



September 2017—May 2018

## Respite Program Description

Easter Seals provides exceptional services, education, outreach, and advocacy so that people with autism and other disabilities can live, learn, work and play in our communities. Participants with disabilities experience safe, healthy and success-oriented recreational opportunities. Our respite weekend program provides outdoor recreation, fun and friendship in addition to community inclusive activities for children and adults with disabilities. The weekend allows parents and caregivers a short interval of rest and relief from the 24-hour responsibility of direct care or service. Program activities vary by group, but may include arts and crafts, music, adventure activities and field trips.

The program is held at the Camp Fairlee, a 250-acre facility located on Maryland's Eastern Shore near historic Chestertown. Camp Fairlee is owned and operated by Easter Seals Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore. It has been providing safe, healthy, fun, and success-oriented recreational opportunities for individuals with disabilities for over 60 years. Program participants reside in climate controlled sleeping quarters on the center's grounds. Meals are prepared and served on-site in the Louisa D'A Carpenter Dining Hall.

A Fairlee staff member supervises each Respite Weekend program. Additional staff may include college students or individuals with an interest in working with persons with disabilities.

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## Respite Weekends Schedule

**September 22-24, 2017**

Multiple Sclerosis

**October 20-22, 2017**

Autism

**October 27-29, 2017**

Adult 3:1

**December 8-10, 2017**

Youth/Adult

**February 16-18, 2018**

Youth/Adult

**March 9-11, 2018**

Autism

**March 23-25, 2018**

Youth/Adult

**April 13-15, 2018**

Autism

**May 4-6, 2018**

Multiple Sclerosis

**Each weekend will have a limited number of 1:1 openings available, you MUST call for approval before registering.**

**Check-in** is on Friday evening between **6:00pm and 7:00pm**. Camp Fairlee cannot accept responsibility for participants before scheduled check-in time.

**Check-out** will be Sunday afternoon between **2:00pm and 3:00pm**.

For further information contact Camp Fairlee at (410)410-778-0566 or email us at [fairlee@esdel.org](mailto:fairlee@esdel.org). You can also register online at [www.de.easterseals.com/fairlee](http://www.de.easterseals.com/fairlee)

## Respite Weekend Program Fee

Program fees vary by the level of supervision required. The fee for Participants requiring 3:1 is **\$575**, while the fee for 1:1 supervision is **\$725**. The fee for participants on Maryland's Autism Waiver program is the equivalent of 30 waiver hours (you must submit a pre-approved plan of care with Easterseals Camp Fairlee listed as a provider). The fee covers accommodation, meals, programming costs, staff supervision and administrative costs.

Payment is due upon arrival to Easter Seals Camp Fairlee. If a referring agency is paying the fee, payment may be received after the service has been provided. However, it is the responsibility of the participant to provide Camp Fairlee with written confirmation of the agency's intent to pay the fee. Participants cancelling within 72 hours of the start of the program will be charged a \$50 administration fee. Exception may be made for full refund if such cancellation is due to a medical reason, death in the family or inclement weather. A written documentation to verify the reason for cancellation such as doctor's note or record of hospitalization will be required.

Participants not picked up by 3:15pm on check-out day will be charged \$30 per half hour of additional supervision required.

## Respite Program Eligibility

Participants must have the ability to:

1. Be compliant with staff directions
2. Participate without being disruptive to others
3. Sleep through the night in a group setting

Inappropriate behaviors, such as refusal of medication, running away/elopement, hitting, spitting, biting, kicking, hair pulling, setting fire and swearing directed at other participants and/or staff, are not acceptable. If such behavior occurs, the caregiver will be contacted. If the behavior continues, the caregiver will be contacted for an immediate pick up. Immediate pick up will be required at first occurrences for medication refusals, fire setting, inappropriate sexual behaviors, inability to sleep for more than 48 hours or aggressive behaviors that cannot be redirected. Individuals with behavior plans must submit such plans to Camp Fairlee at the time of registration.

Every effort will be made to accommodate all applicants. A conditional acceptance may be made for those individuals whose eligibility is questionable.

Camp Fairlee reserves the right to accept or deny any application prior to attendance or arrival on-site. Availability is also based on staffing availability.

**All new participants are required to have a pre-camp interview in person. (Other arrangements can be made by calling the camp if unable to interview in person.)**

## Health Forms & Medication Info

A current (within 12 months of attending program) completed health form is required at all times and must be turned in 2 weeks prior to camp date. This form **must be completed, signed and dated by the participant's physician. All prescribed medication must be prepared in blister packs with the original script from the prescribing physician. These blister packs should be organized by day and dosage times. Please request medication for an extra day of stay in the event a medication needs to be discarded. All prescribed liquid medications must be in their original bottle with the original script from the prescribing physician. All over the counter medications must be brought to camp in their original bottles. Any altered prescription label will not be accepted. The dosage and schedule on the pharmacy label must match the information on the health form signed by the physician. Camp Fairlee staff will not accept pre-poured medication or anything that does not match with the physician's order.**

If any changes are made to the participant's medication (e.g. dosage, time, route, etc.) after the health form has been submitted to Camp Fairlee, a new, signed physician's order must be presented at the time of check-in.

Camp Fairlee will not accept a participant at check-in if any of the procedures listed above are not followed; A participant will also not be accepted if they have an elevated temperature of 100.5 F or more and/or an untreated or unstable illness or condition.

**For the safety of all participants and staff, NO exceptions will be made.**



## Suggested Items to Bring for a Weekend at Camp

- Linens (twin size) sheets and blanket
- Pillow
- Towel
- Soap/Deodorant
- Pajamas
- Pants
- Socks
- Jacket/Coat (weather appropriate)
- Winter hats/gloves (as necessary)
- Shoes (2 pair)
- Washcloth
- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Comb/Brush
- Underwear
- Shirts
- Raincoat
- Glasses (as necessary)
- Diapers or adult undergarments (as necessary)
- Medication/medical supplies and equipment (as necessary)
- Specialized eating utensils (as necessary)
- Feminine hygiene products (as necessary)

1. Please do not bring any valuables, food or drink, unless required for a special diet.
2. All items must be marked with the participant's name
3. Please pack enough clothing for the participant's stay. There will not be laundry service.
4. Easter Seals Camp Fairlee will not be responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen items.

