



CAMP HANDBOOK

Summer Day Camp * Seasonal Camp * After School Camp



2025 Edition



Easterseals Southeast Wisconsin Camps

Welcome to Camp

Welcome to camp, where individuals of all abilities come together for summer, seasonal and after school camp, filled with memorable experiences! Our mission is to create an inclusive, welcoming environment where everyone can build social skills, make new friends, explore interests, and showcase their individual talents.

We provide character building and strengthening skills with a focus on Confidence, Independence and Self-Advocacy.

We believe camp can be life-changing, and we are committed to ensuring every participant has the opportunity to discover endless possibilities. Easterseals Southeast Wisconsin is dedicated to providing safe, enjoyable programs that meet the diverse needs of our community.

Our camps are designed to be accessible to individuals with disabilities, offering necessary accommodations so everyone can fully participate. Join us and become part of our camp community, where we celebrate differences and embrace individual uniqueness!

Easterseals Southeast Wisconsin's Programs

Purpose/Mission Statement: To treat EVERYBODY with dignity and respecting rights while leading the way to 100% equity inclusion, and access for people with disabilities, their families, and communities. ALL ABILITIES, LIMITLESS POSSIBILITIES!

Live: Providing vital services to help individuals reach their full potential, including Care Management and Corporate Guardianship.

Learn: Programs for all ages to build skills, thrive, and stay active, such as Safe Babies Healthy Families and Adult Day Services.

Work: Workforce training and placement through programs like Individual Placement and Support (IPS).

Play: Engaging activities for all ages, including Summer Day Camp, Seasonal Camps, After-school Camp and Adult Recreation, to foster connection and **community**.

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Camp Goals & Outcomes

Easterseals is committed to provide a quality youth experiences addressing individuals physical, social, mental, emotional needs and well-being. Easterseals Southeast Wisconsin seeks to:

Deliver Meaningful Programming & Thoughtful Activities to Our Participants

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- Participants will work individually and as part of a team to assess and embrace their own and their peers' strengths and areas for growth, learning to collaborate as one unit. This promotes equity and self advocacy.

Provide Opportunities That Stimulate the Development of Participants' Self-Esteem & Confidence

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- Each participant will select their own activity during their free time
- Each member will participate in at least one activity to promote self-esteem, which could include pod meetings and/or team activities
- Individuals will participate in getting-to know you games throughout program sessions. Staff will provide participants with positive praise and encouragement throughout the day

Improve or Maintain Social Skills (improved eye contact, verbal/non-responsive, enjoy others)

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- Individuals will be encouraged daily to communicate their wants and needs (self advocacy) If they are non-verbal staff and peers will talk through what they are doing and ensure there is time for all peers to communicate the ways they are comfortable.
- Participants will be involved in themed games with their peers and staff to promote communication
- Members will have the opportunity and artistic freedom to write/draw/color daily

Provide an Environment that Promotes and/or Increases Independence

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- Participants will be encouraged to try new things independently, while being supported by staff/peers
- Members will be encouraged to help their peers when they need assistance
- Staff will offer reasonable equipment that is adaptable for individuals of all abilities

Recognize Each Participant as Their Own Individual Person and to be Treated with Dignity and Respect

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- Each Member will participate in daily informational meetings
- Each Participant will be addressed in a manner that they are comfortable (nickname, pronouns, etc)
- Individuals will have the opportunity to share their suggestions and ideas for the personalization of their programming.

RIGHTS AND DIGNITY (CR.1)

Anti-discrimination Statement

Easterseals Southeast Wisconsin prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, ancestry, gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, family/parental status, age, disability, social-economic or military status, in any of its activities or operations. These include employment, youth and adult programs, membership, selection of vendors, appointment of board members, and selection of grantees, volunteers, and representatives. Policies and Procedures for Client Rights, Privacy and Grievance

Dignity

You have the right to equal treatment and equal opportunity regardless of race, age, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, religion, political affiliation, beliefs, and/or disability

You have the right to be treated with dignity and respect, free from any verbal, physical, emotional, financial, or sexual abuse.

You have the right to have a say in your cares and to collaborate with staff to make fair and reasonable decisions regarding your care

If translation, interpreter, sign language, TTY or other communication aids are needed, they will be made available at no cost to you.

You have the right to receive prompt, adequate, and appropriate services

You have the right to terminate services and seek alternative options. If this occurs, you have the right to go through the admission process to return to Easterseals Southeast WI at a later date.

Privacy

You have the right to look over or request a copy of any information about your participation in the program

If you believe something in your file is incorrect, you have the right to ask for it to be changed. This request should be made to the Supervisor and it will be documented in your file. You have the right to refuse any mail

You have the right to not be filmed, audio-taped, or photographed unless you provide consent.

Camper Development

Easterseals Southeast Wisconsin Camps provides specific activities that are designed to help individuals develop their:

MENTAL HEALTH BY...

- Providing time for relaxation
- Opportunities to communicate challenges with staff and peers
- Disconnecting from social media & stresses at home, school, or work
- Spending time outside in the fresh air while being active



EMOTIONAL HEALTH BY...

- Giving campers the ability to gain autonomy by making decisions about some of their daily activities
- Encouraging everyone to increase their emotional competence by practicing skills like playing new games, doing crafts, participating in casual sports, learning environmental appreciation and being aware of overall safety/wellbeing

SOCIAL HEALTH BY...

- Meeting new people (staff and campers)
- Participating in new activities and hobbies
- Encouraging them to be approachable and friendly
- Inspiring campers to be accepting of others
- Assist in the development of relationships and creating a sense of community



PHYSICAL HEALTH BY...

- Participating in nature hikes
- Spending time playing casual sports and active games
- Enjoying the outdoors - whether it be swimming, picnicking or just soaking in the sunshine
- Eating healthfully and on a regular basis

Our program promotes holistic well-being by supporting mental, emotional, social, and physical health. Participants enjoy relaxation and outdoor activities while disconnecting from daily stresses.

They build autonomy, practice new skills, form friendships, and foster a sense of community through teamwork and shared experiences. With activities like nature hikes, casual sports, and healthy meals, campers stay active and engaged while embracing a safe and inclusive environment.

CAMP ENROLLMENT POLICY & PROCESSES

Camp enrollment policy ensures all required information is obtained to make the best decisions for our camp and campers. This process allows staff an opportunity to make an informed decision based on the information provided as to the appropriateness of the respite summer camp for each applicant.

If you are unable to apply online, you may call Shelly Reynolds at 414-840-9740 for assistance. If your case manager is funding your camper, you must provide Easterseals with a written authorization or a service plan beforehand. Please note that an authorization must be received by Easterseals before your child can be accepted into camp. To ensure that your child has a successful camp experience, the Camp Supervisor and/or Manager will meet with you and your camper to discuss their interests, behavior concerns, and additional support needed. However, please be aware that Easterseals will only conduct assessments at their locations and not in-home or in-school assessments. An assessment must be completed before your child can be accepted into camp, but completion does not guarantee acceptance. If there are any concerns about safety or if Easterseals is unable to accommodate your camper's needs, more information may be requested, or your child may not be accepted into camp. After the application and assessments are completed and Easterseals receives the authorization to provide services, an acceptance letter will be sent to your email address. If your child is on the waitlist, you will be notified via phone, email, or letter when a spot opens up.

1. APPLY

Visit <https://www.easterseals.com/wi-se/> to submit your application online OR fill out a paper application

2. PROVIDE

Send all IEP/Behavioral Plans to our Program Manager via email or postal mail prior to scheduling/attending camper assessment

3. SCHEDULE

Schedule an assessment with Program Manger or Supervisor.

4. ATTEND

Attend camper assessment prior to being enrolled. New campers MUST attend in-person assessment WITH the applied camper in attendance.

5. COMPLETE

Complete and return required forms & info needed for enrollment according to ACA standards. Also, sign required consents, Parent Handbook acknowledgement, and camp policies.

6. PROCESS

Pay/Process tuition and fees in a timely manner, securing authorization from CMO/funding source prior to the start of the camp.

PAYMENT & FINANCE POLICIES

*Please review the following information carefully regarding payment policies.
It is imperative to stick to the deadlines outlined below.*

PAYMENT

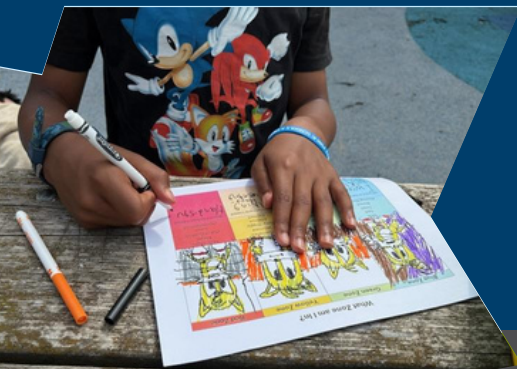
To ensure that we can provide the best possible experience for all participants, we ask that fees are paid in full by the discussed deadline. If your program fees will be paid by a funding source, such as Children's Long-Term Support Waiver (CLTS), Family Care, IRIS, DHHS, etc., please indicate the name, phone number, and email of your case manager on the application. We encourage you to work closely with your case manager to acquire authorization for services as soon as possible to ensure meeting final deadlines. Please note that fees will not be prorated, and if we have not received authorization of services by the provided deadline, your participant may be moved to the waitlist.

We understand that you may have questions regarding payments or authorizations, and we are always happy to help. Please feel free to contact Shelly Reynolds at 414-840-9740 with any questions you may have.

Please coordinate with your case manager to obtain authorization by the provided deadline. Failure to do so may result in moving your participant to our waitlist. Contact our Business Office at 414-449-4444 for payment and authorization inquiries.

CANCELLATION & REFUNDS

At Easterseals, we strive to provide the best possible experience for all of our participants. If for any reason a member is unable to attend programming, we will evaluate the situation on a case-by-case basis and consider refunds. We understand that unexpected circumstances may arise, and we will work with you to find the best possible solution. Our goal is to ensure that every individual had the opportunity to participate in our program and enjoy all that Easterseals has to offer.



ELIGIBILITY & NEEDS

Easterseals Southeast Wisconsin is committed to providing a safe, accessible, and enjoyable Camp experiences for everyone. Please review the eligibility and guidelines that make this possible.

ELIGIBILITY

To attend the Easterseals Summer Day Camp and all seasonal camps, campers must be between the ages of 7 and 22. The After-School Camp serves individual school aged participants ages 12 through 22 (transition aged students). Staff reviews completed applications on a first-come, first-served basis, and we require all participants to undergo an assessment by our staff, regardless of whether they are new or returning. If there are concerns about behaviors, we work closely with the individual's support team and will request behavior support plans, IEPs, and any other support documents as needed before accepting the participant into our program. All participants are allowed (and encouraged) to participate in all activities offered at programming with the exception of any specific parent requests.

A review of mental, emotional, and social health is collected from parents/guardians alongside the collection of physical health information prior to starting programming. The Supervisor and Manager will meet with all NEW members that apply for programming. If there are questions either from the parent/guardian or the Easterseals Administration regarding the suitability of the offered programs for particular special health or behavioral needs, the Supervisor and/or Manager will speak by phone, in person, or via video call with the parent/guardian to get a better description of cares needed for interested participants.

A detailed description of individuals needs MUST be provided as part of the enrollment/application process by participants, their parents/guardians, and/or healthcare providers before determination can be made if Easterseals' programs can meet the safety, medical and behavior needs of each individual.

At Easterseals of Southeast Wisconsin respite camp and after-school program, we embrace all abilities. However, we may not be the "right" programs for everyone. We want all individuals to have a great experience and that would include a safe environment. Therefore, we will not be able to accommodate individuals that are verbally and physically abusive consistently. Unfortunately, if a participant is an elopement risk, we will be unable to meet the needs of that camper due to the surrounding environment, which creates a severe safety risk. Additionally, our staff must be able to appropriately tend to each individuals' medical needs. If staff is unable to meet their needs, the individual may not be permitted to attend, although Easterseals of Southeast Wisconsin will make a reasonable attempt to meet said needs.

SPECIAL HEALTH NEEDS (AD.11)

We strive to make camp accessible to everyone, including those with significant medical needs who may require a Personal Care Assistant (PCA) to provide care during programs. If you have any questions or would like to discuss any medical concerns, please contact the Manager Shelly Reynolds at 414-840-9740.

TRANSPORTATION

We are happy to offer transportation services to and from Summer Day Camp for Milwaukee County residents. Transportation shuttle will be provided for After School Camp to our primary location. There is no transportation provided to and from Seasonal Camp. To ensure a smooth ride, please provide accurate pick-up and drop-off addresses as required in the transportation section of your application.

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION (AD.5.1)

Transportation via bus will be offered to campers who live in Milwaukee County. Easterseals Southeast Wisconsin contracts transportation services for all arrivals, departures, and scheduled field trips.

This contract includes:

- Bus arrival and departure times
- Addresses of both camp locations
- Driver minimum standards, including a review of driving records within the last four months and a valid license appropriate for the vehicle being driven
- Review of driving history, including license status, moving violations, accidents, or charges related to impaired driving
- Insurance information, rates, billing/payment terms, indemnification, and agency information
- Verification of regular maintenance and safety checks on all vehicles

Parents/guardians also have the option to transport their camper to and from camp daily.

Families are required to provide accurate pick-up and drop-off information during registration.

Transportation schedules and assigned locations will be shared prior to the start of camp.

PICK-UP & DROP-OFF PROCEDURES (AD 4)

Both Wil-O-Way locations utilize a circular driveway to allow for one-way traffic during arrival and departure. Staff are posted to monitor traffic, ensure safe speeds, and assist campers.

Campers are signed in upon arrival and directed to their assigned Pod. At dismissal, campers are released only to authorized individuals listed in the camper's account.

Easterseals staff assume responsibility for campers once they are checked in at the designated drop-off or transportation location. Responsibility is returned to the parent/guardian or authorized individual once the camper is signed out or safely released at the designated drop-off location.

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TRANSPORTATION COMMUNICATION (AD.5.1)

In the event of transportation delays, location changes, or emergencies impacting pick-up or drop-off times, families will be notified as soon as possible through:

- Phone call
- Text message
- Email
- CampMinder notifications

Staff will provide timely updates to ensure families are informed of any changes affecting their camper's transportation. Camp families will receive communication from Riteway of pick up and drop off times and who to call if there are any changes to the camper's schedule or if a family has a question regarding transportation.

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY RULES (AD.5.1)

When transportation is required in rental vehicles:

- A. Vehicles shall be loaded only within the passenger seating limit established by the vehicle manufacturer.
- B. All passengers will wear restraint devices when provided, including seat belts. Buses provide booster seats, harnesses, and wheelchair accessibility if requested.
- C. All passengers shall remain seated while the vehicle is moving and not distract the driver.
- D. A list of individuals on the trip is readily available in the vehicle and on camp site. This is the Trip Itinerary form.
- E. All passengers in wheelchairs are seat belted into wheelchairs that are in a locked position and secured to the vehicle.

On day one of camp, Counselors in collaboration with bus drivers will go over safety regulations such as evacuation procedures, the importance of wearing restraint devices, remaining seated while vehicle is in motion, and the importance of not blocking exit doors with equipment, and not distracting the driver.

CRITICAL INCIDENTS

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Immediately upon learning that a critical incident has occurred, staff will:

- Ensure the immediate health and safety needs of the person(s) involved, including calling 911 if the situation warrants.
- Notify program supervisor of the incident
- Program supervisor will ask questions to begin the investigation process to determine the nature of the incident (where, when, who was involved, why did it happen, etc.)
- Program supervisor will notify Manager and/or VP of Program Services. to determine next steps.
- Depending on the severity of the incident, notify outside agencies and investigative authorities (if abuse/neglect, see 5.4 Mandated Reporter Policy)
- Notify parent, guardian, or responsible party and care manager if a program participant is involved.
- A critical incident report must be completed and presented to the program manager. Program manager must share completed incident report with Milwaukee County.

Within three business days of a critical incident:

- When necessary, an internal investigation must be completed.
- The critical incident report must be presented to the program manager/director.
- Take steps to prevent reoccurrence of the event or similar events.

MISSING PERSON PROCEDURE

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MISSING PERSON

Any staff member who becomes aware of a missing camper is responsible for implementing the missing camper procedure, ensuring the safety of our campers, staff and visitors, and reporting it as outlined in the following procedures.

1. When a camper is unaccounted for, the assigned camp staff will report the, Who: who is the missing camper (name/identifier), What: what the camper was wearing, When: when the camper was last seen and Where: where the camper was last seen. All staff present will be notified of the missing person via communication radio. Staff will immediately check the premises (including rooms, hallways, all adjacent areas, exits and the immediate areas around the program area).
2. If a participant is not yet found, at least two staff will supervise the campers. (It will be determined at that time if more than two staff are needed to care for the campers for the next five minutes). All other available staff will search the immediate outside area including under cars in parking lot and nearby wooded areas. All responding staff will be equipped with communication radios for time sensitive communication.
3. Site Leader (phone holder) will notify Recreation Supervisor. Supervisor then notifies Manager
4. The Site Leader/Supervisor then contacts the family (Camper contacts can be found in the Camp Contact Binder located in the health room) to notify them and to ask for their assistance if possible.
5. If the search has gone on for five minutes the local police department will be called (911). At this time the staff ratio will be surveyed by the Site Leader/ Supervisor and assigned as necessary. All other staff and volunteers will continue the search as directed.
6. If the Manager is not on location the manager needs to be notified and the primary contact for the police department. The Manager needs to go to the location to support their staff and assist with the search efforts. The Manager will notify the Vice President of Programs, President, and the County Liaison.
7. Any media will be directed to the President.
8. All interested parties which may include: the family, caregiver, group home of the participant will be notified by the Supervisor immediately after the Manager has been contacted. It is important that the Recreation Program Manager is the main contact with all parties.
9. An incident report must be completed and logged. The matter is reviewed with the camper's significant others to determine the best actions to take for the camper's future safety. The outcome of conversation(s) should be documented and saved in the camper's file. In-service should occur with direct care staff following completion of safety plan. A critical incident report will also be submitted to Milwaukee County.

BEHAVIOR PROTOCOL

BEHAVIOR PROCEDURE

Easterseals Southeast Wisconsin is committed to ensuring the success of all campers. If at any point during camp, our staff feels that additional support is needed, we will work closely with the guardian and service coordinator/case manager to determine the best course of action. In the rare event that a determination to discharge a camper is made, Easterseals staff will follow the discharge policy and communicate this decision verbally and in writing to the guardian and service coordinator/case manager.

DISCHARGE POLICY

Our policy is to provide the best camp experience for children enrolled at Easterseals Summer Respite Camp. In order to accomplish this, it may become necessary for the Camp to discharge a child for one or more of the following reasons:

1. The child is overly aggressive and jeopardizes the safety of campers and counselors in an environment built with sense of safety and belonging. These behaviors include but are not limited to hitting, punching, kicking, biting, vulgarity, threatening comments, etc.
2. Any incidents of elopement. Both camps are surrounded by woods and Grant is near Lake Michigan while Underwood is near the freeway. Camper's safety is our number one priority and elopement could result in serious injury/death.
3. The camper's needs exceed a 1:5 staff to camper ratio more often than not, preventing the Camp's staff from realistically serving the camper's needs in addition to the needs of the other children.

The process for discharge is as follows:

1. Written communication ([behavioral note](#)) from camp staff to parents/guardians regarding the behavioral concerns or needs of the camper which are viewed as disruptive to the care of other campers and the overall functionality of the camp program. This can be done via email or note sent home.
2. Staff/Parent conference meeting (in-person, virtually or via telecommunication). Agenda to discuss concerns, implement a resolution plan for continuing services. Review discharge policy and procedures and camp expectations.
3. Discharge proceedings - parents receive a letter of discharge, reiterating the need for camper to be discharged and the reasons associated with the decision.
4. Any outstanding balance remaining after discharge is the responsibility of the parent or CMO/funding source for the sessions attended, partially or fully.

AGENCY POLICIES & COMMUNICATION

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At Easterseals Southeast Wisconsin, we prioritize the protection of our clients' rights. We provide a Notice of Privacy Practices and a Complaint Resolution process that are easily accessible on our program page located on our website wise.easterseals.com. We encourage all clients to review these policies to better understand their rights and our commitment to their privacy and wellbeing.

COMMUNICATION

Emails

To receive general information and non-emergency updates, Easterseals personnel will contact you via email. Please ensure that the primary contact's updated email address is included in the camper registration form. Check your email daily for general communication and schedule changes. Each Site Leader will check their email daily as well. Don't hesitate to contact the staff via email for non-emergency matters, including notices of absence.

Phone Calls

If there are any immediate concerns or incidents related to camper illness, behavior, or other matters, Easterseals staff will contact you via phone. Camp Supervisors or Manager may also be contacted via phone for last-minute changes in camper drop-off or pick-up, schedules, transportation, or daily schedule updates. It is important to note that the primary focus of Easterseals staff is the safety and engagement of all campers throughout the day. Non-emergency phone calls should be directed to the Camp Supervisor before or after camp. If you have concerns regarding camper safety, staff matters, or cannot reach staff or an urgent matter, please contact Lauren Daniels, the Camp Supervisor, at 414-322-3193 or laurend@eastersealswise.com. If you are unable to reach Lauren, please contact Shelly Reynolds, the Camp Manager, at 414-840-9740 or shellyr@eastersealswise.com.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

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SICK POLICY

Campers with any of the following symptoms will not be permitted to remain in our care:

1. Fever of at least 100 degrees as read under arm (axillary temp) that is accompanied by one or more of the following:
 - a. diarrhea or vomiting
 - b. earache or headache
 - c. signs of irritability or confusion
 - d. sore throat
 - e. rash
 - f. fatigue that limits participation in daily activities
2. Vomiting (2 or more occasions within the past 24 hours) or diarrhea (3 or more watery stools within the past 24 hours or any bloody stool)
3. Rash (especially with fever or itching)
4. Eye Discharge or Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye) - must be cleared or on antibiotics for 24 hours before return
5. Sick appearance, complaints of not feeling well, and/or not able to keep up with program activities
6. Open or oozing sores, unless properly covered and 24 hours has passed since starting antibiotic treatment, if necessary
7. Lice (until no nits are present) or Scabies (until after treatment has begun)

FOLLOW UP CARE

Following exclusion, campers are readmitted to the program when they no longer have any of the above symptoms and/or camper is cleared by a physician. Campers with any of the above symptoms/conditions are separated from the group and cared for away from campers until parent/guardian or emergency contact is notified and picks up their camper. We notify parents and guardians when their camper may have been exposed to a communicable disease or condition (other than the common cold) and provide them with information about that disease or condition via email. Individual camper confidentiality is maintained. To keep track of contagious illnesses (other than the common cold), an Injury/Illness Log is kept. Each entry includes the child's name and type of illness/injury. This is located in the health room at each location. Staff members follow the same exclusion criteria as campers.

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INJURY

Critical incidents will follow the critical incident policy. If a camper gets a non-emergent injury while at camp, the parent/guardian will be notified at time of pick-up unless otherwise advised by parent/guardian. This includes but is not limited to:

- Superficial scrapes or scratches
- Minor headaches
- Controlled nose bleeds
- Minor bruises/bumps

If a Camper has a more serious injury/medical event, their parent/guardian will be immediately contacted via the phone number provided. If the parent/guardian does not answer, the emergency contact will be contacted. For all medical situations and injuries, the nurse on call will be contacted by Camp Lead for further instructions. Camper's health plan will be followed during an injury as well.



IMPORTANT CAMP INFORMATION

CAMP CHECKLIST

To guarantee a fun and satisfying summer day at camp, it is expected that campers bring a bag or backpack that is filled with the following items each day:

- Lunch (cold lunch preferred)
- Sunscreen
- Insect Repellent
- Bathing Suit & Towel (and Pool Shoes, if wanted)
- Change of Clothes
- Personal Care Supplies
- Water Bottle

Important Reminder: To ensure your camper's comfort throughout the day, please send them to the program with suitable clothing. We recommend dressing them in light layers to adjust to the changing temperatures. As there are many campers at each site, kindly label all items with your camper's initials. Although staff will make an effort to keep track of each camper's belongings, they may label them if needed.

ACTIVITIES

Easterseals of Southeast Wisconsin want to provide the best experience for all campers. We are a Summer Day Camp that is outdoors for a majority of the day (except in inclement weather). We do have some space available indoors and will use it as necessary. The building will be used in case of severe heat or a summer storm. Also, all campers will have access to both an accessible playground and a wading pool. Campers of all abilities are welcome, and encouraged to join in all activities unless prohibited by their parent/guardian. All activities are supervised with a 1:5 ratio. We will also be offering crafts, games, and homework help (for afterschool). All campers will have the opportunity to establish healthy friendships. All parents/guardians will need to sign a consent for their camper to participate in said activities.

IMPORTANT CAMP INFORMATION (CON'T.)

PERSONAL PROPERTY POLICY

Gum, aerosols, weapons of ANY kind, alcohol/drugs (other than medications as documented for healthcare), firecrackers, water guns/balloons, and other such items are not allowed at camp. Animals are not permitted at camp. If Campers bring cell phones, hand-held games, or any other devices with screens or a cellular/Wi-Fi function, Easterseals Southeast Wisconsin and Easterseals Southeast Wisconsin staff are NOT responsible for the device should it be stolen or damaged. Additionally, should the camper visit websites or make unauthorized purchases while at camp on a personal device, Easterseals shall not be held liable.

BIO BREAKS

Bio breaks at summer camp are essential to ensure the well-being and comfort of campers. These short breaks provide an opportunity for necessary biological needs, promoting a healthy and positive camp experience. It's a moment to refresh, recharge, and continue enjoying all the exciting activities camp has to offer. Bio breaks can be used for a time to use the restroom, rehydrate & refuel, stretch your muscles, move your bodies, obtain personal space, or participate in sensory breaks. Bio breaks are offered between each activity.

Daily Schedule

8:30am- Arrival/attendance
9:00am- Morning Meeting
9:30am- Activity 1
10:30am- Activity 2
11:30am- Lunch/Free choice
12:30am- Activity 3
1:30pm- Activity 4
2:30pm- Circle up & Reflection
3:00pm- Departures

REFLECTION CIRCLE

This is an opportunity for large group socialization. This includes sitting in a large circle for inclusive participation where we reflect about the days experience, share what went well (or didn't), discuss what activities will be done the next day, and complete together activity assessments. ¹⁹

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL) PROGRAMMING

At camp, we believe social, emotional, and executive functioning skills are some of the most important tools in helping our participants build confidence, independence, belonging, and success at camp, school, home, and beyond.

Our multifaceted approach allows us to provide opportunities for growth from many different directions while meeting each camper where they are developmentally, socially, and emotionally.

SEL Skill of the Day

During our daily morning meeting, campers are introduced to the “SEL Skill of the Day.” Topics may include:

- “I can do hard things”
- “I can express my feelings”
- “I can cheer on my friends”
- “I can learn from my mistakes”
- “I am connected to my camp family”

This helps us begin each day with an intentional focus on practicing these important life skills while still having fun and building connections at camp.

Planned Curriculum

Throughout the day, campers participate in activities intentionally designed to reinforce SEL skills. Crafts, active games, sensory experiences, and small-group challenges all include opportunities for reflection, teamwork, communication, self-advocacy, and problem-solving.

Our staff help campers connect the fun they are having to the valuable skills they are building.

Reflection Journals

Before ending the day, campers are given time to reflect on the SEL Skill of the Day through their SEL Journals.

Campers may express themselves through:

- Coloring
- Writing
- Drawing
- Sticker choices
- Conversation and sharing

This provides an opportunity for self-expression and reflection in a way that best meets each camper’s individual needs.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL) PROGRAMMING (CON'T.)

Everyday Learning Opportunities

Camp staff receive training before and throughout the summer on how to use everyday camp moments as opportunities for growth and learning.

Disagreements with peers, unfamiliar activities, unexpected schedule changes, and moments of frustration can all become opportunities for campers to:

- Practice problem-solving
- Build emotional regulation skills
- Learn conflict resolution
- Develop flexibility and coping skills
- Build confidence and independence

This responsive and supportive approach allows us to meet each camper where they are and provide individualized coaching and encouragement throughout the day.

Focus on Safety & Connection

We believe the best learning happens when campers feel safe, supported, and cared for.

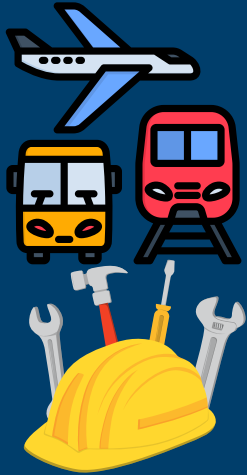
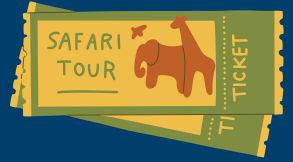
At camp, we create stable and predictable routines while fostering emotionally and physically safe environments. Our commitment to relationship-building and meaningful connection helps campers feel seen, valued, and important.

When campers feel secure and connected, they are more comfortable trying new things, building friendships, developing independence, and growing in confidence throughout the summer.

Session One: June 22nd-July 3rd

Week 1 -Safari Week: Journey through the wild and discover the amazing animals of the safari! Learn about predators, herds, and the beauty of nature in this exciting adventure.

Week 2 - Farm Week: Experience life on the farm! Explore how food is grown, learn about caring for animals, and imagine what your own farm would look like.



Session Two: July 6th -July 17th

Week 3 - Transportation Week: Planes, trains, boats, and more! Explore all the ways we travel and how transportation connects the world around us.

Week 4 - Construction: It's "orange barrel season" in Wisconsin! Learn how roads, buildings, and bridges are built, and how construction shapes our communities.

Session Three: July 20th-July 31st

Week 5 -Weather Week: Rain or shine, we'll explore all things weather! Learn about clouds, seasons, and what makes Wisconsin weather so unique.

Week 6 - Gardening Week: Get your hands dirty and discover the joy of growing plants, flowers, and vegetables while learning how things grow!



Session Four: August 3rd-August 14th

Week 5 -American Sport Week: Bring your team spirit as we dive into favorite American sports like football, baseball, and basketball!

Week 6 - Sports around the World Week: Discover how sports are played across the globe and experience new games from different cultures!



