



Camp Dogwood for the Blind & Visually Impaired

P.O. Box 39

Sherrills Ford, NC 28673

828-478-2135

www.NCLionsCampDogwood.org

2024 Camper Application Packet

ALL FIRST TIME ATTENDEES MUST ATTEND ORIENTATION AT 3:30 PM ON SUNDAY. THIS WILL BE HELD IN THE MAIN BUILDING

Please type or print legibly using black ink. Applications are accepted on a first come, first paid, first served basis. *Please return the application and non-refundable deposit before May 10th, 2024. The medical form is due one-week prior to your scheduled session.* Incomplete applications will be held as *pending* upon completion. **Please Note: You do NOT have a confirmed session until you receive a confirmation from Camp Dogwood via email or phone call.**

➤ **Please enclose a color picture with only yourself for identification**

Please see example photo at end of application.

Camper Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ **County** _____

Phone #'s (cell, home, work) _____

E-mail: _____

Gender: _____ **Age:** _____ **Birthdate:** _____

Emergency Contact

In case of an emergency, the emergency contact is required to pick up their camper within the drive time, plus one additional hour (i.e., you live 2 hours away, therefore, you are allotted 3 hours for your commute).

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone #'s (cell, home, work) _____

Relationship to camper: _____

Personal Care Skills

- Yes** **No** **Are you able to independently take care of your daily needs such as eating, bathing, dressing, and toileting?**
- Yes** **No** **Are you able to independently make all of your medical care decisions?**
- Yes** **No** **With orientation, are you able to get yourself out of a building should a fire alarm sound in that building?**
- Yes** **No** **Are you able to administer your own medication including glucose testing?**

If you have selected "NO" to any of the above questions, you are required to bring a caregiver to camp to assist you. Please provide your caregivers name and phone number below, if applicable. Contact the Camp Dogwood office for more information.

Caregiver's Name _____

Phone Number _____

Please Note: Applications that require caregivers will not be accepted if caregiver paperwork is not complete.

Additional Information

Yes No **Have you attended Camp Dogwood before?**
If so, how many years? _____ years

Yes No **Do you use any mobility aides? If so, select the type of mobility aid you use.**

Cane _____ Walker _____ Electric Wheelchair _____
Manuel Wheelchair _____

Session Information

Please Note: Summer Camp Session Dates are subject to change. You will be notified of any change that may affect you.

If participation is low for your selected session, you will be asked to move your reservation to another session.

This year, sessions 1-5 are for adults only (18+). Session 6 can include family members. MINORS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT OR ADULT CAMPER AT ALL TIMES.

Session 1	May 26th to May 30th	Adults 18+
Session 2	June 2nd to June 6th	Adults 18+
Session 3	June 9th to June 13^h	Adults 18+
Session 4	June 23rd to Jun 27th	Adults 18+
Session 5	June 30th to July 4th	Adults 18+
Session 6	July 7th to July 11th	Adults 18+
Session 7	July 28th to August 1st	Family Week for VIP's bringing minor children

Please select your session preference:

1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

Lodging

Lodging selections only indicate your preference. Camp Dogwood CANNOT guarantee your selections.

- Yes** **Do you have a roommate preference? *We cannot guarantee this request.***
 No

Name(s)_____

- Yes** **Is there someone you *will not* room with? Room assignments will not be changed due to dislike of roommate. *We cannot guarantee this request.***
 No

Name(s)_____

- Yes** **Do you require a handicapped accessible bathroom? Which includes an elevated toilet and safety bars. *We cannot guarantee this request.***
 No

- Yes** **Do you require a wheelchair accessible shower or shower chair? *We cannot guarantee this request.***
 No

- Yes** **Are you bringing a certified guide dog or service animal?**
 No

Prices and Fees

Please Note: Each application includes a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit. This amount will be deducted from your total fees due.

Regular in-state Camper price: **\$225** **This price includes campers residing in NC who are blind or visually impaired.**

Sighted Caregiver price: **\$275** **This price is for caregivers who are sighted and providing care.**

Sighted companion price: **\$400** ***This is for individuals attending with a camper, but not providing constant care.***

Private Room price: **\$450** **This price is for applicants who request a private room.**

Out-of-State price: **\$600** **This price is for blind and visually impaired campers who are out-of-state.**

All payment(s) are due in-full by May 10th, 2024. If payment is not received your spot will be released. You may pay with a credit/debit card by phone or mail in a check/money order.

For checks and money orders, please include the campers' name on the memo line of checks/money orders.

Mail checks/money orders to: NCLF, Attn: Camp Office, PO Box 39, Sherrills Ford, NC 28673. Please Note: Camp Staff is not responsible for finding sponsorship for camper fees.

Please Note: There is a 3% convince fee for credit/debit card payments.

Cancellation Policy: In order to receive a refund, you must provide notice of non-attendance at least two-weeks prior to arrival. This does not apply for medical reasons. However, you must provide valid medical documentation for full refund.

Who will be responsible for your camp fees? *Select more than one, if applicable.*

- Myself**
- Lions Club (You must contact Lions club & request sponsorship. You must obtain written consent)**
- Family Member**
- Other**

If you selected payment by "Lions Club" or "Other," provide the name of the Lions Club or relation to "Other." *Please discuss sponsorship with chosen Lions Club before providing this information.*

Which Lions Club did you contact? _____

Name of person "Other" who is paying: _____

Phone #(s): _____

E-mail: _____

Campers are responsible for confirming their sponsorship and ensuring that fees are paid before May 10th, 2024.

Waiver of Responsibilities (Required)

Camper Name (please print): _____

When the North Carolina Lions Foundation. (NCLF) or its agent, Camp Dogwood, accepts this application for a camping term at Camp Dogwood, I, the undersigned do hereby release and discharge the North Carolina Lions Foundation. and any of its agents, affiliates, employees, and servants from any and all claims, liabilities, demands, or rights which I, or any of my friends, or relatives, may have against said organization or its agents, affiliates, employees, or servants on account of connecting with or growing out of any injury, accident, loss, or damage, or suffering, I or my immediate family may hereafter sustain while on the premises or property owned, leased, or used by the NCLF arising out of acceptance of this application for a camping experience, whether said property be known as Camp Dogwood, Lake Norman, or any other named designation or location.

Social Media Wavier

I further agree to release to Camp Dogwood all rights and privileges to photographs taken of me for use in Camp publicity that is in the proper interest of the Camp.

I have read, or caused to be read to me, the foregoing and do hereby acknowledge that I fully understand each and every part thereof. I have read, or caused to be read to me, the Camp Rules and Regulations and agree to abide by them.

My signature below certifies that I am legally competent and that I am able personally to care for my daily needs while at camp, or that I plan to have a caregiver accompany me to camp.

Signature of Applicant: _____

(Please have all marks "X" witnessed)

Signature of Witness (if applicable): _____

Camp Dogwood Transportation Information

Campers can arrive on Sunday between 1:00pm and 3pm. Pick-up is on Thursday by 10:00am

Please check one of the following options and complete the information below.

GROUP: I will be transported to and from Camp as part of an organized group of more than one person.

Group Name _____

Group Phone # _____

CAR: I will be getting transportation to and from Camp via a friend, family member, Lion, Social Worker, etc.

Name of Driver: _____

Phone #(s): _____

Names of others in same vehicle? Needed for dorm assignments.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT TRAIN (Amtrak): I will be traveling to and from Camp via public train transportation. *Please Note: travel fee is \$60 to pick-up and return to Charlotte train station.*

Rules and Regulations for Summer Session

1. **No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs are allowed. Campers are prohibited from having alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs within their possession or consumed while on camp premises or during any off-campus trips. Any camper found in violation of this regulation will be sent home immediately.**
2. **Medications:**
 - a) **Campers who are diabetic are required to bring all diabetic supplies (Meter, Strips, Lancets and Needles). Sharps container will be provided for each camper, as needed. NEVER dispose needles into camp trash cans. Disposing of needles is a safety concern for camp staff.**
 - b) **Camp Dogwood does not furnish CPAP machines and accessories or oxygen.**

c) Camp Dogwood does not sensor, pump supplies, or provide CGM supplies.

3. **NO ELECTRICAL KITCHEN APPLICANCES are allowed in the dorms.** This includes lounges and porches. This includes, but not limited to, coffee pots, electric kettles, crockpots, etc. Camp Dogwood's insurance policy prohibits this.
4. Any camper who refuses medical treatment deemed necessary by the nurse and/or the camp administrator will have to leave camp once transportation is arranged.
5. Regardless of swimming capabilities, life jackets are required while campers are swimming.
6. **Pets: No pets are allowed. Certified service animals are welcome. Owners are responsible for the behavior of their service animals and any damage caused by them. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their service animal. There is a dog run behind the Lineberger dorm. Owners are required to remain with their dogs while using the dog run.**
No unattended dogs are allowed in the dog run. Dogs are not allowed on furniture. All dogs left alone in room must be tethered or kenneled. Please bathe your service animal the day before coming to camp and follow proper hygiene rules during camp.
7. **Smoking Policy: Smoking is only allowed in a marked designated area. NO SMOKING allowed inside the dorms or rooms. If smoke is detected in your room due to smoking, YOU WILL BE CHARGED a \$200.00 Cleaning Fee.**
8. **Weapons of any type are not permitted on campus, even with permit.**
9. **All minor children, under the age of 18, must be accompanied by their parent or guardian at all times.**
10. **If for any reason you are unable to attend your scheduled session of camp, please notify the camp office as soon as possible by calling 828-478-2135 extension 229. If no one is available to take your call, please leave a voicemail that includes your name and telephone number.**

11. **ALL Campers, Caregivers, and Companions will be required to wear a name tag while in attendance.**
12. **All applications must include a color copy of your identification card or other photo (See example photo on the last page of application).**
13. **ALL CDC Guidelines that are current on the first day of Camp will be in affect the entire summer unless stricter guidelines are issued.**
14. **Please advise our staff if you use any type of insect spray/repellent in your room. The sprays can harm the canine used for pest inspection.**
15. **Lost or removed items will be charged current market replacement price. This includes but not limited to keys, remote, remote holder, pillows, and linens. Prices will be totaled and split among room occupants.**

Quiet Hours

Campers must be at their assigned dorm by 10PM every night with noise levels at a minimum. *This does not mean that camper's must be in their rooms by 10PM, but they must be on the screened-in porch, in the common area, or in the rooms of their assigned dorm's.*

This document must be signed and returned to Camp Dogwood

I have read and understand the attached Rules and Regulations for Camp Dogwood's 2024 Summer Camp Season.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Please Note: If the applicant marks "X", there must be a witness.

Signature of Witness (if applicable): _____

FAQ's

WHAT TIME DO I ARRIVE?

Please plan to arrive between 1:00pm and 3:00pm on Sunday, your first scheduled day. However, if this is not possible, please contact the camp administrator to make other arrangements as soon as possible.

Please note: The Camp Dogwood gates will not open until 1:00pm on Sunday.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I ARRIVE?

Make sure that ALL items, bags, and luggage are tagged with your name on it prior to arrival.

Registration will be in your assigned dormitory. The staff will not be available until registration time. No food is served until the evening meal at 5:00pm. However, the Camp Store will be open for purchase of snacks, starting at 2pm.

WHEN DO I LEAVE?

All Campers are REQUIRED TO CHECK-OUT BEFORE 10:00am ON THURSDAY.

WHAT DO I BRING TO CAMP?

- 1. Water shoes are highly recommended for all water activities, such as swimming and kayaking. The Camp Store will have limited water shoes available for purchase.**
- 2. Clothing: Bring enough clothes for seven days. There are no laundry facilities available for campers. Casual clothes are recommended. Be sure to bring socks for bowling, your swimsuit, water shoes, beach towels, and plenty of sunscreen if you intend to participate in outdoor and/or waterfront activities.**
- 3. Please bring any needed toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, razor, deodorant, feminine-hygiene-supplies, disposable underwear/pads [tampons, Kotex, Depends, etc.]). Some items are for sale in the Camp Store.**

Disclaimer: Camp Dogwood/NCLF is not responsible for the personal property of campers. We will only be responsible for money and valuables checked at the office and left in our safe.

- 4. Money: You do not need to bring money unless:**
 - a) You want to purchase snacks or drinks out of the vending machines, or to purchase merchandise in the Camp Store**

b) You travel off-campus. You are responsible for money spent during off-campus trips. You may be required to purchase lunch if you're participating in off-campus trips. Most lunches will be \$10 or less.

- **Items in the Camp Store include: shirts, caps, bags, pens, and more. The store accepts: cash, checks, and credit/debit cards. Ice cream, drinks, and snacks are available every day with prices ranging from \$0.50 to \$2.00. Snow Cones are available every day for free.**

➤ ***Please Note: There must be a \$10.00 minimum when purchasing items with a debit or credit card.***

DO YOU CATER TO DIETARY RESTRICTIONS?

Camp Dogwood does not cater to special diets. Sugar-free desserts are available at lunch and dinner. You may want to bring your preferred snacks and beverages with you.

2024 Camp Theme

This year's camp theme will be Mardi Gras! You are allowed to bring theme-related clothing and accessories. Please be mindful that theme-related clothing must be appropriate for all ages.

COVID-19 Policy: Waiver and Compliance

In accordance with Executive Order 116, enacted March 10, 2020 and the Session Law 2020-89; House Bill 118: Covid-19, I understand and agree that Covid-19 is a serious national pandemic/endemic that the North Carolina Lions Foundation, Lions International, and volunteers have taken certain measures to mitigate the spread within holding of summer camp at Camp Dogwood. The prevention of Covid-19 exposure is not guaranteed, therefore, I accept the risk that I may be exposed and contract Covid-19 by participating in events at Camp Dogwood. North Carolina Lions Foundation and Camp Dogwood has put in steps to mitigated the spread of Covid-19 by implementing social distancing, hosting outside activities as much as possible, promoting voluntary mask use, and encouraging personal responsibility in taking preventive measures before attending any events hosted by the North Carolina Lions Foundation and Camp Dogwood.

I certify that, if I am exposed to any known source or come into contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 within the last 14 days prior to the Sunday I attend camp, I will notify the Camp Dogwood Administrator. Group events, similar to Camp, contain a higher risk of exposure/contact and therefore an increased chance of transmitting or receiving the Covid-19 virus. I expressly waive and absolve the organization, volunteers, Lions Clubs, and sponsors; in all their various entities of any legal action, complaint, or demand for damages brought by me or my assigns or beneficiaries. When the North Carolina Lions Foundation and Camp Dogwood accepts this application, I, the undersigned, do hereby release and discharge the North Carolina Lions Foundation and Camp Dogwood, and any of its agents, affiliates, employees, and servants from any and all claims, liabilities, demands, or rights which I, or any of my friends or relatives, may have against said Organization or its agents, affiliates, employees, or servants on account of connecting with or growing out of any injury, accident, loss, or damage or suffering, I or my immediate family may hereafter sustain arising out of acceptance of this application I have read, or caused to be read to me, the foregoing and hereby acknowledge that I fully understand each and every part thereof. I acknowledge these regulations and agree to abide by them.

This is the _____ day of _____, 2024

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

Witness _____

Example of Photo-ID

Please make sure that the Camper Photo is a picture from the shoulders up.

