



## 2017 SUMMER RESPITE CAMP PROGRAM

**Camp Fairlee** is a resident summer camp program filled with fun, tradition, friendship and individual growth. Easter Seals provides exceptional services, education, outreach, and advocacy so that people with autism and other disabilities can live, learn, work and play in our communities. That participants with disabilities experience safe, healthy and success-oriented recreational opportunities. The philosophy at Camp Fairlee is to provide a nurturing environment with: 1) choice of age appropriate activities, interest and abilities of our participants; and 2)the support which enables all to participate to their fullest potential that supports independence.

Daily schedules combine morning and afternoon activities such as arts and crafts, music, sports and games, swimming, hiking, canoeing, climbing tower, zip line, horseback riding, fishing and nature activities. Evenings are full with hayrides, dances, campfires and much more!

Easter Seals Camp Fairlee is located on a beautiful 250 acre site on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Camp facilities include a swimming pool, activity center, pavilion, health center, climate controlled sleeping quarters, fishing ponds, wheelchair accessible trails, and a high ropes course.

The camp staff is comprised of professionals and college students recruited from around the United States, as well as internationally. 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.



### Applicant Eligibility

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

Easter Seals Camp Fairlee is accredited by the American Camp Association and licensed by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.





Photo by Tyler Campbell July 2015



**All new applicants** and their parents/guardians/caregiver **must** do a pre-camp interview with camp staff prior to acceptance. Once we receive your completed registration, you will receive a call to schedule an interview. This allows staff to become familiarized with the camper and to assess the individual's needs and to be sure they have applied for the appropriate camper to counselor ratio.

We make every effort to accommodate all applicants. However, Easter Seals reserves the right to accept or deny any application prior to attendance.

Our Autism sessions are set up for Youth (Ages 6-21) with Autism that require one on one care. Participants will follow the daily camp schedule.

If you participate in the Maryland Autism Waiver Program and will be using them as your funding source, you must have Easter Seals Camp Fairlee added to your Plan of Care and have the appropriate number of hours required for the session/s. A copy will need to be sent to Camp and on file prior to attendance. Other sources of payment are also welcomed.

We also accept other campers during those sessions who would benefit from the one on one care.

There are limited number of spaces for these sessions.

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 that they are received.

#### **\*REMEMBER\***

**You may register online:**  
[www.de.easterseals.com/fairlee](http://www.de.easterseals.com/fairlee)

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### **Registration Information**

The completed camp application **must be sent** with a **\$50.00** non refundable 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. A copy of this form is enclosed and must be submitted to the agency or organization that will do the funding and then 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 will need.**

One half of the 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.

**Refunds:** The registration fee of \$50 is non-refundable. Participants will receive refund of the fee received 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. 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.

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 Easter Seals 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.**

## How to Register

1. Complete Summer Respite application be sure all signatures are in place and mail with the non refundable \$50 application fee to Camp Fairlee, 22242 Bay Shore Road, Chestertown, MD 21620.
2. Once application has been received and reviewed by the Director a interview for all new participants will be scheduled.
3. Health forms, clothing inventory and horse back riding application will be mailed. A health form is required for all participants dated within the last 12 months, and must be received 2 weeks prior to camp event date.
4. You will receive a confirmation letter and arrival time for opening day registration.

Or you may register online, go to our website at [www.de.easterseals.com/fairlee](http://www.de.easterseals.com/fairlee), and look for the online registration link.

Once steps one and two have been received by mail or you have registered online, an acceptance packet with instructions on check in/out procedures, an invoice, a clothing list and horseback riding form will be sent to you.

If you are a new participant, you will participate in a pre-camp interview prior to receiving an acceptance packet.



## 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 which can safely and effectively be delivered at camp.

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; also the physician's review must be within 12 months of camp attendance.



## Location

We are located in Chestertown on Maryland's beautiful Eastern Shore. Approximate driving time to Camp Fairlee is Chestertown-15 minutes; Wilmington-1.5 hours; Washington, DC-2.25 hours; Dover-1 hour; Seaford-1.75 hours; Salisbury-2hours.

