



Camp Variety for Kids Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is *Camp Variety for Kids*?

Camp Variety for Kids is a comprehensive, community-based recreational and educational program of physical and mental stimulation in a safe and outdoor environment designed to foster independence and participation in adaptive, age appropriate, and peer group activities for kids of all abilities. *Camp Variety for Kids* provides children with disabilities, ages 6 to 21, with a high quality outdoor camping experience that gives parents and caregivers an opportunity for respite. Parents and caregivers are welcome and encouraged to participate.

2. When and where does *Camp Variety for Kids* take place?

Camp Variety for Kids will take place at the Woodlands campgrounds in Bradford Woods, 20 miles north of Pittsburgh. This year's camp will be held from Monday, August 2, 2010 to Friday, August 6, 2010. Camp will take place between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm each day.

3. Are children able to bring siblings to camp?

Campers are able to bring siblings with them to camp. Please see fees below.

4. What is the cost?

With financial assistance from our generous corporate sponsors and grant makers, *Camp Variety for Kids* only costs \$25 for each Variety child with a disability (separate applications are required for each Variety child) with lunches, drinks and snacks provided each day.

Please note: Siblings may attend camp along with the Variety child. The cost for the first sibling (without a disability) is \$55 for the entire week. Each additional sibling (without a disability) is \$55.00/day per camper and is to be paid in full prior to the start of camp. Attendance will be confirmed with the child's caregiver in mid July. (Note that first preference is given to a camper with a disability before scheduling more than one typically developed sibling.)

5. Is transportation provided?

Transportation is provided at no additional cost from four sites across the Pittsburgh area to help accommodate families. These transportation sites are based on attendance rates in each area. Campers are picked up and dropped off at these sites each day. (Times vary based on the site). If the camper must be transported in a wheelchair, please note on the application so the appropriate vehicle will be scheduled.

DeMarco Durzo Building (Rte 48) – Monroeville

Pittsburgh Zoo

IKEA - Robinson Twp

Parkway Center Mall – Greentree

6. How many children attend *Camp Variety for Kids*?

Each day of camp will be restricted to just over 120 children and will be filled on a first-come/first served basis, so be sure to complete your application **promptly** and return it to the Variety office.

7. Are caregivers provided?

The Woodlands counselors will be available to assist the children each day. We will have about 18 counselors for over 120 children. The counselors at the Woodlands are trained to work with children with special needs and can assist in many ways; however they are not able to provide one-on-one assistance to any camper.

If your child requires one-on-one assistance you will be responsible for providing that care. Anyone, such as a parent, relative, TSS caregiver, etc., is welcome at camp. Children diagnosed with ADD, ADHD, ODD, Autism or similar diagnosis **MUST** be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

8. What type of activities will my child be able to do at *Camp Variety for Kids*?

Campers engage in every activity imaginable at *Camp Variety for Kids*! Arts and crafts, computer class, music, adaptive sports, archery, golf, swimming and group activities take place DAILY!! Past group activities have included Hawaiian Dancers, Steel Drum bands, The National Aviary. Carnegie Science Center shows, musical plays, Tai Kwan Do demonstrations, Juggler Joe and Pittsburgh PuppetWorks just to name a few.

9. How do I know if my son/daughter has been accepted to *Camp Variety for Kids*?

Once your completed application and application fee(s) have been received, your child's spot will be reserved. In mid July, we will send out confirmation letters that include transportation instructions, directions, daily camp schedule and activities. If there is any problem with your child's application, we will contact your directly.

10. Who can I call if I have questions about *Camp Variety for Kids* or my application?

If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Thompson, Director of Programs and Community Outreach at (412) 747-2680 or via e-mail at sandra@varietypittsburgh.org.