



SUMMER 2019 APPLICATION

Easterseals Camp Fairlee is a residential summer camp program filled with fun, tradition, friendship and individual growth. Easterseals mission is to provide exceptional services, education, outreach and advocacy so that people with disabilities can live, learn, work and play in our communities. We help 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 that best fit the interests and abilities of our participants and 2) the support which enables all to participate to reach their full potential and enhance their independence.

The recreation program combines morning and afternoon activities such as; arts & crafts, music, sports and games, swimming, nature trails, canoeing, kayaking, climbing tower, a zip line, horseback riding, fishing and more. Evenings are full with hayrides, dances, talent shows, campfires and much more! All facilities and programs are accessible.

Camp Fairlee is located on a beautiful 250-acre rural site on Maryland's Eastern Shore. In 2015, Camp Fairlee underwent a major renovation, which included tearing down existing buildings. Some new additions in Camp Fairlee's modernization include: an activity center with a full-size gymnasium and art studio, outdoor pavilion, health center, seven climate controlled cabins with open bunk rooms for sleeping, and an expanded dining hall that seats 150. Other facilities include a large modern pool with a bathhouse and an outdoor camp site.

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 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 an open bunk room with a group of other participants without being disruptive
- Communicate their needs through words or signs
- Must be able to eat or drink

Applicants who are ineligible may include:

- Individuals who have a recent history of significant self-abuse, or aggression towards 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, injury or high acuity of care
- Individuals unable to adapt to the routine of a camp
- Individuals who cannot sleep through the night
- 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 attendance of camp





All new applicants and their parents/guardians/caregiver must participate in a pre-camp interview with camp staff prior to acceptance. Once we receive your completed registration, an interview will be scheduled. This allows staff to familiarize themselves with the participant, to assess the participant's needs and to be sure they have applied for the appropriate participant to counselor ratio.

We make every effort to accommodate all applicants. However, Camp Fairlee 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. If you participate in the Maryland Autism Waiver Program and will be using them as your funding source, you must have Easterseals 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 Fairlee and on file prior to attendance. Other sources of payment are also welcomed.

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.

SUMMER RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

Registration Information

The completed camp application **must be sent with a \$100 non-refundable registration 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) have 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 provide the funding and then faxed, emailed or mailed to the camp. You will not receive an acceptance packet until you have completed the registration process.

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. If an agency is paying, then a completed “Letter of Intent to Fund” must be on file.

Refunds: The registration fee of \$100 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 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.**

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



HOW TO REGISTER

- 1 Complete the Summer Respite application. Be sure all signatures are in place and mail with the non-refundable \$100 registration fee to: Camp Fairlee, 22242 Bay Shore Road, 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 Health forms, clothing inventory and horseback 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.

You may also register online. Go to our website at www.de.easterseals.com/fairlee, and look for the online registration link.

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

Food Services

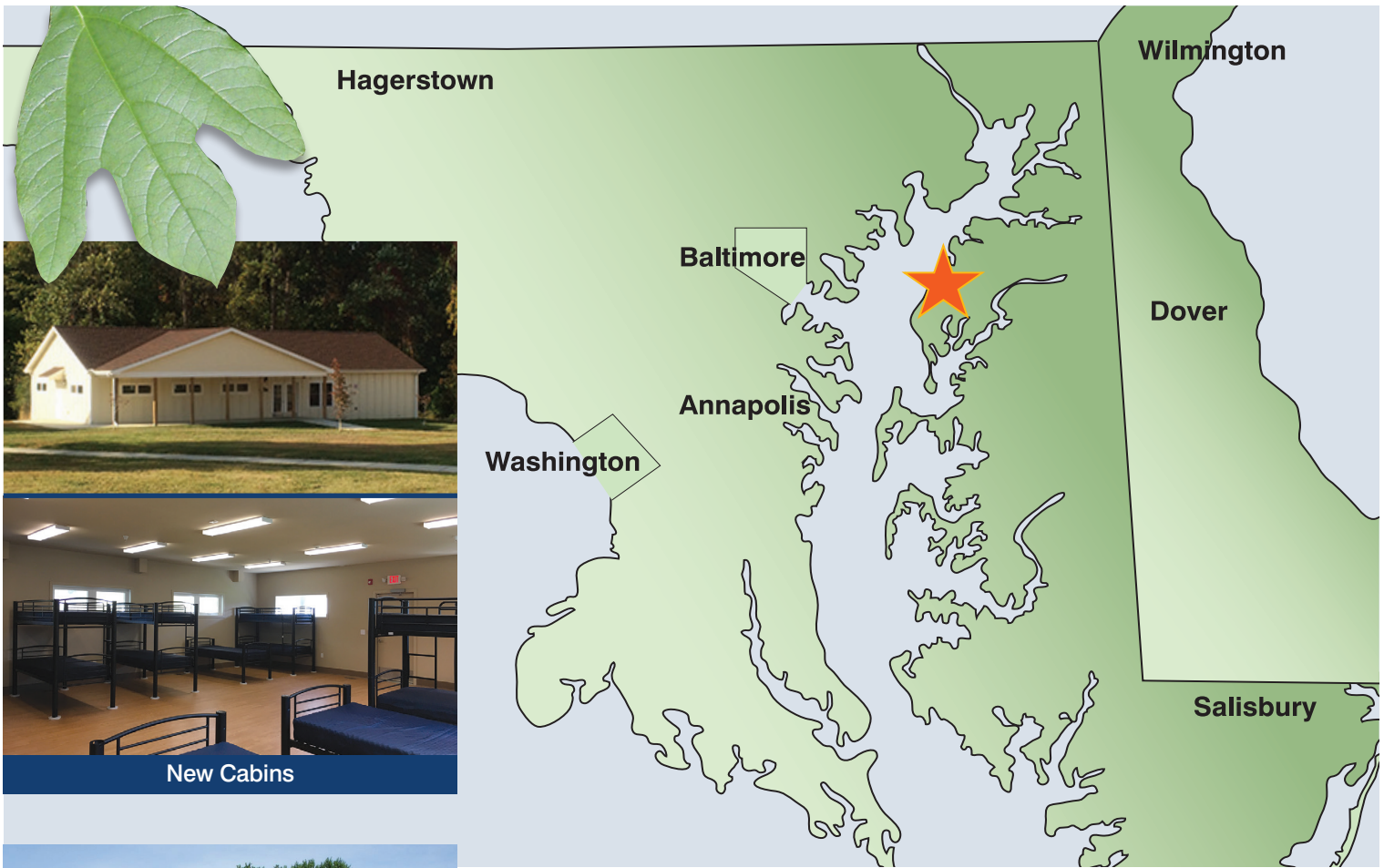
Camp Fairlee is committed to delivering quality food service and has a successful partnership with FLIK Dining. Mindful of the cultural and dietary preferences of a diverse camp community, our food service team creates menus exclusively for the summer camp program. FLIK's Director of Wellness and Corporate Chef review menus and provide culinary and dietary expertise. Camp Fairlee provides a well-balanced menu which supports food allergy concerns, diabetic, gluten-free, casein-free, dairy-free, and vegetarian requests. Camp Fairlee is also nut-aware. Campers, parents and care-givers have the opportunity to discuss dietary requests with the Executive Chef prior to attending camp. Together, Camp Fairlee and FLIK Dining Services promise a team of experts trained in evolving dietary requirements to provide safe, healthy offerings that stay current in a food-aware culture.

Health Services and Medications

At least one registered 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 current (within 12 months of attending program) completed health form is required at all times and must be turned in 2 weeks prior to the first day of your designated camp session. This form must be completed, signed and dated by the participant's physician and parent/caregiver. All prescription medications must be in their original bottle with the original prescription label on it or blister packs prepared by a pharmacy. All over the counter medications must be brought to Camp in their original bottles. Any altered prescription label will not be accepted. The dosage and schedule on the pharmacy label must match the information on the health form signed by the physician. Camp Fairlee will NOT accept pre-poured medication or medication that does NOT match with the physician's order. If any changes are made to the participant's medication (e.g. dosage, time, etc.) after the health form has been submitted to Camp Fairlee, a new, signed physician's order must be presented at the time of check-in. Camp Fairlee will not accept a participant at check-in if any of the procedures listed above are not followed. A participant will also not be accepted if they have an elevated temperature or symptoms of a more untreated or unstable illness or condition. For the safety of all participants and staff, NO exceptions will be made.





New Cabins



Renovated Dining Hall



Activity Center

Approximate Driving Distances to Camp Fairlee:

Baltimore - 2 hours

Washington DC - 2 hours

Annapolis - 1¼ hours

Salisbury - 2 hours

Wilmington - 1½ hours

Dover - 1 hour



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