



2017 Easter Seals NL Summer Camps Frequently Asked Questions

Summer Day Camp

What is Day Camp?

Easter Seals NL Day Camp is a safe, fun, interactive, and meaningful environment for campers with disabilities. It offers a program where all campers are fully engaged and can learn, live and play together. Campers develop a new sense of independence and self esteem, improved social and communication skills all while having fun with friends.

What activities are offered?

The Day Camp program offers a daily session of gym time to develop fundamental physical movement skills, arts and crafts, cooking, field trips, guest speakers, canoeing, talent shows and many more. Each week has an assigned theme such as "Carnival Week" and activities may include an art project creating a print of the circus, visit from a magician etc ,

Campers are divided according to age and ability. Different options will be offered that are age and development appropriate. The schedule is posted in text and visual cues for all campers and family members to view.

Will the schedule of activities be available?

Yes, the schedule of activities will be planned in advance. The schedule will be sent to registered families through email the week prior to the week of delivery.

Where is Easter Seals NL Day Camp located?

The Easter Seals Daycamp is delivered from Easter Seals House, 206 Mt. Scio Road in St. John's. Easter Seals House is a fully accessible 14,000 sq ft facility that opened winter 2010 and offers a gym, multi-purpose room, computer lab, library, music and art rooms and a licensed kitchen.

How much does Day Camp cost?

Day Camp registration fee is \$125/week for each camper.

Fieldtrip costs are included.

Only full week registrations are accepted.

Campers can register for one week or any number of weeks for a maximum of 8 weeks.

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 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 this 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.

What are the 2017 Camp dates?

Day Camp runs for the 8 weeks of July and August.

Week 1	July 3 – July 7	Week 5	July 31 – Aug 4
Week 2	July 10 – July 14	Week 6	Aug 7 - Aug 11
Week 3	July 17 – July 21	Week 7	Aug 14 - Aug 18
Week 4	July 24 – July 28	Week 8	Aug 21 - Aug 25

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, inclusive practices, epilepsy awareness, speech and feeding skills, behavior modification, team building and first aid and CPR.

Is there personal care provided? My son/daughter requires assistance in the bathroom?

Yes, all counselors are trained for assistance in the bathroom. Counsellors are trained by a registered nurse to give minimum assistance and guidance to assisting a camper who is fully dependent with bathroom care. Easter Seals NL enforces a strong policy of 2 counsellors to one camper in a private setting.

Are lunches provided at Day Camp?

Campers are required to provide their own daily lunch and snacks.

Once a week a hot lunch will be provided and is covered in the registration fee. The details of which day and menu will be sent to families prior to start of camp.

My child has extensive needs, do you provide one on one counselors?

Unfortunately, we are not able to provide one on one counselor support. We do have a low camper to counselor ratio, approximate range of 2 – 3 campers to one counselor. If the camper has a one on one student assistant at school, it is required for the camper to have an assistant at camp. The family is required to provide the assistant. All personal assistants are required to provide an RNC Certificate of Conduct and Vulnerable Sector Check.