

2017

FAQ'S FOR FAMILY CAMP



WHAT IS FLYING HORSE FARMS?

The mission of Flying Horse Farms is to enrich the lives of children with serious illnesses and their families by providing magical, transforming fun through year-round, medically-safe, and cost-free camping experiences.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR FAMILY CAMP AT FLYING HORSE FARMS?

We love families at Flying Horse Farms. Any child age 7-15 who has a diagnosis within the areas of cardiology, hematology, oncology, rheumatology, gastrointestinal disorders, pulmonary disorders and facial anomalies is welcome to join us for a camp session, along with their family members. Moms, dads, grandparents, guardians, aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings are all regular guests at family camps, and we've had anywhere from one to ten family members spend a weekend at camp with their camper. If you have a question regarding a family member or diagnosis group, give us a call!

CAN SIBLINGS AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN FAMILY CAMP?

Immediate family members and anyone in the camper's household are welcome to join us for s'mores, campfires and lots of fun.

DO YOU PROVIDE CHILD CARE FOR YOUNGER SIBLINGS?

There's something for everyone at Flying Horse Farms. Your family will be assigned a counselor who will be happy to go to archery with your child while you relax by the fireplace. While childcare is not specifically provided, our counselors will make sure that everyone is having a blast.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST FOR MY FAMILY TO ATTEND FLYING HORSE FARMS?

There is no cost to attend camp sessions at Flying Horse Farms. Lodging and meals are provided.

WILL SOMEONE CONTACT ME IF THERE IS ANYTHING MISSING FROM MY APPLICATION?

Absolutely! We'll send you a letter or e-mail with the details of your family's application status and a list of anything that is missing from your application.

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HOW WILL I KNOW WHEN MY FAMILY HAS BEEN ACCEPTED FOR A FAMILY CAMP WEEKEND?

After our medical staff looks over the applications and approves them, we'll send you a confirmation packet via e-mail. It will include the date of your camp session, and there will be some forms for you to send back to us or bring with you to camp. The packet will also include a packing list, driving directions and other important information. Spring family camp confirmation packets will be delivered in March. Fall family camp confirmation packets will be delivered in August.

DO YOU PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION?

Unfortunately, no. If you are having difficulty arranging transportation, though, we'll do our best to help you arrange other options. Our Camper and Family Liaison the contact for transportation questions.

WHAT TIME SHOULD WE ARRIVE ON THE FIRST DAY OF CAMP? AND WHAT TIME WILL WE DEPART?

Arrival time is 6:00pm on the Friday of the family camp weekend. Families usually depart by noon on Sunday. If you need to arrive later or depart earlier, contact our Camper and Family Liaison to make arrangements.

WHERE WILL MY FAMILY BE STAYING?

The camp experience wouldn't be the same without cabins! Typically, two families will share a cabin, but there is plenty of room for everyone. With two bathrooms (2 toilets and 2 fully accessible showers in each), heating, air conditioning, electrical outlets and bunk-style beds, our cabin accommodations are comfortable yet modest. We provide all linens, blankets and towels, too.

WHAT DO WE NEED TO BRING TO CAMP?

Food, bedding and linens are all provided by Flying Horse Farms. You should bring all clothing, toiletries, and medical supplies with you to camp. Cameras, props, and costumes are also welcome!

WE WANT CAMP TO BE A SAFE EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE. PLEASE FOLLOW OUR DRESS CODE:

- Always wear closed-toe shoes or open-toe shoes with a heel strap (but you can bring your flip flops for the pool and inside the cabins)
- Make sure your shorts are below your fingertips or just above your knees (at least)
- Feel free to wear tank tops, but please leave the tube tops and spaghetti straps at home
- All clothing must cover your stomach/midriff
- Keep necklines of shirts appropriate
- Clothing and any visible tattoos that reference drugs/alcohol/obscenities/anything offensive are not allowed
- Avoid wearing perfume or cologne as some campers are sensitive or allergic

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WHAT IS A TYPICAL DAY OF FAMILY CAMP LIKE?

After arrival at 6:00 pm on Friday, you'll have a buffet-style dinner, a large group activity and then an opening campfire. The rest of the weekend is filled with countless activities for you to enjoy as a family, in pairs or even alone. Archery, arts and crafts, fishing, canoeing and many more activities will keep you busy during the day with large group activities. Stage night performances will light up the evening. On Sunday, you can choose to sleep in or wake up early for an activity, followed by a delicious brunch and departure.

A TYPICAL SCHEDULE MIGHT GO SOMETHING LIKE THIS:

- 7:00 am - Rise and Shine!
- 8:30 am - Breakfast
- 10:15 am - Morning activities
- 12:30 pm - Lunch
- 1:30 pm - Rest time
- 2:30 pm - Afternoon activities
- 5:00 pm - Back to cabins to get ready for dinner
- 5:30 pm - Dinner
- 7:00 pm - Evening program
- 9:00 pm - Younger campers head back to the cabins for lights out
- 10:00 pm - Older campers head back to the cabins for lights out

HOW DO I APPLY

Visit our website at www.flyinghorsefarms.org/camp/how-to-enroll/ to learn more and begin the application process.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS THAT WERE NOT ANSWERED HERE, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL US AT 419-751-7077.