



Camper Acceptance Policy

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This policy outlines the considerations used when reviewing and accepting campers for onsite Summer Camp sessions.

Application Process

Completed applications must be received by the stated deadline. Applications received after the initial deadline may be considered on a rolling basis. In the event a session has a large waitlist, and additional campers are unlikely to be accepted; the session may close. Based on camper diagnoses and a review of special circumstances, campers may be referred to a different session.

The medical team evaluates each camper's medical needs, including diagnoses, medications, allergies, equipment, dietary requirements, and overall acuity, to ensure that camp can safely support the camper's care. Camp leadership reviews each application to determine appropriate support related to cabin life, social and emotional needs, behavioral considerations, and any program adaptations required. When necessary, the review may include consultation with parents and/or the camper's treating medical and behavioral health providers to clarify care needs.

Our goal is to ensure that every camper can safely participate and have a positive and meaningful camp experience.

Selection Considerations

When reviewing applications, several factors are considered including:

- Medical acuity and staffing capacity to safely care for campers
- Age and balanced cabin groupings
- Gender balance within cabins and housing
- Diagnosis mix within a session
- Whether the camper is nearing the age limit for participation
- Whether the camper is new to camp
- Time since the camper's last camp experience
- Number of camp experiences in a year
- Family circumstances that may make the year particularly difficult (such as loss, illness progression, or major life changes)
- Referrals from hospital partners

- Whether the camper has access to other camp opportunities
- Families with multiple diagnosed children
- Geographic proximity to camp, including residence in Eagle County, to support our ability to serve additional campers in the Eagle County community
- Whether the camper was previously denied based on capacity

These factors help create balanced cabins, ensure appropriate medical coverage, and provide the best possible experience for all campers. Donor status has no bearing on camper acceptance decisions.

Siblings

Siblings may attend camp based on availability within each session. Because diagnosed campers are prioritized for admission, siblings may be placed on a waitlist during the initial acceptance period depending on demand.

Special Medical Circumstances

Campers whose medical needs fall outside standard selection, or primary diagnosis criteria may be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Additional medical information may be requested to help determine whether camp can safely meet the camper's needs while also supporting the experience of other campers.

Campers enrolled in palliative or hospice care programs may also be considered individually. Acceptance will depend on whether the camp team can safely provide the necessary care and whether the camper is able to participate in the camp experience physically and emotionally.

Campers with a "Do Not Resuscitate (DNR)" order or CPR Directive will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The Medical Director will work with the family to ensure the order complies with Colorado requirements and to understand the family's wishes and plans in the event of a medical emergency. When appropriate, camp leadership and relevant staff will be informed and trained to honor the directive in accordance with established procedures.

Acceptance Decisions and Communication

Families will be notified of acceptance via email or written communication, along with an acceptance packet.

During the review process, key information from the application—including medical needs, medications, allergies, dietary requirements, equipment, and support needs—is documented to ensure that staff have the information necessary to safely care for campers while they are onsite.

Family Partnership

Families play an important role in creating a positive camper experience. We require that parents and caregivers engage with staff in a respectful, cooperative, and supportive way. A strong partnership between families and Roundup River Ranch staff and volunteers helps ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all. If we're unable to establish or maintain this partnership, we may need to decline or discontinue a camper's participation. Repeated cancellations (excluding illness or emergencies) may impact a camper's acceptance in future sessions.