

Camp You Be You



Children'sSM
Healthcare of Atlanta

Camper Eligibility Criteria

Camp You Be You is specifically designed for children with autism (diagnoses may include Autism Spectrum Disorder, Autistic Disorder, Asperger's Disorder, Pervasive Developmental Disorder) who are verbally fluent and complete self-care skills independently. **As we are primarily staffed by volunteers, we are not able to support all children with autism.** Children at camp must be able to function in a group setting with a 5-to-1 camper to counselor ratio. Our staff will review all applications which may include a review of additional records.

General Camp

- Camper must be 8 to 18 years old.
- Camper must be able to attend the full week and function with a 5-to-1 camper-to-counselor ratio. *If your child's classroom is smaller than this ratio, camp may not be a fit for them.*
- Camper must meet personal hygiene needs independently (getting dressed, grooming/bathing, getting ready for bed, getting ready for the daily activities, etc.).
- Camper must meet the physical demands of camp (walking between activities which may be a long distance, remaining outdoors for most of the day).
- Camper must be willing and able to participate in a group setting (able to transition among activities with a group, follow instructions from counselors and older campers, remain with the group, take turns, ask for help when needed, etc.).
- Camper must be able to sleep in a group setting (stay in their own bed, remain quiet during the night).
- Camper must be able to communicate with counselors and peers. Successful campers speak in full sentences and have emerging conversation skills.
- Camper cannot have current occurrences of elopement (running away), aggressive behavior, or disruptive behavior. The camp is located in a wooded area with several trails and easy access to a lake. Camper must follow directions from staff.
- Records review may include requests for documentation of a diagnosis, an IEP, a teacher form, and additional screening calls. *All new campers are required to complete a one-way virtual interview and teacher form.*

Leader in Training (LIT)

- LIT must be 15-18 years old at the time of camp.
- LIT must have attended You Be You summer camp previously.
- LIT must be ready to work in a leadership role. The LIT is expected to assist counselors and younger campers.
- LITs have a greater level of independence at camp and we have increased expectations for their behavior. LITs serve as role models for younger campers.
- Prior to acceptance, LITs are required to complete a one-way virtual interview.

Parent Expectations

- Applications, supporting materials, and payments must be submitted by due dates.
- A virtual informational session will be held prior to camp. This is mandatory for all new camp families.

