



## 2017 Easter Seals NL Summer Camps Frequently Asked Questions

### **Camp Bumbleberry**

#### **What is Camp Bumbleberry?**

Easter Seals Camp Bumbleberry is an overnight camping experience that campers look forward to all year long. It's an opportunity for people with disabilities to be away from their familiar setting of home and develop a new sense of independence, make new friendships, reacquaint with old friends, sing songs around the campfire, go canoeing and reach new levels of self esteem.

#### **Where is Camp Bumbleberry located?**

Camp Bumbleberry is delivered from the Lavrock facility on the Salmomier Line just 45 minutes east of St. John's.

#### **How much does Camp Bumbleberry cost?**

2017 Camp rates:

Family Camp - \$50/child and \$60/adult

Adult Camp - \$300/camper

Youth Camp - \$400/camper

Fees include all accommodations, meals and activities for the entire camp.

#### **What if my fees are covered by Eastern Health?**

If Special Child Welfare Allowance or Child Youth and Family Services are supporting your camp registration fees, Easter Seals **must** have received at time of camp application, confirmation from Eastern Health or Child Youth and Family Services that fees will be covered.

For further details, please contact Mike Jacobs [mike@eastersealsnl.ca](mailto:mike@eastersealsnl.ca) or 754-1399 ext 227

## **Is there a registration fee subsidy available?**

Yes, there is a registration fee subsidy available.

To ensure that all campers have equal opportunity to participate in camp we have a policy that no camper is turned away, regardless of financial circumstance. Families and individual applicants can apply for the subsidy by completing the application. To download the application, please click [here](#).

Families are encouraged to seek funding other than assistance from Easter Seals. Example: Canadian Tire [Jumpstart](#) or local service clubs.

## **When are the 2017 Camp dates?**

Family Camp: July 14 – 15, leave Sunday, July 16 at 2:00pm

Adult Camp: July 24 - 26, Pickup Thursday, July 27 at 4:30pm

Youth Camp: August 21 – 24, Pickup Friday, August 25 at 4:30pm

## **Do the camp counselors have any special training?**

Easter Seals NL offers a supportive and caring setting with a low ratio of counsellors to campers. Counsellors are trained in personal care and hygiene, lifting and transfer skills, adapted physical activities, epilepsy awareness, speech and feeding skills, behavior modification, team building and first aid and CPR.

## **What happens on arrival day? Do parents get to meet the counselors?**

Campers are scheduled to arrive at staggered times throughout the afternoon on the first day. This allows a comfortable setting for the camper and their family to meet the counselors assigned to the camper's cabin. Counsellors review together with the camper and their family, a comprehensive checklist identifying the camper's individual needs. All campers and their family member are required to meet with the camp nurse to review any medications and/or special care the camper requires.

## **What are the sleeping arrangements like?**

Campers have a choice of sleeping accommodations depending on the camp attending.

Campers at **youth camp**, ages 9-18 years, sleep in a cabin with 2-3 other campers and a minimum of 2 counsellors. There's an accessible bathroom in each cabin with a shower stall. There are two fully accessible showers available in the main building.

Campers at **Adult Camp, ages 19 years and over** can either sleep in a cabin with 2-3 other campers and 2 counsellors or they can stay in the main building. In the main building there are rooms with 2-3 sets of bunk beds. The campers would be on the lower beds and counselors on the top beds. Bathrooms are shared in the main building, there are two accessible showers available in the main building.

Campers at **family camp** stay with their family in either a cabin or a room in the main building. There's an accessible bathroom in each cabin with a shower stall. If the family prefers to stay in the main building they can have a room with 2 or 3 sets of bunkbeds. Bathrooms are shared in the main building, there are two accessible showers available in the main building.

Campers **MUST** provide their own bedding. The beds provided include a mattress only. Campers must provide pillows and bed sheets for a twin sized bed or a sleeping bag.

### **What are the meals like at camp?**

The meals are prepared by Lavrock staff. The meals are selected in advance of each camp. The menu is shared with all confirmed camp registrants prior to start of camp. Allergies and dietary concerns are accommodated.

If your son/daughter/ yourself require a pureed diet you must send along a blender. Counsellors will blend the meal provided for the camper.

If you would like to send along supplementary snacks there is a fridge available for storage.

### **I would like my child to go to independent Youth Camp or Adult Camp but they require extra assistance.**

Camp is an opportunity for campers to be away from their familiar settings and supports and gain an increased level of independence. Easter Seals recognizes though for some campers the level of care required is not easily transferred to camp counselors. When a camper requires a one on one dedicated worker, families are encouraged to send along a personal worker who is familiar with the camper's specific needs. The camper is among their peers, enjoying cabin time, making new friends and memories all while being away from mom and dad.

**Can I bring electronic devices such as ipad, phone, camera or ipods to camp?**

Electronic devices are allowed at camp but Easter Seals NL is not responsible for lost or damaged devices. Campers bring their personal devices at their own risk.

**I only use my walker or wheelchair on occasion, should I bring it to camp?**

Camp Bumbleberry is located on a large site with a significant walk from the cabins to the pond , playing field and campfire. It is recommended to bring all assistive mobility devices to help you get around at camp.