

### **SUMMER CAMPS AND RESPITES**

### **Camp Fish Tales**

Pinconning, MI 989-879-5199

### http://www.campfishtales.org

Camps for physically impaired children and adults

### **Camp Geneva**

Holland, MI 616-399-3150

### http://www.campgeneva.org

- Special needs campers are integrated with other campers
- Day camps and overnight camps

### **Camp Manitou-Lin**

Middleville, MI 888.909.2267

### http://www.grymca.org/camp/

Offers day camps and overnight camps

### **Camp Roger**

Rockford, MI 616.874.7286

### http://camproger.org

- Three day, Five day and Eight day Camps
- Program for campers with special needs

### **Cran-Hill Ranch**

Rodney, MI 231-796-7669

### http://www.cranhillranch.org

- Friendship Camp for older campers (15+) who are mentally or cognitively impaired
- Must be independently mobile

### **Indian Trails Camp - IKUS**

Grand Rapids, MI 616.677.5251

### http://ikuslife.org/services/indian-trails-camp

- Offers Summer Sessions, Scholarships Available
- Accepts a wide range of disabilities
- Respite weekends in the spring and fall

### **Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind**

Grand Rapids, MI 989-855-2430, 616-755-2221

### http://www.oubmichigan.org

- Residential (overnight, week-long) camps for children and youth with blindness or low vision
- Four different themed weeks for different age groups, Adventure Trip for teens 14-19

### **Spring Hill Camps**

Evart, MI 231.734.2616

### http://www.springhillcamps.com

- Weekly camps & area day camps
- Inclusion program (one camper to one counselor – must call for availability)

### The Fowler Center

Mayville, MI 989-673-2050

### http://www.thefowlercenter.org

- Respite weekends September-April
- Camps for children with various needs
- Camp Barefoot for adults with TBI
- Life TREX for ages 14-27 diagnosed with ASD

### RECREATIONAL & THERAPEUTIC ACTIVITIES

### **ACT (formerly VSA)**

### http://artistscreatingtogether.org

• Art and creative expression programming

### **Aerials Gymnastics Center**

### http://www.aerialsgymgr.com

 Gymnastics class for children with special needs on Monday evenings

### **Bright Beginnings**

http://www.kentisd.org/instructional-services/early-childhood/bright-beginnings/

 Drop-in playgroups for children prekindergarten

### **Celebration Cinema North**

### https://celebrationcinema.com/sensoryshowtimes

 Sensory Showtimes make movies extra welcoming to guests with special needs

### **Comprehensive Therapy Center**

### http://therapycenter.org

- Therapy and Fun Clinics
- Family Workshops

### **Equestrian Therapy**

- Equest Center http://www.equestcenter.org
- Karin's Horse Connection http://www.karinshorses.com

### **Experience Grand Rapids**

http://www.experiencegr.com/things-to-do/family-fun/

• Official website For Grand Rapids Family Fun

### **Family Hope Foundation**

### http://familyhopefoundation.org

- Support for families with a special needs child
- Sponsors sensory shows at Celebration Cinema

### **Gymco Sports**

### http://www.gymco.com

Gymnastics to increase coordination, auditory processing, cognition and social skills

### **Hearts for the Arts**

### www.hearts4thearts.com

Art Therapy classes for all ages and abilities

### **Kentwood Parks & Recreation**

https://webtrac.ci.kentwood.mi.us/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/splash.html?InterfaceParameter=WebTrac 1

- Archery, Bowling, Bocce League, Wheelchair Tennis, Swimming Lessons...and more
- Not limited to Kentwood residents

### **Lake Michigan Academy**

### http://www.mylma.org

- Morning Remediation
- Afternoon Programs Fun with Function

### **Living Life Dance**

http://www.artsinmotionstudio.org

Dance Classes

### **Mary Free Bed Adaptive Sports**

http://www.maryfreebed.com/sports

- Spring and summer programs for those with little/no cognitive delay
- Wheelchair sports
- Bikes for the Rest of Us

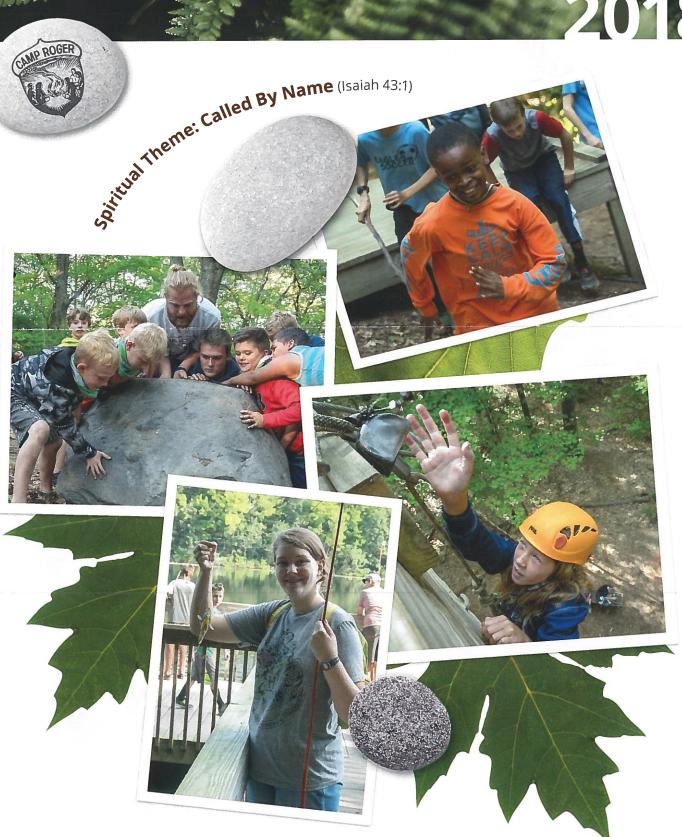
### VIP (Very Important Player) Soccer (AYSO)

http://www.ayso.org/For Families/AYSO Soccer Programs/VIP.htm

• For children with physical or mental disabilities

(This list is not meant to be exhaustive.)







**CAMP SCOTTIE** 

### Day Camp

### **ENTERING GRADES K-5 IN THE FALL**

Day Camp is the newest camp program, designed for children who are ready to join camp without the overnight experience. Each age-appropriate adventure has been developed by educators and field experts with a passion for helping children learn through problem-solving and critical thinking. Campers will be given an unforgettable experience that includes hiking, swimming, playing team games, exploring, and spending time in daily devotionals. Within a structured environment surrounded by counselors and staff who love God, campers are encouraged to be curious in God's creation, seeking to know God and be known by Him.

Day Camp will take place at Camp Scottie, our second property near Howard City, approximately 35 miles north of Grand Rapids. Transportation will be available at an additional cost of \$40. Session themes and transportation details are available on our website.

CAMP FEE: \$205

### **AVAILABLE DATES**

Session A: June 11-15

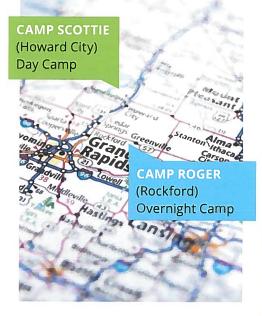
Session B: June 18-22

Session C: June 25-29

Session D: July 9-13 Session E: July 16-20

Session F: July 23-27

Session G: July 30-August 3 Session H: August 6-10



**Registration opens** January 15. Register online at CampRoger.org.

Lower fees are available for household incomes under \$75,000. Visit CampRoger.org/financialaid for details.

**OVERNIGHT CAMP** 

### 4-Day Sessions

### **ENTERING GRADES 1-5 IN THE FALL**

This half-week session is an introduction for younger children to Overnight Camp at Camp Roger. Campers will have a full schedule of outdoor programming, including swimming, nature hikes, a cookout, chapels and cabin devotions, an all-camp game and campfires. Your child will have exposure to a variety of camp activities with the goal of facilitating independence and building friendships. While packed with fun, there is also extra staffing, structure and attention to help your child have a successful, developmentally appropriate camp experience and move toward becoming a lifelong camper.

### **CAMP FEE: \$360 + \$5 STORE DEPOSIT**

### **AVAILABLE DATES**

Session 1: June 11-14 Session 5: July 13-16 Session 7: July 27-30

Session 9: August 8-11





**OVERNIGHT CAMP** 

### 8-Day Sessions

### **ENTERING GRADES 3-9 IN THE FALL**

The 8-Day Session is the full Overnight Camp experience and the best value. Campers have an entire week to learn new activities, bond with their counselors and cabinmates, and grow in their faith. The 8-Day Session includes the most epic games, a campout in the woods and a closing night Honors Campfire program. The campout is a highlight of the session that really strengthens the friendships in the cabin and creates some great memories. All cabins will have an opportunity to cook over a fire and sleep in tents. Older cabins will go on a backpacking or canoeing adventure off camp property. The 8-Day is the classic Camp Roger experience that has been a staple since 1941!

### CAMP FEE: \$585 + \$15 STORE DEPOSIT

### **AVAILABLE DATES**

Session 2: June 15-22 Session 3: June 25-July 2 Session 4: July 5-12 Session 6: July 17-24

Session 8: July 31-August 7 Session 10: August 13-20

WILDERNESS TRIP

### **Pioneer**

### **8-DAY TRIPS FOR GRADES** 8-11 IN THE FALL

Pioneer Sessions are perfect for campers who are ready for a new challenge and want to explore the beauty of the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. Separate trips for boys and girls emphasize growth in independence and responsibility, as well as incredible fun in God's world. These outpost camping trips are excellent "growth adventures" that begin with a group building and high ropes experience at the Camp Roger campus. The River/South Manitou option includes a canoe trip and camping on the island. The North Manitou trip is a more rugged backpacking adventure.

### **CAMP FEE: \$625**

### **AVAILABLE DATES FOR BOYS**

River/South Manitou Trips (grades 8-10): Boys Pioneer 2: June 15-22 Boys Pioneer 3: June 25-July 2

North Manitou Trips (grades 9-11): Boys Pioneer 4: July 5-12 Boys Pioneer 6: July 17-24

### **AVAILABLE DATES FOR GIRLS**

River/South Manitou Trips (grades 8-10): Girls Pioneer 2: June 15-22 Girls Pioneer 3: June 25-July 2

**WILDERNESS TRIP** 

### Voyager

### 12-DAY TRIPS FOR GRADES 11 IN THE FALL - RECENT GRADUATES

Voyager Sessions are the culmination of the Camp Roger program. Voyager trips are a step up in intensity and destination. This summer the Voyager trip will be backpacking in the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park in Michigan's Upper

Peninsula. They will also spend a day kayaking along the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore. A co-ed environment provides an opportunity for staff to intentionally teach and role model Christlike interactions between group members. All Voyager campers will receive solid tangible leadership training

during their trip that will prepare them to serve alongside our camp counselors during a 4-Day Session when they return to camp.



### **AVAILABLE DATES**

Voyager 4/5: July 5-16 Voyager 6/7: July 19-30 Voyager 8/9: July 31-August 11





### Camp Roger

8356 Belding Road Rockford, MI 49341

Registration Opens January 15 camproger.org

Address: 8356 Belding Road Rockford, MI 49341

Phone: 616-874-7286 Fax: 616-874-5734

Email: office@camproger.org
Website: CampRoger.org





 Our camp management software system has been upgraded. We are excited to provide a new and improved online registration experience. Health forms will also be available through this system as well as easy to view family accounts.

viding meeting space and bathrooms. Day campers will also enjoy new benches in the chapel, docks by Lake Gordon and an entrance archway over the driveway.

We continue to update the facilities at Camp Scottie.
 Creekside Center has been completely renovated pro-

older campers, we have set the age group for Voyager to include those entering 11th and 12th grade in the fall as well as recent graduates. Our hope is that campers who choose Pioneer will gain the necessary experience from the South and Morth Manitou Pioneer trips to be prepared for the intensity of the Voyager trip.

To improve on the progression of our wilderness trips for

No improvement is too small to share! This year we have been intentionally reviewing each area of Camp Roger's ministry to provide all our year-round guests with the best quality camp experience possible. Here is a glimpse at a few relating to summer camp:

NEW FOR 2018



## Therapy and Fun Helps Your Child With

## **Speech-Language Challenges**

- Using verbal language
- Understanding what is said
- Reading and early literacy
- Pronouncing words and grammar
- Talking late
- Playing and Socializing
- Feeding and pre-speech

### **Motor Skill Building**

- Running, skipping, and jumping
- Fine motor skills Core strength
- Handwriting

### **Sensory Challenges**

Overly sensitive to touch, sights, movements, or sounds

High or low activity leve Coordination difficulties

Comprehensive Therapy Center Helping children walk, talk, learn and play

2505 Ardmore SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506 p:(616)559-1054 f: (616)559-1056 www.therapycenter.org







Therapy and Fun is a relaxed, integrated, and intensive program that achieves maximum therapeutic progress for children ages one to fourteen years old.

Come join us as we sing, dance, create, and play through individual and group therapy sessions!

Your local nonprofit agency since 1982.

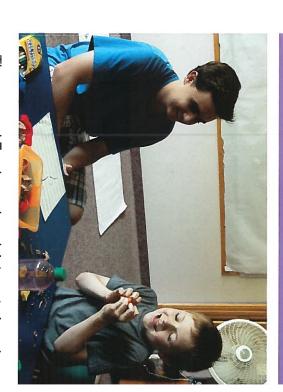
June 19 through August 2, 2018
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays

9:00am - 12:15pm



Helping children walk, talk, learn and play

Therapy and Fun 2018



### Therapies Offered

## Therapy and Fun includes

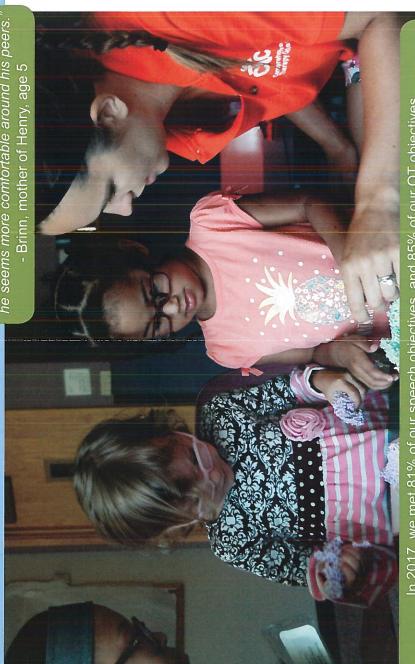
- **Auditory Processing**
- Dance/Movement Therapy
- Developmental Motor Therapy
- Life Skills
- Nonverbal Communication
- Occupational and Physical Therapies
- Sensory Motor Integration
- Social Language Skills
- Speech-Language Pathology

### Family Workshops

expert guest speakers, who are experts in their field, present on a variety of subjects. Topics caregivers through weekly workshops. Our Therapy and Fun empowers parents and may include:

- Laughter Yoga
- Acupressure
- Understanding Special Education Services
- Sensory, and Language Activities
- Behavior Management
- What's Comes After High School?

'He uses words correctly in sentences. Socially he seems more comfortable around his peers. - Brinn, mother of Henry, age 5



# In 2017, we met 81% of our speech objectives, and 85% of our OT objectives. In Dance/Movement Therapy's first year we met 68% of objectives.

## Eligibility and Enrollment

### Who may attend?

- Children who need speech-language, motor, and/or sensory therapy; from simple to complex issues.
  - Ages: 1 14 years.

## What are the next steps?

- appointment. Our therapists meet you and your child to review school and medical Call our office to schedule a screening reports (616) 559-1054.
  - Screening appointments begin in April.
- Authorization and payment schedule are completed before therapy begins.

## Frequently Asked Questions

ove it when your family spends time with us! May I visit the program? Yes, please. We

We accept insurances and an income based screening appointment, but not the "fun." is there a cost? Yes. We charge for the therapy your child receives and for the sliding fee. Fun? Practice therapy through music, crafts, and reading.

### Sign up early

# Contact Us for Therapy and Fun '18

Call: (616) 559-1054

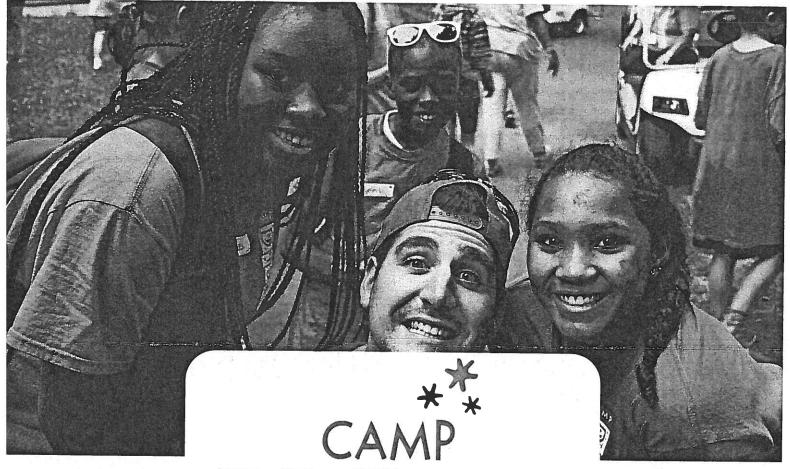
E-mail: info@therapycenter.org

Facebook: facebook.com/therapycenter

Twitter: twitter.com/ctc gr

**Blog:** therapycenter.org/blog

Website: www.therapycenter.org



We are excited to announce a new partnership we have formed between Camp Discovery and North Star Reach! The motivation behind this partnership is quite simple: doing what is best for kids with epilepsy and the Volunteers that serve them.

DISCOVERY

North Star Reach a serious fun camp North Star Reach is a member of SeriousFun Children's Network, founded by Paul Newman, that partners with organizations, such as ours, to serve children with chronic and life-threatening health challenges across the Great Lakes Region, free of charge.

### Camp Discovery "Epilepsy Camp" July 22 – 26, 2018

Offered to campers age 7-15, this is a unique camping experience developed especially for young people with epilepsy. Camp will include many of the experiences you have come to expect like swimming, boating, fishing, arts & crafts, and "Ask the Neurologist," but with the addition of a few more like pontoon boat rides, adventure activities, cooking classes, and more!

### Teen Camp "Solstice Camp" June 28 – July 1, 2018

Offered to campers age 16-17, together with North Star Reach, we will be hosting a Teen Week camping experience that focuses on self-esteem building, empowerment, and transition to adulthood – in addition to the traditional fun camp activities. This camp is open to teens who have a variety of medical needs, including teens with epilepsy.



To learn more and apply to be a Camper or Volunteer, please visit us at www.epilepsymichigan.org/campdiscovery

Have Questions? Call Pam Bird at (800) 377-6226, ext. 1204 or email her at pbird@epilepsymichigan.org

The mission of Lake Michigan Academy is to transform lives by empowering students with learning differences to achieve their full potential.



### Remediation

Lake Michigan Academy's five-week summer program provides students in grades 1-10 with individualized instruction in reading, writing and math. Our program combines the expertise of LMA staff with research-based techniques to provide students with learning disabilities and/or ADHD with skill-based instruction and success.

This summer, we are excited to once again offer reading instruction using the Orton-Gillingham (OG) method. Through this method, teachers use a structured, systematic and multi-sensory approach to phonics-based instruction for reading and spelling.

In addition to direct instruction in reading, writing and math, students will participate in daily **STEM** activities revolving around a weekly theme. These activities will culminate in a theme related field trip each Thursday.

LMA teachers are certified teachers who will help your student grow academically in a comfortable and dynamic learning environment!

### Summer Program Fee: \$1850

- \* Includes all supply, technology and field trip fees.
- \* Lake Michigan Academy and Turning Pages students receive a \$100 credit.
- \* Receive a 10% (\$185) discount if full fee paid by May 25, 2018.
- \* Limited scholarships are available.
- \*\* If a student withdraws from the program after acceptance, a 50% refund will be issued up until June 21, 2018; after June 21, all refunds are subject to approval of Program Director.



### Summer Program June 18 - July 19, 2018

Mon - Thurs, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm



### **STEM**

- Science
- Technology
- Engineering
- Mathematics

### **Benefits of STEM Integration**

1. STEM allows students to be innovative.

Think of the latest device you have had in your hand or at the top of your wish list. STEM helps to transform new ideas into the best inventions!

2. STEM helps students make a difference.

Building a shelter...finding a cure...inventing the best way for people to communicate...helping people overcome financial obstacles....all of these things make a huge difference - and with a STEM education, students can make that happen!

3. STEM fosters creativity.

Creativity is only one of the many benefits of a STEM education. Ironically, creativity is also one of the results of a STEM education!

4. STEM prepares students for a college curriculum.

Students with STEM experiences score higher on the SAT

tests and need fewer remediation courses when they enter college.

5. STEM is a confidence booster.

When a person meets challenges and solves complex problems, they receive tremendous boosts in confidence.

6. STEM helps strengthen communication skills.

STEM requires students to communicate their findings, defend their positions and conduct meaningful discussions.

Apply online or contact Summer Program Director, Garret VanGessel at gvangessel@mylma.org or (616) 464-3330 www.mylma.org

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### BAY CLIFF HEALTH CAMP CAMPER REFERRAL AND SELECTION GUIDELINES FOR REFERRING THERAPISTS, NURSES, AND PHYSICIANS



The primary purpose of Bay Cliff's summer program is to provide therapy and teach independent living skills to children & youth with physical disabilities and/or speech-language impairments in a residential camp setting. We help campers achieve their goals and strive towards new ones. Our intensive therapy program provides PHYSICAL THERAPY, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, SPEECH THERAPY, MUSIC THERAPY, INSTRUCTION FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED, AND INSTRUCTION FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED. It is for one or more of these therapies that children can be referred, based on their needs. Bay Cliff is not a respite care facility, nor is it a camp for children with emotional/behavioral challenges and/or significant cognitive impairment.

<u>CAMP DATES:</u> Our 2018 session will run from **June 16/17 through August 4**. All campers are expected to attend the entire session.

<u>CAMP DATES FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS:</u> In 2018, Bay Cliff will conduct two (2) sessions for pre-school age children. The dates of the sessions will be: **June 16/17 through July 10, and July 12 through August 4**.

<u>CAMPER SELECTION:</u> Selecting children to be served at Bay Cliff from the many potential applicants is a difficult task. Unfortunately, we are not able to serve the needs of all children. To help you understand the kinds of services we are able to provide, we have established the Eligibility Criteria listed below. By setting eligibility criteria, we hope that the referral process will be easily understood. The success of our program depends in great part upon those of you making the referrals and providing information through the application process. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- \* AGE: Children/youth ages 3 through 17 years old
- \* If in GENERAL EDUCATION: Children/youth in General Education (or home-schooled) who have physical/orthopedic impairments can be referred to Bay Cliff even if they are not enrolled in Special Education or no longer receiving therapy in the school but could benefit from additional therapy (example: a child with a prosthetic limb or cerebral palsy who can get to classes independently with/without an assistive device). Physicians, school nurses, principals and teachers may make the referral. Additionally: Children with the diagnosis of obesity (BMI  $\geq$  95th percentile) may be referred, since they too have physical challenges and health concerns.
- \* <u>If in SPECIAL EDUCATION</u>: Bay Cliff will consider the referral of children/youth ages 3 through 17 in Special Education with the following impairments as their **PRIMARY** impairment. The student must be eligible for therapy as determined by the school's Individualized Education Planning Committee (IEPC). Referrals should be made by the student's therapist.

PI – Physically Impaired SLI – Speech-Language Impaired ECDD – Early Childhood Developmental Delay VI – Visually Impaired HI – Hearing Impaired

Note: Children with Significant Multiple Impairment (SXI) may be eligible if they have the ability to communicate yes/no in a verbal or non-verbal, consistent, reliable way and if they are able to interact socially with their age-level peers. All of our campers need to have the potential to increase their abilities by working towards goals that they themselves help to develop.

Copies of the most recent IEP, MET, psychological, and counseling reports must accompany the application.

\* PROGRAM LIMITATIONS: Bay Cliff's program is for children & youth with physical impairments and/or speech-language impairments. Our program is not a match for children & youth with significant cognitive impairment, autism (ASD), emotional impairments and/or behavioral challenges. Please call Bay Cliff first to discuss a referral of a child whose disability lies beyond the scope of our referral guidelines or who has a medical condition requiring unique care.

- \* <u>BEHAVIOR AND MANAGEABILITY</u>: It is <u>critical</u> that our staff be able to provide proper supervision and a safe environment for all the children who attend Bay Cliff Health Camp. Children referred to Bay Cliff must be able to function behaviorally in an outdoor camp setting with a typical staff ratio of one adult to six campers. (For preschoolers and children with significant physical limitations, we provide a ratio of one adult to two campers.) Please keep in mind that this setting is too stimulating for children who need a consistent and strict structure in their daily living environment. Camp counselors are college students who are responsible for the 24-hour care of the campers; they participate in a week of training and orientation before the campers arrive so we can provide quality care. Because of our concern for supervision and safety, the limitations of our staff and the outdoor camp setting, children with significant behavioral/management problems which would disrupt the camp program, including opposition/defiance, aggression, and persistent misconduct, should NOT be referred.
- \* <u>SPEECH REFERRALS</u>: The child should have an **OBVIOUS** speech, language or voice difference--something that calls attention to itself even to a non-speech professional. If the child has a questionable **VOICE** problem, he/she **MUST** have a medical clearance, in writing, before coming to camp.

### OTHER REFERRAL INFORMATION

REPORTS NEEDED: Current or most recent therapy reports, IEP, MET, psychological, counseling, and/or surgical reports MUST accompany all referrals. Applications will not be acted upon until reports are received. Therapy reports should include the child's diagnosis, therapy interventions used, amount of therapy per week, progress, recommendations, etc. A report of the child's most recent audiological examination must also accompany all referrals for the hearing impaired program.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES: We do not offer psychological services at camp. If a child is referred who is receiving mental health services that are not a part of the school record, a parental release form must be obtained and included with the application to permit the agency to make their reports available to Bay Cliff.

<u>INSURANCE</u>: Bay Cliff does not carry medical or hospitalization insurance for campers. If the need for medical care arises while a child is at camp, the cost of medical care must be borne by parents or by their insurance. Arrangements for payment of such bills are to be taken care of by parents. Repairs to hearing aids and glasses will also be billed to parents. Bay Cliff does not bill insurance for the therapy services provided.

<u>PHYSICAL EXAM:</u> There is a medical form in the application packet that MUST be filled out by the child's personal physician. The physical exam includes screening for the presence of, or susceptibility to, tuberculosis (TB).

TRANSPORTATION: Transportation of the child to and from camp is to be arranged for by the parents/guardian. It is strongly recommended that the parents/guardian bring the child to camp themselves. It is important for them to meet with the therapists and other staff who will be working with their child. Please call us if you think transportation would be a barrier to a child's attendance at camp.

### APPLICATION REVIEW

Bay Cliff's Administration reviews all applications and makes the final decision on who may attend. The decision is based upon the appropriateness of the referral, Bay Cliff's ability to provide the supervision and services needed, and the applicant's ability to function in the camp setting and benefit from our program.

Each referral will be reviewed individually in terms of the child's current need for therapy, medical care, IEP, MET, behavioral functioning, and Bay Cliff's ability to provide a safe, beneficial program. If appropriate, the referral will be accepted and a suitable therapy & camping program will be provided. It is critical that the child's medical, therapy, recreational and behavioral needs can be realistically met in the Bay Cliff setting.

Parents will be notified by letter of the applicant's acceptance or non-acceptance in May.

If a camper is accepted to Bay Cliff, every possible effort is made within our existing camp program/setting to meet his/her needs. If it is determined that a camper is unable to function in this setting, then he/she will be sent home.

Please call us at (906) 345-9314 if you have any questions about the referral process or the needs of a particular child.

<u>CONFIDENTIALITY</u>: <u>The information in the camper application is confidential</u>. Access to camper application information is strictly controlled and limited to administrative and professional staff.