1. What is Camp Smiles?

Camp Smiles is a week-long overnight camp for children ages 6-14 with cerebral palsy or similar neurological disorders. Volunteers work one on one with a camper and act as their buddy and personal care giver for the week. Each day campers participate in awesome outdoor camp activities such as rock climbing, fishing, paint ball, karaoke, swimming, and many more activities that have all been adapted to fit the needs of each camper. We host about 60 campers during the week at Camp For All, an adapted camping facility in Burton, TX. Camp Smiles is only offered for one session during the summer; the 2019 dates are June 30th-July 5th for campers.

2. What are the eligibility requirements to be a camper?

- Campers must be diagnosed with cerebral palsy or a similar neurological disorder and be between the ages of 6-14.
- Campers must be cognitively aware that he/she is participating in a camping program and be capable of interacting with strangers in some capacity.
- Campers cannot have a medical condition that requires intravenous (IV) fluids/medications, or need for laboratory studies while at camp.
- Campers cannot have a medical condition that places them at high-risk for complication or injury, such as uncontrolled seizures, abnormal heart rhythm, extreme respiratory problems, bone disorders, etc.
- Campers cannot have a history of physical abuse of self or others including hitting, biting, scratching, spitting, kicking, etc.
- Campers must be able to eat the food provided by Camp For All. Please note that Camp For All can make camp food any consistency (pureed, chopped up, etc).

3. Who are the staff at Camp Smiles?

Easter Seals’ Camp Director is on-site 24/7 during the week of Camp Smiles, as well as a team of medical staff from Texas Children’s Hospital. Our Camp Doctors handle any medication administration or medical situations during the week of camp. Each of our campers get paired one to one with a volunteer, who acts as their buddy and personal caregiver for the week.

4. What is the cost of Camp Smiles?

Camp Smiles is offered on a sliding scale between $400-1,600 for the week, so families can pay what they are able to. There are also a limited number of scholarships offered through Easter Seals that significantly reduce the cost of camp. Opportunities to apply for scholarship are found within the Camp Smiles application. If your camper is already enrolled in a Medicaid Waiver Program, they may be eligible to use their respite hours to pay for the cost of camp.
5. How do I apply to Camp Smiles?

Applying to Camp Smiles has multiple steps, please read in full:

- Fill out an online application through the Active website. Applications can be found on the Camps & Recreation page of the Easter Seals website or by contacting Kenzie Richard at MRichard@eastersealshouston.org. **Applications close on March 15th.**
  - There are two different application types: “Camp Smiles” and “Camp Smiles- Medicaid Waiver Program”
    - Please choose ONE application, select, and “check out”
    - If your teen is already enrolled in a Medicaid Waiver Program (CLASS, DARS, etc) their program may cover the cost of camp.
    - Scholarship application questions can be found in the regular “Camp Smiles” application.
- If this is your first time applying to Camp Smiles, one of our Camp Doctors will review your child’s application and check their eligibility for camp.
- 3 Supplemental documents are required to be signed and returned to the Camp Director (MRichard@eastersealshouston.org) for your camper’s application to be complete.
  - Doctor Form- signed by medical personnel (usually the campers primary care physician)
  - Medication and Allergy Form- please note the permission box and signature for our camp doctors to give over the counter medication as needed (i.e. ibuprofen) during camp.
  - Camp For All Release Form- must be signed so your camper can participate in activities.
- If you are waiting to hear about a scholarship or plan to pay in-person by cash or check:
  - During checkout, select “PAY A DEPOSIT + PAY BALANCE MANUALLY” and you will be able to check out immediately without paying.
- Easter Seals will send out an acceptance e-mail to families confirming their spot at camp.
- Turn in ALL medications needed for the week before camp starts
  - Easter Seals will mail out medication boxes to campers to be filled out and turned in to our Camp Doctors at our family Meet & Greet on June 15th!
- Have a FANTASTIC experience at Camp Smiles!

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**Camp Smiles Schedule 2019**

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