



## 2019 Registration FAQ



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**Please keep the following pages for your reference.**

### Camp Session Information

#### **Providing fun, safe, and adaptive recreational experiences to children, teens, and adults with disabilities.**

Camp High Hopes' offers camp sessions focused on providing a fun, safe, adaptive recreational environment for people with disabilities, their friends, and families. We refer to our camp session as "respite" since they offer campers a break from their daily routine, while allowing caregivers an opportunity to rest and relax, knowing their loved ones are being cared for in a safe environment. To best accommodate the needs of our campers, sessions may be geared towards a specific population such as Autism, Intellectual Disabilities, or Physical Disabilities.

**Friends & Siblings:** Camp High Hopes encourages campers to invite their friends and siblings without disabilities to any session they are attending. Not only will friends and siblings get time to bond at camp, caregivers can rest easy knowing they are in a fun, supportive environment.

**Sleep-Away:** Sleep-away camps are from Sunday 3pm to Friday 1 pm during the summer. Each session offers a variety of fun, adapted activities geared towards the needs of the campers. Our usual support ratio is 1:3 unless otherwise arranged with the camp or during our "Camper Centric" 1:1 sessions.

**Day Camp:** A weekday session offered Monday-Friday 8:30am – 5pm during occasional school breaks and throughout the summer for campers with various disabilities. Base support ratio of 1:3. One-to-one arranged as available with the Camp Director.

**Saturday Camp:** Offered during our Spring and Fall sessions, these single day camps offer a great introduction to camp activities and opportunities. Sessions are from 9am to 5pm with lunch included. Support ratio of 1:3 campers to staff.

**Weekends (All):** Weekends run from Friday 6pm to Sunday 4pm for both youth and adults. These sessions offer a 1:3 base support ratio, a wide variety of adapted seasonal activities and fun for campers of all ages.

**Independent Campers:** Designed for individuals with who are independent or need minimal reminders and redirections. Our staffing ratio of 1:5 during these sessions allows campers increased opportunities to be independent and engage in a variety of camp activities.

**Camper Assist:** these sessions are geared towards campers with needing both care and behavioral assistance and have a higher staff to camper ratio of 1:3. Staff take a more direct role guiding campers to meet their desired goals and engage in camp activities.

**Camper Centric (One to One) Sessions:** Geared towards campers who need smaller sessions and more support to be successful, "Just for the Camper" sessions are set at a 1:1 counselor to camper ratio with additional counselors available to provide needed additional support when needed. Sessions may be designated as focused on autism/intellectual disabilities, physical disabilities, or inclusive of all 1:1 support needs.

**Autism & Intellectual Disability Sessions:** these sessions focus on addressing the needs of campers with autism, down syndrome, and other intellectual disabilities that may require more behavioral supports and interventions. Campers are encouraged to use appropriate social skills and develop leadership skills by supporting their peers. Staff ratios are set at a 1:3 ratio with 1:1 support available upon request (must be made at time of registration with limited space).

**Physical Disability Sessions:** Sessions address the needs of campers whose primary disability is physical without cognitive or intellectual impairment. Activities are adapted to meet the needs of campers as each camper is encouraged to take on new challenges and try new activities.

**Travel Sessions:** For the more experienced and adventurous campers to get a weekend, week, or more away from home and explore all the wonders of our world. (Campers must be able to ride in a 15 passenger van for extended period of time and need minimal care support unless session is otherwise designated. Staffing ratio is 1:4 campers may sleep in unattended rooms.)

**Session and Activity Summary:** Seasonal activities include archery, crafts, indoor/outdoor sports & games, campouts, campfires, fishing, swimming, sledding, and canoeing. Activities are adapted to the abilities of the participant and focus on full-activity participation to promote the building of self-esteem and maintain a therapeutic impact. Campers are given the opportunity to set goals with their counselors and are encouraged to challenge themselves and their perceived limitations in a safe, challenge-by-choice environment. All programs are designed to be adapted to the abilities of the participants to provide the most impactful experience possible.



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## Iowa Respite Waiver Information

(Note: unit rates vary by Waiver and Session as outlined below)

Provider #: 0705077 NPI: 1356697544

### Intellectual Disability (ID) Waiver

	Service Code	Unit Rate	# Units
Sleep Away Camp:	T2036	\$1.27	460
Respite Weekend:	T2036	\$1.27	184
Summer Day Camp:	T2037	\$1.30	160
Spring Day Camp:	T2037	\$1.30	96
DC: Early Arrival:	T2037	\$1.30	20
DC: Late Departure:	T2037	\$1.30	20

### Health Disability (HD) Waiver

	Service Code	Unit Rate	# Units
Sleep Away Camp:	T2036	\$1.28	460
Respite Weekend:	T2036	\$1.28	184
Summer Day Camp:	T2037	\$1.28	160
Spring Day Camp:	T2037	\$1.28	96
DC: Early Arrival:	T2037	\$1.28	20
DC: Late Departure:	T2037	\$1.28	20

### Children's Mental Health (CMH) Waiver

	Service Code	Unit Rate	# Units
Sleep Away Camp:	T2036	\$1.28	460
Respite Weekend:	T2036	\$1.28	184
Summer Day Camp:	T2037	\$1.28	160
Spring Day Camp:	T2037	\$1.28	96
DC: Early Arrival:	T2037	\$1.28	20
DC: Late Departure:	T2037	\$1.28	20

### Brain Injury (BI) Waiver

	Service Code	Unit Rate	# Units
Sleep Away Camp:	T2036	\$1.30	460
Respite Weekend:	T2036	\$1.30	184
Summer Day Camp:	T2037	\$1.25	160
Spring Day Camp:	T2037	\$1.25	96
DC: Early Arrival:	T2037	\$1.25	20
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### Frequently Asked Registration Questions

#### **I am on an Iowa Respite Waiver, how will my transition to a Managed Care Organization (MCO) impact using my waiver?**

Campers will see no change to services provided by Camp High Hopes with the transition to Managed Care Organizations (MCO). While our camp fees have remained the same for 2016, you may notice that the transition caused a change in our rates based on your waiver program and what type of session you are enrolling in, which may reduce how much of the camp fee is paid for through your waiver program. To ensure a smooth transition for all of our campers, Camp High Hopes will grant a campership for any difference between amount reimbursed for the total session units and the camp fee for 2017. For example: an individual on the ID waiver attending a Summer Sleep Away session should receive a waiver payment of \$584.20 and a campership of \$13.80 to cover the remaining balance.

#### **What Managed Care Organization (MCO) should I choose so my camp sessions will continue to be covered?**

Camp High Hopes is contracted both Iowa MCOs (Managed Care Organizations); Amerigroup Iowa and United Healthcare Plan of the River Valley to ensure any camper can attend a camp session.

#### **When do I register?**

Register early; don't wait until the last minute. If you do, you may miss out on the spot you wanted or not have enough time to complete the needed paperwork, including a Health History form that must be signed by a licensed medical professional, such as your primary care physician.

#### **How do I register?**

To register for any session at Camp High Hopes, please complete the registration for the season (Fall, Winter, Spring, or Summer). This form allows us to gather basic information about the individual enrolling in a session, such as age, gender, general care needs, and extra assistance so we can determine if you qualify for a session. Once completed, you can submit your registration form with a \$50 deposit per session via fax, email, or mail.

#### **Where is the session information? How do I know a session is for me?**

Session information is located our registration packets with additional descriptions of each session type. Simply mark which session or sessions you are interested in enrolling in and the total number of sessions to attend in the spaces provided. Review the information provided for each session to determine the best age and group that fits your needs.

#### **How do I pay?**

You can pay by check, credit card, respite waiver, or by applying for a campership. Just indicate how you will be paying the camp fee in the "Camp Fee Payment" section. Deposit is due at time of registration, payments for the balance are due 2 weeks prior to camp session. Campers using their waiver funds must contact their caseworkers to add the session to their plan and have a 'Notice of Decision' sent to our office. All campers must pay the required per session deposit to enroll. For full details on our payment policies, please review our payment policy in our *Camper Handbook*.



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### **I have respite waiver, do I need to pay the deposit too? Is there information I need to know?**

Yes, all campers must make a deposit to enroll in a session, even if covered by their Respite Waiver. Once payment is received from waiver funds, about a month after camp, the deposit is held for use on future sessions or may be refunded upon request from the family. You must contact your MCO or caseworker in order to add the session to your plan and notify the camp when you receive approval in order for the camp to verify. All campers must have pre-approval confirmed by the camp with MCO prior to camp attendance. Post-session approvals cannot be accepted and camper may be responsible for the cost of any sessions not receiving pre-approval. Please see table on respite waiver addendum for Iowa information. South Dakota service recipients are permitted to use their funds to directly pay for camp sessions. Contact your case worker for more details.

### **What happens after I register? Does this mean I can come to camp?**

Before you attend camp, we do need a few more items. After you submit your registration and it is accepted, you will receive a confirmation letter and Confirmation Packet. This Confirmation Packet contains our *Camper Handbook*, *Camper Health History Form*, *Consent Form*, *Acknowledgement of Privacy Practices*, and *Departure Card*. It may seem like a lot to get done, but all of this information allows us to provide you with the best possible care when you come to camp and is required before you attend. And, no, you don't have to complete these forms each season, most forms only need to be updated annually to keep our information current unless there are significant changes to your health, care needs, or medications.

### **How do you decide if someone is eligible to come to Camp?**

All applications are reviewed by the program and medical team. Individuals of any age that are living with a diagnosed disability, chronic illness, or medical condition are eligible to register for camp. Individuals requiring hospitalization or who are a significant danger to themselves or others are not eligible to register for camp. Decisions are also based on the individual's inability to attend another camp, the severity of the individual's medical problems, and other pertinent factors. Please contact the Program Director or Assistant Program Director for more details.

### **About the Camper Assistance Fund, what is it?**

Camper Assistance Fund provides additional support to help campers without personal resources or respite waivers to attend camp. While our fee represents only 20% of the actual cost to attend camp, we understand that not all campers have resources to cover the reduced fee. To this end we have created the Camper Assistance Fund or CAF for short. If you mark that you need financial assistance on your registration form, you will need to submit a Camper Assistance Fund application with your registration form. Please submit this form with 2 letters of support, 1 from the family and 1 from a professional in your life who can confirm disability diagnosis, with both letters explaining how the camper will benefit from this assistance. Please note, the CAF can only cover two-thirds of the reduced camp fee and cannot cover the deposit or added services, such as early and late departure for day camp and are limited to 1 application per season. After Hours is not eligible for CAF funds.

### **What if I have more questions?**

If you have more question, please contact Samantha Martin, Program Director x105 at 712-224-2267, she will be more than happy to answer your questions.