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## MORE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT CAMP

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### **Do Campers need spending money at camp?**

**Canteen:** Our canteen is stocked with chocolate bars, chips and other treats and beverages like pop and juice. Campers must be accompanied by their cabin counsellor/support worker to ensure that their purchase is not in conflict with a special diet or an allergy.

We also stock T-shirts, and other small souvenir items. Goods are priced at cost so each camper has an opportunity to purchase some souvenir item. Most campers bring a minimum of \$30 cash to camp.

Campers occasionally go off-camp for activities such as trips into Watrous or to the ice cream parlour in Manitou Beach. We strongly recommend that campers deposit their money/cash into the canteen on arrival day. Money not spent will be sent home with the camper. Community trips will be in keeping with all health and safety guidelines and are subject to cancellation.

### **What are the cabins like?**

Our cabins are large, air conditioned and heated (if required) and fully accessible. The beds are all single hospital beds. The washrooms have large roll-in showers and there are lots of grab bars for campers who require them, as well as shower chairs. Basic adult commode chairs and Hoyer lifts are available in each cabin. Each cabin has a patio and/or deck where campers enjoy time together.

There will be six to seven campers living together in a cabin. There will be three camper support workers and one camper support leader assigned to each cabin. One of camper support workers will stay in the cabin overnight and camper support leader makes rounds to all cabins every night.

### **Keeping in Touch While at Camp**

We do encourage families to phone during the camper's stay. Campers are also given time to call home before bed. We can facilitate these calls for campers and families through our Administration Office as cabin telephones cannot dial out. The camp phone number to connect with campers is 306-946-3373.

If you are planning to call a camper the best time to reach them would be between 2:30 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. and between 8:30 p.m. and 9:00 pm each night.

### **Visitors at camp**

We recommend that if parents and/or caregivers want to visit camp they do so only on arrival and departure days. Visitation during camp sessions is discouraged in order to prevent disruption of camp routine. (with the exception of camper session serving 6 to 9 year old campers). If a visit is necessary for any reason, you can call the camp office and we would be happy to help you arrange a visit.

For the protection of all campers, visits (other than from parents and legal guardians) will not be allowed unless authorized by a parent or legal guardian. To arrange a tour of camp please call the camp office in advance and we would be happy to show you around (Covid protocols pending).

### **Cell phones and tablets**

Many campers come to camp with a cell phone or tablet. Although we discourage the use of cell phones during the camp day (because we are having so much fun together) we understand that for many campers they are used as an assistive communication device. Please note that the camp cannot be responsible for the loss or damage to these devices. It is important to note that WI-FI is not available in the camper cabins and limited in outdoor locations. Cell phone reception is available.

### **Our staff**

Each summer, Camp Easter Seal hires 50+ staff who are chosen for their maturity, enthusiasm, and caring manner. Prior to working at camp, the staff go through intensive training during which they learn the important skills necessary for working with campers. Camp Easter Seal also has two full-time, permanent staff who live on site during the entire camp season. Both the Camp Manager and the Office Administrator are happy to answer your questions at any time.

Many of our seasonal staff members are post-secondary students in the areas of disability studies, education, social work or health sciences, to name a few. They come with a wide variety of skills, and all come with a passion to serve. Our recreational program team members are hired to provide program activities and come with the skills and credentials necessary. A full kitchen staff, including a trained Food Service Supervisor, cook and provide nutritious and tasty meals. We have a full team of facility maintenance workers as well, who not only ensure the camp property is safe and barrier-free, but also head up all custodial functions. Our Health Services team includes a Registered Nurse, and two

student nurses (third year or greater). This team is on-call to attend to any emerging need 24 hours a day.

All staff at Camp Easter Seal support campers with a person-centred approach, focusing on connectedness, personal choices, inclusion, growth, and opportunity.

## **Substances at Camp Easter Seal**

### **Smoking & Vaping at Camp**

Adult campers who wish to smoke/vape tobacco will be asked to do so in the designated area only. There is absolutely no smoking inside any buildings at camp, on cabin patios or anywhere else on camp property.

### **Cannabis**

There is no cannabis consumption, in any form, while at Camp Easter Seal. If you or the camper uses cannabis for medical purposes it will be considered a medication and should appear on the MAR sheet accompanied by a medical doctor prescription.

### **Alcohol Policy**

There is no consumption of alcohol on camp property.

### **Drug Policy on Camp Property**

The possession and/or use of illegal drugs is not permitted on the Camp Easter Seal property. Anyone caught in possession of, handling or consuming these substances while on camp property will be asked to leave camp property.