a health center and outdoor pavilion. All buildings are fully accessible and have year-round climate control.

We are located near Chestertown, MD. The approximate driving times to Camp Fairlee are: Baltimore - 2 hours; Annapolis - 1.25 hours; Wilmington - 1.5 hours; Washington, DC - 2 hours; Dover - 1 hour; Seaford - 1.5 hours; Salisbury - 2 hours.

