Camp Ability of Special Kids: Frequently Asked Questions

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- **What is Camp Ability?**
  - Camp Ability is a summer day camp for children and young adults with special needs ages 11-25.

- **When is Camp Ability?**
  - Camp dates
    - June 1-26
  - Times
    - Monday – Friday
    - 8:30am – 3:00pm

- **Where is Camp Ability?**
  - North Boulevard Church of Christ
    - 1112 North Rutherford Blvd.
    - Murfreesboro, TN 37130

- **How much is Camp Ability? Are scholarships available?**
  - $100.00 NON-REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE
  - $350 per week
    - Weekly fees include all field trips, special activities, supplies and Camp t-shirt.
    - 4:1 Camper to counselor ratio
    - Full-time Licensed Nurse
  - Limited Scholarships are available

- **How do I register?**
  - Complete Online Pre-Registration Form
    RETURNING CAMPER PRIORITY PRE-REGISTRATION opens on **March 30**
    Link will be available at Special Kids Website
    NEW CAMPER PRE-REGISTRATION opens on April 13
  - **PHYSICIANS ORDER** will be available at Special Kids Website needs to be emailed to aramsey@specialkidstn.com or faxed to (615)893-4923
  - Once Online Pre-Registration is completed you will be contacted to schedule Virtual Registration Intake, if space is available ****SPACE IS LIMITED YOU ARE NOT GUARENTEED A SPOT. ****

- **What is needed for the Virtual Registration Intake entail?**
  - Once Online Pre-Registration is submitted and your camper is enrolled you will be contacted to schedule Virtual Registration Intake
  - You will need the following **submitted prior** to the Virtual Registration Intake:
    - NEW Signed Physicians Order (even for returning Campers)
    - Current Immunization Form (even for returning Campers)
    - Current photo of your child

- **What will happen during Virtual Registration Intake?**
  - You will pay $100.00 Registration Fee (non-refundable)
  - You will review and sign the Camp Ability contracts.
  - You will review and sign financial agreement .

- You will sign up for Open House appointment (NEW CAMPERS ONLY).

- **What if I don't get into Camp Ability? Is there a waiting list?**
  - Yes, there is a waiting list. However, it is an active waiting list. We strive to fulfill every available spot. For example, if a camper in a particular age group only signed up for one week, then we go to the Waiting List to fill the other weeks.

- **If I am on the Waiting List, how will I know if a spot opens?**
  - When you complete Online Pre-registration, you will need to provide the best contact number. If a spot opens, you will be contacted. At that time, you will pay the Registration fee. No Registration fee will be required until your child has a guaranteed spot.
  - Once you are contacted about the open spot you will have 48 hours to confirm and schedule registration intake.

I only wish for my child to go to Camp a few days a week. May my child attend only on (for example) Tuesdays and Thursdays? If so, is there a discount?
  - Your child may attend only a few days a week if you wish, but unfortunately there is no discount. The entire amount ($350/week) will be owed. Each camper reserves a spot for those weeks.

- **How will Camp Ability care for my child?**
  - Campers are divided into groups of 9-13 with their peers.
  - One lead counselor and 2-3 support counselors facilitate activities in each group.
  - 4:1 Camper to Counselor ratio.
  - Full time nurse on staff.
  - In addition, volunteers are also utilized to ensure campers can get adequate help participating in activities.

- **How do I know if my child is appropriate for Camp Ability?**
  - Campers must be able to safely participate in group activities with a 4:1 camper to counselor ratio. If a camper cannot participate in our program safely, even with accommodations and support of our staff, the child may be discharged from camp.
  - Due to safety of other campers Camp Ability is unable to provide care for children who require physical restraint or have history of aggressive behaviors towards others. Our counselors are not certified in physical restraint training.

- **What will my child do at Camp Ability?**
  - There is a wide variety of activities at Camp. Activities on campus are structured into 30-45 min increments (like school). Campers also go on field trips.
  - ***Activities at the Church have included in the past***: Bible studies, puppet shows, Art, Music, crafts, free play (gym and playground), Life Skills and special guests.
  - ***Field trips have included in the past***: Swimming at MTSU Indoor pool, bowling, Miracle Field, Movie Theater.
  - Campers typically go swimming and on a field trip twice a week.

- **I'm not sure if this will be a good fit for my child. Are there refunds if this does not work out?**
  - Campers that wish to withdraw from the program must give a 14-day written notice to cancel the contract.
  - If a camper is not allowed to return due to behavioral reasons, no refund will be given. (Please see Behavior Contract in Camp Ability Handbook)

- **How do you travel on field trips?**
    - School bus and Wheelchair van with lift

- **My child receives therapy at Special Kids. Will my therapist come to Camp Ability to conduct the sessions?**
    - No, you will need to attend the scheduled time of therapy at the Special Kids Therapy facility.