



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

For Any Other Questions, Please Contact **Diane Gann**
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1. What Kind of Experience/Education Do Staff Have in Working with Youth with Disabilities?

Many camp staffers are special education teachers or assistants with area school corporations. Others are students in special education, OT, PT, ST, DT or similar areas of study. We train all staff in CPR, First Aid, Protection of Individual Rights, Confidentiality, Behavior Intervention, Emergency Preparedness and Autism-Structured Environments.

2. Will Camps Have Lesson Plans? What Activities Are Available? Will Activities Include Themes?

Camp leads design their curriculum based on the theme of the camp. Each day is structured yet flexible and includes both indoor and outdoor activities. Camp leads build in social skills, sensory and fine motor skills into all activities. A daily schedule is listed on a board and typically it is designed as follows:

Mornings

Arrival Activities
Group Time – review of the day's activities
Group Activities/Special Visitors
Lunch

Afternoons

Individual Activities
Gym or Outdoors
Snack
Group Activities/Special Visitors
Individual Activities

3. Will Field Trips Be Provided?

Most camps will offer field trips. Campers are transported in staff vehicles or company vehicles. All staff are checked through the BMV and must carry a required amount of liability insurance.

4. How Many Campers Are at Each Camp? How Do You Integrate Campers Without Disabilities?

Our camps maintain a 4:1 ratio with no more than 16 campers during a session. This ratio is comprised of campers with and without disabilities. Camp staff takes a proactive approach when it comes to working with the campers. They do very well with problem solving and redirecting, as well as identifying and trying to diffuse any potential problematic situations. In the past, the campers without disabilities have been siblings. Noble camps also seek out social situations on field trips for peer interaction.

5. What Is the Staff-to-Camper Ratio?

Campers are supported with a 4:1 ratio. Unfortunately, due to our commitment to offer a 4:1 setting, we are unable to support youth who receive or require 1:1 assistance in a school and/or social setting.

6. Do You Offer Before- and After-Care?

No. All camps run 9 am to 3:30 pm Monday - Friday, but we are not able to offer before- and after-care.

7. What Are the Qualifications for a Scholarship?

Scholarships are awarded on a first come, first served basis. They are also based on the amount we have available as well as annual household income, number in household and any other extenuating circumstances. Income verification in the form of pay check stubs, child support, social security, etc is required. Each application is reviewed by the camp manager, and scholarships are awarded on a case-by-case basis.

8. How Can I Reserve a Spot for My Child at a Camp We Are Interested in?

In order to hold a spot for camp, the camp manager must receive the camp application along with a \$25 deposit. Only \$25 is required to register for multiple camps!

9. Can My Family Member's Medicaid Waiver Funding Pay for Camp?

Noble offers respite in a group setting for those who have the Family Support Waiver or the Community Integration and Habilitation Waiver. According to DDS, "a camp setting (is) an acceptable environment for the delivery of respite. If the person has respite services (RSPO) written into their Medicaid Waiver Plan of Care, a person may utilize their Medicaid Waiver Respite (RSPO) dollars." In order to use Medicaid Waiver funding for Noble's Summer Day Camps, you must contact Diane at d.gann@mynoblelife.org or at 317-254-6623.