



## Camper Frequently Asked Questions - 2020

### **What is our age range?**

School-age sessions run from 7-21 years in all sessions with the exception of Deaf Week which is 7-17 years.

Adult sessions range from 21 and go up as long as the doctor will sign off that they are fine in the elevation of camp (6,800) and camp activities.

### **What populations do we serve?**

We serve adults and school age sessions of each: Multi-Challenged (have both intellectual and physical challenges), Intellectually Challenged (development delays, down syndrome, etc. all ambulatory), and Orthopedically Challenged (only physical challenges). We have one session for the deaf/hearing impaired and CODA (Children of Deaf Adults 15%), one session for children with learning disabilities (all ambulatory). We serve children with high functioning autism, if they are comfortable with large groups and have ways to cope with noise that are manageable to them (case by case basis). We start new campers in our Intellectually Challenged school age session and then decide the best session for them moving forward.

### **Dietary issues?**

We modify for nut allergies and can accommodate dairy and cheese allergies etc., however if your camper is gluten-free, you will have to meal prep and bring meals.

### **Specializations?**

Diapers, g-tubes, mace procedures, cathing, and ostomies are the usual at camp. Wheelchairs, canes, crutches, walkers and A.F.O.'s are the norm. \*If your child has a communication device, please make sure you bring it. Communication is essential.

### **Is there a nurse on site?**

We hire two full-time RNs who live on site all summer.

### **Does my camper need to be immunized?**

We do require immunizations unless there is a "life-threatening" reason why they can't be. An example would be a vaccine causing a seizure, or reactions that were extreme.





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### **Camper requirements?**

Campers must be at least 3 years old mentally. They must be able to communicate whether it be verbal, through sign language, or with a communication board. They must have a consistent form of communication.

We do not accept anyone who is physically aggressive. We do not take campers who have psychiatric issues beyond ADD/ADHD/OCD/anxiety, and depression. Our main purpose has been to serve children and adults with total care needs, campers who have no other camp, and we have to consider their fragility.

We encourage you to go to:

[find.acacamps.org](http://find.acacamps.org) they have listings of all the camps nationwide who are certified by the American Camp Association. The ACA sets the standards for camping and has listings nationwide. We only suggest sending your child to an accredited camp.

### **Is there a weight limit for campers?**

To prevent injury to our staff, we have a weight limit max of 300 pounds.

### **What is your staff to camper ratio?**

Our staff to camper ratio depends on the session your camper attends. During most weeks when we have campers needing more involved care, our ratio can be 1 staff to 1 camper if they are new or if their care requires that. It may go up to 1 staff for 2 or 3 campers, but not beyond that. However, during our Deaf and Learning Disabled weeks, we may be as high as 1 staff to 5 campers.

### **Where is the camp?**

We are located in Pinetop-Lakeside, Arizona, in the White Mountains. You are responsible for bringing your camper if they are accepted. We do this for 2 reasons: so you and your camper feel safe in their experience and so you can tell their counselors everything you want them to know about your child. We want to learn procedures from you. We want to build a relationship with our families.





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### **How do I apply for my child?**

Go to [camptatiyee.org](http://camptatiyee.org) watch our documentary "Just Like Us" on the homepage. Then go to the camper tab and start your application. Most of our application is online, but you will need to print a physical to take to your doctor that tells us more about their needs. Then we review your child's needs and consider the skills of our staff and other campers already accepted. If we are able to accommodate them, we will accept them.

### **What are the registration dates?**

Applications are online on our website from January 2nd to May 20th every year. We do not accept applications after that date because we are running camp and want no distractions.

### **How much does the camp cost?**

There is no fee for attending Lions Camp Tatiyee. If you can donate, please do. We always need it. The more we get, the more campers we serve. We have never charged a fee in the 61 years we have been serving campers.

### **Where do you find your staff?**

Our staff is selected from various Arizona universities and colleges. We intentionally seek out those students studying to enter human service fields such as nursing, pre-med, physical therapy, occupational therapy, recreational therapy, special education, education, psychology, speech therapy, etc.

We do hire 1-2 high school students who want to enter human service fields and show maturity. This helps us to maintain a high return rate among our staff and comforts our families when they see the same counselors year after year.

