

Inclusion at Robin Hood

With the support of trained staff, adaptive equipment and modified programs, Camp Robin Hood works hard to include campers of all abilities. For campers and staff with additional needs, camp can provide an opportunity to learn and grow socially. For many of our campers that we support camp provides the backdrop to learn new skills and develop emerging skills. Camping is a great social experience for all of us. It is even more gratifying when you see staff and campers of all abilities able to accept each other as they are; campers learn to be empathetic and show respect. Our Owner/Director Sari Grossinger, a pediatric Occupational Therapist, along with her team of professionals, act as liaisons for families to ensure a safe and successful experience.

In order to maintain the integrity of our inclusion program, it is necessary to put limits on how many campers can be enrolled. As a result, Sari and the Camper Relations Team will often conduct home and/or school visits to assess if our camp will be the right fit for their child for the upcoming summer. Camp Robin Hood is not a traditional therapeutic environment therefore the assessment process includes important discussions between camp, family, teachers and other professionals where necessary. Our goal is always to provide a positive camp experience for all of our campers.

Our Camper Relations Team consists of experienced Camp Robin Hood staff who, during the school year, work professionally in the field of “Special Needs”. Their focus is to work directly with campers and their families in providing a smooth transition into the camp experience. Services provided by the Camper Relations Team include:

- Collecting relevant information about your child including strategies that work best with your child and then sharing it with the appropriate staff.
- Providing in-service training to the entire Camp Robin Hood staff including support staff hired by the family to ensure that everyone is up to date on the current information/strategies/best practices used to meet the needs of campers with additional needs.
- Hiring additional support staff for campers who require 1:1 support.*
- Working closely with our bus counsellors/drivers to help ensure that your child’s experience on our buses is a smooth and safe one. For families providing their own support staff, the Camper Relations Team will notify families if there is space on the bus for this person to accompany your child.*
- Working with families and campers as a liaison with the camp staff, including in many cases our Health Centre staff.
- Arranging and ensuring that campers who require assistance at “arrival” each day are met by a “bus buddy” at the drop off/pick up area. This service provides appropriate supervision for our campers until their counsellor arrives at camp each day.
- Providing the appropriate substitute during swim should the support staff provided by the camper’s family be unable to participate in this activity*
- Constant resource to the family in providing and receiving feedback, and participating in the problem solving process should challenges arise.
- If required, our team will liaise with the family and their support team throughout the summer to arrange times for observation and/or gathering of information related to the camper.

** denotes an additional fee*

Inclusion Program Services

	Returning Families	
	Before November 15 \$650/session	After November 15 \$700/session
Camp Robin Hood provides a 1:1 staff member	New Families \$700/session	
Camp Robin Hood provides space on the bus for support staff arranged by the campers family	Neighbourhood Transportation: \$80/session	
	Door-to-Door: \$135/session	
Camp Robin Hood provides supervision at swim	\$150/session	

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