

SUMMER CAMP 2027 INFORMATION, SESSION DATES AND THEMES

The following contains vital information about Colorado Lions Camp, and has been updated for the 2027 Summer Camp Season. Applicants, please read carefully before completing application.

Thank you for your interest in the Colorado Lions Camp! There is always something new to experience here! Colorado Lions Camp is a place where campers participate in a variety of recreational activities, make lasting friendships, build confidence and enjoy nature! Our program is specifically designed to meet the needs of individuals ages 8 and older, with intellectual and developmental disabilities, vision or hearing impairment and physical disabilities. We look forward to an amazing summer!

The Mission of the Colorado Lions Camp is to provide exceptional camping programs to individuals with varying abilities that promote independence, challenge their abilities, and provide an opportunity to discover their potential in a safe, positive environment.

Camper Registration:

- **Application**: Summer Camp applications can be found on our website, picked up at our office, or mailed upon request. Applications must be filled out completely and signed by the camper's authorized guardian. Registration is not complete until application is approved and you have received an Acceptance Packet. Colorado Lions Camp staff may contact you to clarify information on application. Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline for Summer Camp applications is May 31st, 2027.
- **Acceptance Packet:** After Colorado Lions Camp approves your application, we will send you an Acceptance Packet via email (we prefer to save on supplies such as paper, ink, stamps etc.), however you can request that it be mailed. Acceptance Packets include confirmation of the session you are registered for, your check-in date and time, your balance due, a packing list and forms or information due, along with the due date. All forms are available on our website. If you need them mailed, you must contact us to request this.
- **Availability to Pick-Up:** We understand many parents/caregivers travel while their camper is at camp. However, it is always possible that a camper may need to leave camp due to illness, behavioral issues etc. and it is mandatory that an authorized person is available to pick up the camper if necessary during the camp session. Please make these arrangements.
- **Camp Physicals**: Camper must have a medical physical completed within 12 months before the last day of camper's session. Expired physicals will not be accepted. Physical must be completed on Colorado Lions

Camp's Physical Form and signed by a licensed physician. Completed physical examination forms are due 2 weeks before the first day of camper's scheduled session.

- **Medication:** Medication Order Form and Administration Record must be completed by a physician or authorized prescriber. Medications must be pre-poured per Medication Procedures.
- **Camp Cost**: $750.00 per camp session (this includes the $300.00 non-refundable deposit). The complete payment of $750 is due 2 weeks before the first day of camper's scheduled session.
- **Deposit**: A $300 deposit is due at the time of application to reserve camper's spot. If application is not approved, upon initial review, Colorado Lions Camp will contact you and refund the $300 deposit.
- **Payment Options:** Payments can be made by check, money order, or credit card (via phone). Please make checks payable to Colorado Lions Camp.
- **Funding:** If the camper receives services through an agency, the agency must provide proof or direct communication with us that funding is available, before registration can be completed. In many cases the $300 deposit will be waived.
- **SLS and CES Waivers**: Colorado Lions Camp is a Medicaid/First Health provider, and in many cases the cost of camp can be worked into camper's service plan. Current Service Plan must be provided to us before registration can be completed. If Service Plan shows adequate units, the $300 deposit will be waived.
- **Camperships:** Campers in need of financial assistance can apply for a campership through Colorado Lions Camp using the form found on our website. The Campership Form details all documentation necessary for approval. In hopes of providing financial relief for as many campers as possible, campers who are approved can only be awarded one Campership per Summer season.
- **Cancellation:** If you have to cancel for any reason, please notify Colorado Lions Camp immediately. If you cancel more than 2 weeks prior to the first day of camper's session, all funds except the $300 deposit will be refunded. Refund will not be provided for cancellations made less than 2 weeks before the first day of camper's session. In the event that cancellation is due to an emergency or illness, it may be possible to sign the camper up for a different session, if space is available.

Eligibility Requirements:

- ❖ Be of the appropriate age or ability for the session.
- ❖ Have a developmental, intellectual or physical disability.
- ❖ Have the ability to effectively communicate needs to camp staff and medical personnel.
- ❖ Have the ability to reside in a group setting 24 hours a day without disrupting the living environment or sleeping environment of others.
- ❖ Must not be abusive toward themselves or others, i.e., does not physically, verbally, or sexually abuse self or others. Abuse includes, but is not limited to, inappropriate touching or fondling, etc.
- ❖ Must not have a medical condition or impairment that has a substantial risk or likelihood for complication or injury or requires specialized medical treatment
- ❖ Must have the ability to eat or drink amounts adequate for nutritional support and agrees to and accepts personal prescription medication from camp medical personnel.

- ❖ Must possess basic independent living skills such as: self-feeding, showering, dressing, and toileting. Applicants must be continent and have the ability to maintain a bowel routine. *Applies to all sessions except Individualized Support week
- ❖ If camper requires a mobility aid such as a wheelchair or scooter, please contact us for more information regarding accessibility.

Camper Eligibility Policy:

The health and safety of our campers and staff are of utmost importance. All acceptances of applications are conditional. Specifically, Colorado Lions Camp reserves the right to accept or deny applications, or defer admission on-site or before attendance, should Colorado Lions Camp staff become aware that the initial application was inaccurate, the camper's health has severely declined, or upon demonstration that a camper does not meet the applicable eligibility criteria. All deferrals or revocations of admission must be approved by the Camp Director.

Individualized Support Week:

During Individualized Support Week our staff to camper ratio of 1:1 or 1:2 allows us to provide better hands-on assistance with daily activities such as dressing, feeding, toileting, hygiene and communication needs. Some users of assistive devices may thrive better in this session. Acceptance into Individualized Support week is on a case- by- case basis and spots are limited. Camp Director and/or Camp Medical Professional will review application and follow-up with a phone interview prior to completing registration.

Check-In:

Check-in times will be assigned and enclosed in your Acceptance Packet. Please allow up to an hour to complete check-in. During this time, our counselors, leadership and medical professionals will be gathering important information about campers so we can best serve their needs. A parent/guardian/caregiver aged 18 or older with signing authority must be present with camper during check-in. Transportation personnel with no signing authority are not permitted to represent camper during check-in. Ensure all medication policies are followed and medications are prepared according to our Medication Policy Form, prior to arrival. If you arrive before your scheduled check-in, time you will need to wait. Located in Luke Lodge lower level.

Check-Out:

Camper pick-up is between 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on the last day of the session. A designated authorized pick up person must present ID to pick up camper. Authorized pick ups will be designated on application. Please ensure you arrive before 12:00 p.m. If you arrive at 12:15 or later you will be charged a $100 per hour late fee, as this causes our staff to work after they are scheduled to be off. You must check out with Camp Director and Camp Medical Professional regardless of whether your camper had medications at camp. Located in Luke Lodge lower level.

IMPORTANT CAMP INFORMATION

Drugs, Alcohol, Weapons: Illegal drugs, recreational marijuana, alcohol and weapons are strictly prohibited at Colorado Lions Camp. If a camper is found to have any of items these in their possession, caregiver/authorized pick-up will be contacted to pick up camper immediately.

Smoking: Campers who are 21 or older who smoke, vape, chew, etc., may do so at camp in designated areas. These items must be turned in to Camp Medical Professional upon check-in.

Cell Phones: Cell phones take away from the experience of camp and are not allowed at camp. If your camper has a cell-phone or related device used for special circumstances, please contact us.

Contacting us while Camp is in Session: Camp Leadership and Camp Medical Professional are available to be reached at 719-687-2087 while camp is in session. If we are unable to answer, leave us a message and we will return your call as soon as possible. For general inquiries about your camper or non-urgent needs, we prefer that you email clcoffice@coloradolionscamp.org. Emails will be checked daily.

Supervision: Counselors supervise campers 24 hours a day while camp is in session, at a 1:4 staff to camper ratio. Ratio is 1:1 or 1:2 during Individualized Support week. Counselors sleep in the same cabins as campers. Campers can wake counselors up if there is a need during the night and cabin doors are equipped with alarms.

Emergency Plans: The safety of our campers and staff is our number one priority. Colorado Lions Camp follows strict guidelines and safety procedures as part of our Emergency Plan. This includes medical emergencies, forest fires, missing campers, inclement weather, etc. In the event of an emergency situation, CLC staff will make contact with parents/caregivers as soon as it is safe to do so.

Summer Staff: All summer staff are aged 18 or older and undergo background checks and fingerprinting. Staff undergo a week long training program which includes First Aid/CPR/AED, Colorado Lions Camp policies and procedures, and meets ACA standards and state requirements. Staff are hired after a careful application and interview process with references required. Safety is our staff's number one priority, having fun is a close second!

Medical Professional: A licensed RN/LPN or MA is on-site 24 hours a day during camp sessions to manage all medications and ensure camper medical needs are met. Camp Medical Professionals follow Standing Orders approved by a Physician or Licensed Healthcare Provider and also undergo site-specific training prior to the start of Summer Camp.

Personal Items: Please label all personal items that campers bring to camp with their name or initials.. Luggage will be labelled upon check-in by Colorado Lions Camp staff. Our staff do our best to help campers keep track of their items. If camper comes home missing an item, please call and have us check our lost and found.

Special Diets: Special diets will be provided to campers who need them. It is acceptable to bring your own food, due to a dietary need, as long as it is clearly labelled and discussed with Camp Director upon check-in.

Camp Photo and T-Shirt: Upon check-in campers can purchase a camp photo for $7. Camp T-Shirts are included in the cost of camp. Campers enjoy signing T-Shirts on the last day of camp for lasting memories.

Trading Post: Campers get to buy items such as snacks, soda, hats, water bottles, etc. at our Trading Post**.** Upon check-in, camper's cash or card can be turned in to our "bank". Unspent money will be returned at check-out. Alternatively campers can carry their own money, and accept all responsibility for it. The most expensive item is approx. $25.

Mail: If you would like your camper to receive letters during their session, you may mail them to our physical address, or give letters to your camper's counselor upon check-in.

Photos: We encourage campers to bring cameras (campers cannot use cell-phones). Camp staff will also take photos during the session.

COLORADO LIONS CAMP
SUMMER CAMP 2027 THEMES

Camp themes are a fun way to encourage camp spirit, generate excitement, and offer a fresh set of experiences for campers to enjoy. A handful of our games, activities and art crafts will be based on our weekly theme. Any "adventures" or "expeditions" happen at camp, as we create a themed environment using decorations and props. We encourage campers to bring props and costumes for the theme-based dress-up days, but it is not mandatory.

Session #1 June 13-18 **AGES 18+**	**"Camp Rock"** This is a great session for the musically inclined! There will lots of music of all genres. You can even dress as your favorite musician to perform in the talent show!
Session #2 June 20-25 **AGES 18+**	**"Nature Expedition"** Come with us as we explore the nature around us. Let's see what kind of unique plants and animals we can learn about. Bring your binoculars and dress for an expedition!
Session #3 June 27-July 2 **Individualized Support Week** **AGES 18+**	**"Super Heroes" (1:1/1:2 ratio).** Grab your cape and favorite super-hero gadgets and we'll work together to save the day! "A true hero isn't measured by the size of their strength, but the strength of their heart" - Hercules **This week is intended for campers who need 1:1/1:2 support.**
Session #4 July 4-9 **AGES 18+**	**"Mystery Solvers "** We have a case to solve! Get your magnifying glass and detective coat. I think I see a clue!
Session #5 July 11-16 **Kids Week** **AGES 8-17**	**"Space Exploration"** Houston, we have liftoff! Let's board the space shuttle and see what planets and stars abound in our vast universe!
Session #6 July 18-23 **AGES 18+**	**"Great American Road Trip"** Grab your camera and dress for adventure! We'll travel along Route 66, learn some super cool American History, and visit some beautiful National Parks!
Session #7 July 25-30 **AGES 18-40**	**"Lights, Camera, Action!"** If you're a movie fan, this one is for you. You can dress as your favorite movie character if you'd like! Let's see what kind of "movie magic" we can whip up at camp this week.
Session #8 August 1-6 **AGES 18+**	**"All Aboard"** We're going on a cruise! Soak up the sun at the pool deck or hit up the Casino. Let's sail away! **This week is intended for campers who can be in higher staff to camper ratio groups.**

We look forward to seeing you this summer!