



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The following eligibility criteria apply to all applicants to Camp Massawippi's programs.

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- New campers must be aged 6 to 30 years old (as of the first day of camp) to attend the Summer Camp and Respite Camp in Ayer's Cliff;
- Campers must be aged 5 to 25 years old (as of the first day of camp) to attend the Day Camp in Montreal;
- Have a primary diagnosis of a physical disability, including motor, hearing or visual impairments (see exclusions below);
- New campers must undergo an admissions assessment with the Nurse and/or Camp Manager, by appointment;
- Have no recurring history of problems with respiration, swallowing, or choking;
- Have been in a stable medical condition for at least 3 months;
- Not have any sores that may worsen during his/her stay at camp;
- Have the physical and mental stamina to participate in a recreational program;
- Have a communication system (verbal, augmentative or signing) that allows for effective peer and staff interaction;
- Have the ability to communicate a consistent yes and no (verbal or non-verbal);
- Be able to comprehend their own needs, and indicate when they are in distress;
- Exhibit no inappropriate behavioural tendencies that would represent a danger to themselves or others (i.e. conduct disorders, oppositional behaviours, aggressive behaviours);
- Be able to receive assistance with activities of daily living (i.e. eating, bathing, dressing, toileting, transferring, continence, etc.) from more than one caregiver;
- Have a desire to participate in the daily activities of camp;
- Be able to enjoy group meals in the dining hall without being disruptive to others (Ayer's Cliff location only);
- Be able to sleep in a cabin with a group of campers without being disruptive to others (Ayer's Cliff location only);

EXCLUSIONS

Eligibility is not extended to applicants with a primary diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADD/ADHD), Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD), or other mental health issues.

NOTE

The Ayer's Cliff location has increased risk associated with it in comparison to home or school. The Camp's nursing facilities are limited and being remotely located response times for emergency services, ambulance, etc. may be prolonged.

Camp Massawippi reserves the right to deny any camper admission into the camp program who does not meet the criteria OR for whom it cannot be established that their needs will be safely met, AND deny admission to any camper whose medical, physical, or behavioural condition upon arrival at camp is significantly different to that which was disclosed in the application forms or was advised in writing, prior to camp.

Camp Massawippi also has the right and duty to rescind an acceptance or to return a camper home early due to health, medical or behavioural reasons.