

IMPORTANT CHANGES THIS YEAR- PLEASE READ **HIGHLIGHTS** CAREFULLY!

## Program Eligibility – Summer

### Personal Care

Camp Paivika is completely accessible and capable of accommodating individuals who use wheelchairs, walkers or other adaptive devices. Staff are trained and prepared to provide personal care as needed including caring for individuals who are incontinent and who require assistance with transferring, bathing, dressing, toileting, feeding and other personal care. Camp Paivika is not equipped to provide care for individuals who are considered "Medically Fragile". Please note that staff sleeps when campers sleep, so applicants must have minimal nighttime needs.

### Behaviors

The following behavioral challenges may not be considered appropriate for acceptance into camp programs:

- Individuals who are abusive to self, others or property
- Individuals with a history of running off or hiding
- Physical or sexual aggression
- Individuals who do not sleep through the night, who exhibit nighttime behaviors that may be disruptive to others, who may wander at night or who require routine assistance throughout the night (frequent toileting, turning, etc.)

*Failure to communicate any of the above behaviors/needs may jeopardize the safety of the applicant as well as others at camp. Individuals whose needs and/or behavioral challenges are beyond the scope of the camp to safely accommodate will be sent home immediately.*

### Staffing Ratios

Applicants must be able to function safely in a group environment. Staff to camper ratios will be 1-3 during most times of the day. There are a limited number of 1-1 spaces available at an additional cost, for campers that require closer supervision. One-to-one candidates may not be accepted if they exhibit any of the behavioral challenges listed above.

Acceptance will be determined based on overall camper care required and staff ability to meet individual needs in a safe and appropriate manner. An intake evaluation is conducted for all first-time campers prior to acceptance to insure that individual needs can be met.

## Program Eligibility – Ski Trip & Off-Site Camping Program

Participants must be 18 years of age or older

### Personal Care

Participants must be independent with their personal care needs. Individuals who require more than minor assistance with bathing, dressing, feeding and other personal care will not be accepted. Individuals requiring medical care other than the administration of medications will not be

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accepted. There will not be a nurse in attendance, medications will be managed by trained camp staff.

### Behavioral Challenges

Individuals with severe behavioral issues including acting out, inability to remain with the group, self-injurious/assaultive behaviors or aggressive tendencies will not be accepted. Campers will be assisted in ski activities and/or camping activities but must be interested and willing to participate to attend either of these programs.

### Staffing Ratios

Participants must be able to function safely in a group environment. Staff to camper ratios will be 1 to 5 during most times of the day. One to one care is not available.

## Registration Process for All Programs

### Application Processing and Session Assignment

- On-line registration will begin in January. Go to: [www.camppaivika.org](http://www.camppaivika.org)
- Upon registering, additional application materials may be completed on line or you may request a complete application packet sent by mail.
- All first-time applicants will receive a follow up telephone call to review individual needs and expectations to determine that Camp Paivika can adequately meet such needs. If you would like to complete an intake prior to registering online, please contact Camper Services Coordinator, Tina Ronning-Fraynd at (909)338-1102 ext. 5003 or e-mail her at [camppaivika@abilityfirst.org](mailto:camppaivika@abilityfirst.org).
- Applications will be processed, and sessions assigned by date received. Please note that sessions do fill up quickly & reservations cannot be secured until registration is completed and the deposit received. There are a limited number of spaces available each session with regards to gender, 1-1 supervision and wheelchair users.
- Applications will not be processed unless the required \$150.00 deposit is attached or made on line at time of registration.
- Acceptance notices will be sent by e-mail upon receipt of all required application materials.

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## Policies & Fee Information

**Deposit:** All camp applications must include a non-refundable \$150.00 (fees paid less a \$50.00 cancellation fee, will be refunded if a camper cancels with a minimum 60-day notice prior to the start of their assigned session) check, money order, debit or credit card number, to secure your space at camp. The deposit will be applied to the session fee.

**Due Dates:** Session fees must be paid in full prior to camp attendance (exception: regional center is funding your camper). Payments are welcome.

**Early Bird Discount:** A one-time \$100.00 discount will be given for campers who pay their camp fees in full by February 15, 2020. Please note that the Early Bird Discount applies to Summer Sessions ONLY and that the deadline will be adhered to. **Only campers privately paying the full camp fee are eligible for the Early Bird Discount.** Does not apply to non-disabled sibling fees, scholarship recipients or those receiving outside govt. funding.

**Multiple Session Policy Change:** Due to the high demand for camp and a growing waiting list, initially campers will only be permitted to sign up for one camp session for the summer of 2020. After May 1, campers interested in attending an additional session may register for a second session based on availability. There will be no discounts given for additional session registrations.

**Refer a Friend Discount:** Refer a FIRST-TIME camper to camp and earn \$100 off your registration fee. Each additional referral will earn \$50 off your registration fee. Only valid for NEW referrals. Only valid if the referral enrolls this summer. This offer renews each summer. Only valid as a discount for current or future registration, no cash value.

**Non-disabled Sibling Option:** Bring your sibling between the ages of 9 and 17 with you to camp this summer at HALF PRICE. Only applicable to siblings without a disability or medical condition. Only applicable for Youth Sessions 3 and 5, under the age of 18. Non-disabled siblings are not eligible for a camp scholarship.

**One-to-One Option:** We will offer a limited number of 1-1 attendants throughout the summer at an additional cost. One-to-one assignments will be made on a first come, first served basis. Campers requiring 1-1 supervision will be placed on a waitlist if the staffing is not available.

**Financial Assistance:** To be considered for financial assistance provided by AbilityFirst, applicants must return a completed Camp Scholarship application form at the time of registering for camp. This can be done through the mail or through the on-line account. A minimum \$150 registration deposit will be required of all financial aid applicants at the time of registration. Financial aid will be awarded

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based on a sliding scale and available funds with priority given on a first come, first served basis.

**Early Bird Discounts do not apply to camp scholarship recipients.** Please refer to the Financial Assistance Policies for detailed eligibility requirements.

#### Cancellations and Refunds:

- **A \$50.00 cancellation fee will be charged to ALL cancelled registrations.**
- Program fees, less the \$50.00 cancellation fee, will be refunded if a camper cancels with a minimum 60-day notice (prior to the start date of their assigned session); refunds for cancellations of less than 60 days will be considered upon request on a case by case basis. (60-day notice refers to 60 days prior to session start date.) Please note that the required \$150.00 deposit is non-refundable within 60 days of starting the session that the camper is registered for.
- Partial refunds for campers sent home once the session has begun will be considered upon request on a case by case basis.