

Day Camp FAQ's

## **REGISTERING FOR CAMP**

### **What do I need to submit to register my child for Easterseals at Camp Widjiwagan?**

We need a completed registration form (both sides) the health form and camper care form along with your deposit. Register online for the fastest processing. Once all your required forms and your deposit have been received in our office you will get a confirmation.

### **My child was a camper last year. Do I still need to submit all of the forms?**

Yes. New forms must be submitted each year.

### **Does Easterseals offer scholarships?**

This year it will cost Easter Seals approximately \$180.00 per day for day camp. For a 5 day program, this equals approximately \$900.00. Thanks to generous donors, Easterseals is able to offer Camp Scholarships on a first-come/first-serve basis. To apply for a Camp Scholarship, please download a scholarship application at <http://www.easterseals.com/tennessee/our-programs/camping-recreation/respite.html>. Send the completed scholarship application and a completed registration form to the camp office by mail or fax. Do not complete an online registration if you are applying for a scholarship. Completed applications for scholarships will be accepted beginning February 1.

### **What if I need to cancel or change a session?**

All changes and cancellations must be made in writing either through the mail, fax (Attn. Camp), or email [esassistant@eastersealstn.com](mailto:esassistant@eastersealstn.com). Cancellation of a session must be made before the payment due date. The camp deposit is non refundable without a doctors authorized medical reason.

### **Where is camp held?**

All our camping programs are held at Camp Widjiwagan which is located at 3088 Smith Springs Road, Antioch, TN 37013.

# **IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR CAMP!**

## **When are my child's camp fees due?**

If your deposit was paid by credit card, the balance due will automatically be charged on the date due, unless we have already received payment in full. Final camp payment must be paid in full by the date below.

### **Payment Schedule**

All payments are due in full by        May 1, 2018

## **What should I send to camp with my child?**

Be sure to label everything you send to camp with your campers first and last name. There are almost 1000 children at camp each day and everything looks alike.

### **Lunch and Snack**

Lunch is provided in the Turner Dining Lodge and prepared by the Camp Widjiwagan food service. Most dietary concerns can be accommodated. \*\* Please note that the Turner Dining Lodge is a nut free facility. An afternoon snack is also provided. Please feel free to send additional snacks. Due to many nut allergies we do ask that you refrain from sending anything with nuts.

### **Water Bottle**

Campers will be outside all day, so a water bottle is a must! The camp has many water fountains so that campers can refill their water bottles.

### **Clothing**

Campers swim every day as part of their tribe activities, so they will need to bring a swimsuit and fresh towel every day. Please send appropriate clothing with your child, taking into consideration the weather forecast and the camp activities. Camp activities continue rain or shine; so on rainy days campers may need a poncho or raincoat with a hood. We encourage you to have your campers wear old clothing to camp since they will be swimming, participating in rugged sports, and climbing and hiking through the woods.

## **Communication Devices**

We have a limited number of iPads for visual schedules and communication. If your camper uses a communication device we strongly encourage you to send it.

## **Medications**

All medications should be sent in their original packing in a Ziploc bag with your child's name written on it. On the first day of the session you will fill out a form that will indicate what the medication is and any special instructions.

## **Shoes**

Please have your campers wear either old tennis shoes or sports sandals with a tight back strap. Due to the running activities and hilly terrain these shoes are better for the campers. Flip Flops are not a good idea for footwear at camp.

## **Other Items**

Campers should bring non-aerosol sunscreen and non-aerosol insect repellent with them to camp every day. Please apply sunscreen to your child before they arrive at the bus or camp.

## **Putting it all together**

A backpack is a great way to bring items to camp and bring everything home at the end of the day.

## **How early can I drop my child off at the bus site?**

Sign-in for buses will begin at 7:30am at all bus sites. Bus counselors will be available to answer any questions and discuss any special needs for the day. After you sign your child in, you may choose to stay and see the bus off, or you may leave your child in the care of the bus counselors. Please make sure you have a photo id at pick up.

## **What are the pick-up and drop-off times at camp?**

Drop-off at camp is between 7:30a.m.-8:30am. Pick-up is between 4:30-5:30pm

There is no charge to drop off or pick up your child at camp.

## **Where is Camp Widjiwagan?**

Camp Widjiwagan is located on 320 acres adjacent to J. Percy Priest Lake at the Joe C. Davis YMCA Outdoor Center on Smith Springs Road in Nashville.

[Driving directions](#)

## **AT CAMP WIDJIWAGAN**

### **What precautions are taken when campers are swimming in the lake or water park?**

All campers must take a swimming test during the first full day of camp to demonstrate their swimming ability. Campers will be outfitted with a colored band to let lifeguards know their swimming ability. Every camper will wear a lifejacket while swimming in the lake, regardless of swimming ability.

### **What happens if it rains?**

Camp Widjiwagan is blessed to have such a magnificent natural setting to implement our programs. When Mother Nature provides us with some "liquid sunshine," our camp day proceeds as usual. Campers may come home wet or muddy on rainy days. When rain is accompanied by thunder and lightning, all campers are moved to covered areas.