



# Autism Society of NORTH CAROLINA

## Eastern NC Social Recreation Program FAQs (2/28/19)

### Summer Day Camp

#### **When can I sign up for day camp?**

- Online registration for summer day camp opens each year on March 1<sup>st</sup> and will remain open until March 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will notify applicants by March 31<sup>st</sup> to let them know if they got in to camp or if they were placed on our waiting list. As things progress we will likely pull kids off the waiting list so if placed on the waiting list it is best to get all paperwork completed so you can be ready to attend if the opportunity comes.

#### **Who can attend the day camp?**

- School-age children (ages 4-22) on the autism spectrum of all levels of functioning who reside in the Trillium service area (counties included are Beaufort, Bertie, Brunswick, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Columbus, Craven, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, Jones, Martin, Nash, New Hanover, Northampton, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrrell and Washington)
  - We have space for about 30-40 campers depending on location. (40 in Winterville and Wilmington, 30 in Newport, 15 only in Brunswick County)
  - We will have a priority system to determine who is placed in the available spots.
    - First priority will be given to children with no current services who can consistently attend the program (This means those who do not have access to Innovations waiver, IPRS, or Medicaid 1:1 services; this does not include any school-related services)
      - Children who can attend every day all summer will get top priority in this group, followed by those who can attend every day for at least 4 weeks.
    - After children who have no services are considered we will then look at all other children who do have state funded/Innovation waiver services and want to attend the program to make additional placements. We do serve children who already have funded service as well, please inquire at your location for more information.
    - We will also consider other factors such as what type of slots available, 1:1 vs group, funding source, etc.

#### **Where will day camp take place?**

- The “Winterville” location is 4882 Reedy Branch Road, Winterville, NC 28590.
- The “Newport” location is 113 Roberts Road, Newport, NC 28510.
- The “Wilmington” location is 705 S. Kerr Avenue, Wilmington, NC 28403.
- The “Brunswick County” location is at Brunswick County Community College in Bolivia NC.

#### **When will the day camp take place?**

- Day camp in Winterville, Wilmington and Newport will run for 8 weeks each summer, typically mid-June through mid-August.
- Day camp in Brunswick County will run for about 6 weeks each summer, typically late June – Early August
- Hours will be Monday- Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**How much will the day camp cost?**

- This program is \*FREE\* for those who are placed using our priority system.
  - Those who receive placements in the program must be willing to be identified by Trillium and enrolled in their system. This is mandatory to receive the service at no cost. If you do not wish to be identified by Trillium, you may be on the waiting list for the program.
- There will be some nominal activity fees requested at times.

**What is the level of care in the day camp program?**

- We plan to provide 1:1 care for all campers as needed. If campers are more independent and communicative, we may pair them with another camper and one counselor (2:1).

**If I have services already and have my own care provider, may my child attend with their staff?**

- We are not able to accommodate this scenario. If you have staff members you want to recommend for employment with our programs, please contact our office.

**Can my child's siblings attend day camp with them?**

- If there is staff availability, we will be open to having siblings attend this program as well. Siblings will go to the waiting list and be placed if space becomes available.

**What type of training does the day camp staff receive?**

- We will provide a professional, hands-on training week for our day camp staff. It will include workshops on autism, communication, behavior management, sensory issues, and much more. They will also have an opportunity to shadow seasoned professionals and get feedback from them.
- We conduct thorough background checks on all employees and hold them to high expectations.

**Are people on the autism spectrum the only ones allowed to attend this camp?**

- In Winterville and Wilmington, you must have a primary diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder to attend the program.
- In Newport and Brunswick County, we will also be open to serving children with other Intellectual Disabilities, as mandated by our grant.