Camp Independence

Camper Eligibility Criteria

Camp Independence is a weeklong summer camp experience for Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta patients, ages 8 to 18, who have been diagnosed with kidney disease, are on dialysis or have received an organ transplant. These guidelines are intended to help you as a parent determine if you should submit an application. Applications will be reviewed for medical eligibility, any safety concerns, and ultimately the camp staff’s ability to manage your child’s care in a camp setting.

In order to have an application reviewed by our medical team, the child must meet the following requirements:

- The child’s primary health issue is kidney disease and/or transplant
- The child has knowledge of their disease and/or transplant
- The child is seen by a transplant doctor and/or nephrologist at Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta on a regular basis
- The child is either on pre or post-transplant medication, dialysis, or has had a surgical intervention

*Please note, we cannot accommodate uncontrolled seizures, DKA, long-term infusions, pre-transplant hepatology patients or TPN dependent patients waiting on transplant at this time.*

Additionally, the child must be able to:

- Meet their personal needs independently or with minimal assistance (eating, showering, getting dressed, going to the bathroom, and maintaining personal hygiene)
- Participate and effectively interact in a group living environment and in group activities
- Demonstrate nonviolent behavior

*Please note, our staff is unable to provide one-on-one care for campers at this time.*

If the child has any other illnesses, disabilities (physical or developmental), diseases or receives mental health services, the Camp Independence medical team will review that information on an individual basis and determine if Camp Independence is an appropriate fit for the child.

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