

CAMPER ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

The Mission of Camp Taylor is to create positive, life-affirming experiences in the lives of children affected by heart diseases. The following information is intended to help you determine if your child meets the criteria to attend camp. Please contact us if you have questions prior to submitting an application.

To qualify for camp programs, all of the following criteria must be true:

- ✓ Heart disease is the child's primary health challenge
- ✓ The camper can independently manage their daily routine by being self-reliant in caring for hygiene, dressing, toileting and eating. The child is able to sleep independently in their own bed.
- ✓ The camper is able to stay overnight for five nights. We have many children attend camp with it being their first time away from home and 99% of them do just fine.
- ✓ The camper is seen by a cardiologist within every 12 months
- ✓ The camper participates and interacts in group-based settings
- ✓ The camper demonstrates nonaggressive and cooperative behavior
- ✓ The camper has up-to-date immunizations, including TB within two years, Tetanus within ten years, and current Covid-19 vaccination within one month of camp start dates. This list is not extensive, but highlights a few requirements
- ✓ The camper has the ability to participate and engage in team-based activities
- ✓ The camper follows the rules and demonstrates respect for the leaders at all times
- ✓ The camper functions cognitively within two years of their age

If the camper has another illness or disability, physical or developmental, or otherwise, Camp Taylor will consider each applicant individually.

Note regarding sibling campers:

- ✓ Camp Taylor does not accept sibling campers on any prescribed medication.
- ✓ Sibling campers must be older than the heart camper. Minutes, don't count. We take twins.
- ✓ Camp Taylor does not accept sibling campers with an illness or disability that does not meet the above eligibility criteria. Example: If a sibling camper has Autism, yet is high functioning and attending regular school classes, we MAY consider accepting the applicant. Please contact Camp Taylor to discuss your family's unique situation and we will consider each applicant.

Please contact camp@kidsheartcamp.org with your questions.