Special Camps Information

Special Camps provides opportunity for new friendships, while encouraging independence and self-esteem in an all volunteer run camp to benefit children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

DATES

Sunday-Friday, June 4-9, for adults ages 21+

Sunday - Friday, June 11 - 16, for kids ages 8-20

Special Camps at White Pines Ranch, Oregon, IL

Special Camps will be hosted at White Pines Ranch in Oregon, IL. White Pines Ranch is located about 30 minutes West of DeKalb. It will be a true dude Ranch experience! White Pines Ranch has over 75 specially selected, gentle horses for our campers to groom, do lead arounds and trail rides. Dorm rooms are carpeted, air conditioned and have attached bathroom / shower area. Photos + Camp Movie can be found @ specialcamps.org

Day Time Activities Include: Grooming, Painting and Riding Horses, Swimming, Water Games, Crafts, Music + Dance, Sports, Archery, Field Games, Wood Working, Talent Shows and more.

Evening Parties Include: Bon fire with camp songs & S'mores, hay ride, Bingo, Kareoke, Dances and a visit from the Blooze Brothers.

Our All Volunteer Staff Staff are carefully screened. Most are veterans of our all volunteer camp. Staff attend a thorough training period to learn through practice how to provide personal care. Registered nurses are on duty 24 hours a day to administer all medications and provide medical care.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

 This camp is exclusively for children and adults ages 8 and older, who have been diagnosed with intellectual disabilities, who meet the criteria for camp admission.

CRITERIA FOR CAMP ADMISSION

- Campers should be capable of responding to staff with a verbal, audible, or physical response.
- Campers must be able to adapt to a group living environment, including sleeping in a cabin next to others with out disturbing others, following directions, and enjoying meals with others.
- 3. Campere must be independent in toileting

- 4.The applicant must <u>not</u> be abusive toward him / herself or others or have inappropriate sexual behavior.
- 5.Campers must provide <u>all</u> required medical information to determine the appropriateness of the camper's admission. The Supervising Camp Nurse will review all health forms to determine eligibility.
- Special diets are accommodated through family packing supplemental foods.

HEALTH & HISTORY FORM

Applications will <u>not</u> be accepted without a Special Camps health form signed by your doctor.

If your child takes <u>no</u> medication or supplements, we will accept our health form, a school or Special Olympics physical or group homes have physicians orders, dated August, 2016 or later. Please include the Special Camps health form too as the nurses will keep this information with them.

QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE...

INSURANCE – All campers are required to show proof of medical coverage in effect.

TRANSPORTATION – You are responsible for bringing your child to camp. Special Camps will offer FREE bussing home to Warrenville off 188 or Plano High School. The large coach bus has a bathroom aboard, but will not be able to accommodate wheelchairs.

CLOTHING – Older clothes are great for camping. A list of suggested clothing will be included in the confirmation packet and is listed on our website.

VISITORS – Family members and friends are welcome to visit on opening and closing days. Visitors at other times can disrupt a camper's schedule and cause him/ her to miss a favorite activity and cause homesickness.

Campers accepted based on qualifications and availability of staff. Special Camps reserves the right to accept or deny applicants on–site or prior to attendance and will be the party responsible for acceptance or denial. Acceptance into Special Camps is the same for all applicants without regard to sex, race, disability, religion or social background.

I hope you grow to love Special Camps as much as our volunteers and I love bringing this wonderful opportunity to our great campers. Please feel free to call me with any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Colleen McDonald Camp Director for Special Camps www.specialcamps.org mcdcolleen@yahoo.com (630) 690-0944

Special Camps



Don't forget to Include
Health Form Signed By Doctor
Camp Fee
Sign The Waiver

"This is the best week of my whole life"

SPECIAL CAMPS 2017 Application

(THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETELY FILLED OUT TO BE ACCEPTED)

Please photocopy the completed application for your records & mail original to Special Camps.

The more we know about each prospective camper before arrival, the better able we will be to provide the best camping experience possible. Please include any additional information which you feel would be beneficial. Thank you for your help.

Please Mark Date Preferred:	June 4-9 for adults ages 21 June 11 - 16 for children ag (Willing to have camper atter	
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BEHAVIOR
Please Note : Failure to accurately describe behavior problem/information may cause improper placement with appropriate counselor/staff and may be subject to early dismissal from program.
Does applicant have any behavior problems (Biting, kicking, hitting, running off, tantrums, etc.) Yes No If yes, please describe and list management techniques, if any, and frequency of behavior
Activities: Please list any special interests or activities enjoyed at home, school or work:
Has your child ever participated in horse back riding activities? If so, please describe level of comfort or experience:
Transportation
FREE transportation available via a large Coach Party Bus home only from camp. White Pines is 30 minutes west of DeKalb in Oregon, IL, (about 2 hours West of Chicago). Must arrange transport to camp.
Please place a check mark on your preference (times listed are approximate).
 [] I'll pick up my child up Friday at the campground between 11 am and 1 pm. [] I'd like my child to take the large coach bus home to Regal Cantera theatre in Warrenville, near I88. [] I'd like my child to take the large coach bus home to Plano High School in Plano, IL. Buses will arrive in Plano at about 3:00 pm and Warrenville about 3:30 pm. on Fridays.
Please Complete ONLY If You Are NEW To Special Camps
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School or Work program camper attends: Town: Teacher/Boss Telephone Number () Has applicant ever been away from home without family? Is homesickness anticipated? Has applicant ever attended a residential (overnight) camp? Yes No
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Waiver & Release

Special Camps for Special Citizens

Important Information

Special Camps for Special Citizens (Special Camps) is committed to conducting its camp programs and activities in a safe manner and holds the safety of participants in high regard. Special Camps continually strives to reduce such risks, and insists that all participants follow safety rules and instructions that are designed to protect the participants safety. However, participants and parents/guardians of minors registering for this program must recognize that there is an inherent risk of injury when choosing to participate in horseback riding or any recreational activities.

You are solely responsible for determining if your minor child/ward is physically fit and/or skilled for the activities contemplated by this agreement. It is always advisable, especially if the participant is disabled in any way or recently suffered an illness, injury or impairment, to consult a physician before undertaking any physical activity.

Warning of Risk

Despite careful and proper preparation, instruction, medical advice, conditioning and equipment, there is still a risk of serious injury when participating in horseback riding or any recreational activity. Understandably, not all hazards and dangers can be foreseen. Participants must understand that certain risks, dangers and injuries due to acts of God, inclement weather, slipping, falling, equipment failure, failure in supervision, premises defects and all other circumstances inherent to recreational activities/programs exist. In this regard, it must be recognized that it is impossible for Special Camps to guarantee absolute safety.

Waiver and Release of All Claims and Assumption of Risk

Please read this form carefully and be aware that in signing up and participating in this program, you will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages or loss which your minor child/ward might sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with and associated with this program (including transportation services).

I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to participants in this program, and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any and all injuries, damages or loss, regardless of severity, that my child / ward may sustain as a result of said participation. I further agree to waive and relinquish all claims I or my child/ward may have (or accrue to my child/ward) as a result of participating in this program.

I do hereby fully release and forever discharge Special Camps from any and all claims for injuries, damages, or loss that my minor child / ward may have or which may accrue to my minor child/ward and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with this program.

In the event of an emergency, I understand and authorize Special Camps staff and directors to secure from any licensed hospital, physician, and/or medical personnel any treatment deemed necessary for immediate care for minor child/ward and agree that I will be responsible for payment of any and all medical services rendered.

I understand that I or my minor child/ ward may be photographed or videotaped while participating in this program. I give permission for photos and/or videotape of my minor child/ward to be used to promote Special Camps and such photos and video will be the property of Special Camps.

I hereby authorizes and permits SPECIAL CAMPS and its director to contact CAMPER'S work or school, classroom teachers or supervisor or care givers in order to provide and receive information to more effectively serve his/her needs while participating in Special Camps.

YOU MUST SIGN AND DATE THIS FORM FOR Y	OUR REGISTRATION TO BE PROCESSED
I have read and fully understand the information on this form	, warning of risk, assumption of risk and waiver and
release of all claims.	

Printed Name of Participant	Signature of parent or legal guardian	Date

Camp Parent Questionnaire

Camper's Name:
This camp parent questionnaire will be given directly to the cabin parents, (the adult staff who reside within your son /daughter's cabin). Please assist them in making your campers stay more comfortable.
Check any boxes that may be helpful for your camper.
[] needs a night light [] wakes during the night to use bathroom
[]may wander away from cabin at night
[] wears pajamas, helmet, braces, other at bedtime:
[] My child/ adult can sleep on a top bunk bed (no bedrails are available).
PERSONAL HYGIENE AND DRESSING
Showering total assist some assist just supervise no help Sushing face and hands total assist some assist just supervise no help Dressing total assist some assist just supervise no help Undressing total assist some assist just supervise no help Menstrual care total assist some assist just supervise no help no help no help no help no help no help
Special instructions
 In the summer, my child/ adult usually sleeps from to Naps? (yes / no) Usual bedtime routine includes (i.e. reading a book, special snack)
3. He / She responds well to for encouraging good behavior and for poor behavior.
4. Any additional suggestions for bathing, dressing, sleeping, eating, behavior?
5. In the event of homesickness, questions or misbehavior who should be contacted? Name: Phone: ()
6. Any fears that we should be aware of, (the dark, dogs, storms)
Does your child have a friend attending that he/she would like to share a camp counselor with or bunk next to? If yes, please list their names in order of preference below. Generally we have 1 counselor for every 2 campers. Partners not guaranteed unless both campers list one another as their first choice.
Friend's Names:
Any other friends or family members attending camp?

Special Camp's Health Form Phone / Fax: (630)690-0944

Name:	Wt	_ Age	Please check any medications the camper
Parents Name:)	
			[] Tylenol [] Cough Drop [] Imodium
			[] Tylenol PM [] Pepto Bismol [] Maalox
			[] Robitusin Cough Syrup [] ANY OF ABOVE
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WEEKEND EMERGENCY INFORMATION AND LIABILITY RELEASE LITTLE SISTERS INCORPORATED DBA

WHITE PINES RANCH, 3581 Pines Rd., Oregon, Il 61061

Phone: 815-732-7923 Fax: 815-732-7924 www.whitepinesranch.com

Name		Age Birth Date_	_//	BoyGirl
Address				
Phone #'s: Home				
		Have you been to the ranch before? YESNO		
Program Dates	to Troop numb	per or Group Name		
In case of an emergency please	e contact:			
1. Name	Relationship	Phone #		
2. Name	Relationship	Phone#		
Family Doctor's Name	HARLING HOUSE CO.	Phone #		
Medication Participant is taking:		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Any known allergies or disabilitie	es?			
Are the participant's immuniza	tions current OYes ONo	Date of last Tetanus sl	hot/_	/
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We give permission to allow promotional materials. We also				
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HORSE RENTAL AGREEMENT AND LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

FOR INDIVIDUALS

This form must be completed by and for each participant

Little Sisters, Incorporated DBA White Pines Ranch

(STABLE NAME, hereinafter known as "THIS STABLE") 3581 W. Pines Road, Oregon, Illinois 61061 Phone: 815-732-7923 Fax: 815-732-7924

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

SERIOUS INJURY MAY RESULT FROM YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS ACTIVITY.
THIS STABLE DOES NOT GUARANTEE YOUR SAFETY.

A. <u>REGISTRATION OF RIDERS AND AGREEMENT PURPOSE</u> – In consideration of the payment of a fee and the signing of this agreement, I, the following listed individual, and the parent or legal guardians thereof if a minor, do hereby agree to hire from THIS STABLE a horse, tack and equipment, personnel and trail for the purpose of horseback riding today and on all future dates:

RIDER NAMEAGE (if under	21)
WEIGHT OVER 240# YES NO HORSE RIDING EXPERIENCE UNDER 10 HRS OVE	ER 10 HOURS
Does this rider have physical and/or mental health conditions, problems, and or disabilities which may affect and ability to ride a horse?YESNO If yes, please explain:	his/her safety

BOTH PARENT AND CHILD MUST INITIAL EACH PARAGRAPH

B. AGREEMENT SCOPE AND TERRITORY AND DEFINITIONS – This agreement shall be legally binding upon me the registered rider, and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor, my heirs, estates, assigns, including all minor children, and personal representatives; and it shall be interpreted according to the laws of the state and county of THIS STABLE'S physical location. Any dispute by the rider shall be litigated in and venue shall be the county in which THIS STABLE is physically located. If any clause, phrase or word is in conflict with state law, then that single part is null and void. The term "HORSE" herein shall refer to all equine species. The term "HORSEBACK RIDING" herein shall refer to a person who rides a horse mounted or otherwise ponies, mules, or donkeys, whether from the ground or mounted. The term "RIDER" shall herein refer to a person who rides a horse mounted or otherwise handles or comes near a horse from the ground. The terms "I", "ME", "MY" shall herein refer to the above registered rider and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor.

C. ACTIVITY RISK CLASSIFICATION — I UNDERSTAND THAT: Horseback riding is classified as RUGGED ADVENTURE RECREATIONAL SPORT ACTIVITY, and that there are numerous obvious and non-obvious inherent risks always present in such activity despite all safety precautions. According to NEISS (National Electronic Injury Surveillance Systems of United States Consumer Products) horse activities rank 64th among the activities of people relative to injuries that result in a stay at U.S. hospitals. Related injuries can be severe requiring more hospital days and resulting in more lasting residual effects than injuries in other activities. I/WE further understand that applicant may be participating in a "WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE" and that the meaning of this term is defined as follows: THE PURSUIT OF ADVENTURE TYPE ACTIVITY IN A WILD, RUGGED, AND UNCULTIVATED AREA OR REGION, AS OF FOREST and/or HILLS and/or MOUNTAINS and/or PLAINS and/or WETLANDS, WHICH WOULD LIKELY BE UNINHABITED BY PEOPLE AND INHABITED BY WILD ANIMALS OF MANY TYPES AND SPECIES TO INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, MAMMELS, REPTILES, AND INSECTS, WHICH ARE NOT TAME, MAY BE SAVAGE AND UNPREDICTABLE IN NATURE AND ALSO WANDERING AT THEIR WILL.

NATURE OF STABLE HORSES – I UNDERSTAND THAT: **THIS STABLE** chooses its rental horses for calm dispositions and sound basic training as is required for use as riding horses for novice and beginning riders, and **THIS STABLE** follows a rigid risk reduction program. Yet, no horse is a completely safe horse. Horses are 5 to 15 times larger, 20 – 40 times more powerful, and 3 to 4 times faster than a human. If a rider falls from horse to ground it will generally be at a distance of from 3.5 to 5.5 feet, and the impact may result in injury to the rider. Horseback riding is the only sport where one much smaller, weaker predator animal (human) tries to impose its will on another much larger, stronger prey animal with a mind of it's own (horse) and each has a limited understanding of the other. If a horse is frightened or provoked it may divert from its training and act according to its natural survival instincts which may include, but are not limited to: Stopping short; Changing directions or speed at will; Shifting its weight; Bucking, Rearing, Kicking, Biting, or Running from danger.

Parent Rider's initials

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PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

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Parent	Rider E.	RIDERS RESPONSIBILITY – I UNDERSTAND THAT: Upon mounting a horse and taking up the reins the rider is in primary control of the horse. The rider's safety largely depends upon his/her ability to carry out simple instructions, and his/her ability to remain balanced aboard the moving animal. I agree that the rider shall be
		responsible for his/her own safety, and that of an unborn child if the rider is pregnant. THIS STABLE advises
		pregnant women not to ride horses, unless permission is given under advice of her physician.
	F.	CONDITIONS OF NATURE - I UNDERSTAND THAT: THIS STABLE IS NOT responsible for total or partial
Parent	Rider	acts, occurrences, or elements of nature that can scare a horse, cause it to fall, or react in some other unsafe way. SOME EXAMPLES ARE: Thunder, lightning, rain, wind, water, wild and domestic animals, insects, reptiles,
		which may walk, run, or fly near, or bite or sting a horse or person; and irregular footing on out-of-door groomed or
		wild land which is subject to constant change in condition according to weather, temperature, and natural and man-
	0	made changes in landscape.
	G.	<u>CARRY-ON OBJECTS AND SHARP NOISES</u> – I UNDERSTAND THAT: Riders must not carry loose items on rides which may fall, blow away, flap in the wind, bounce, or make sharp noises, possibly scaring a horse. SOME
Parent	Rider	EXAMPLES ARE: Cameras, hats not securely fastened under chin, toys, purses. Riders must not make sharp,
		loud noises, such as screaming or yelling, which may scare a horse, CELL PHONES ARE NOT ALLOWED AROUND HORSES.
	H.	SADDLE GIRTHS-NATURAL LOOSENING – I UNDERSTAND THAT: Saddle girths (saddle fasteners around
Parent	Rider	horse's belly) may loosen during a ride. If a rider notices this he/she must alert the nearest guide or wrangler as
		quickly as possible so action can be taken to avoid slippage of saddle and a potential fall from the animal.
	I.	ACCIDENT/MEDICAL INSURANCE - I AGREE THAT: Should emergency medical treatment be required, I
Domest	Rider	and/or my own accident/medical insurance company shall pay for ALL such incurred expenses.
Parent	Kidei	My accident/medical insurance company is
		My policy/group number is
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	J.	PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR OFFERING: I, for myself and on behalf of my child and/or legal ward, will be offered a SEI CERTIFIED Equestrian Helmet by THIS STABLE and do understand that the wearing of such headgear while
		mounting, riding, dismounting and otherwise being around horses, may prevent or reduce severity of some of the
Parent	Rider	wearer's head injuries and possibly prevent the wearer's death from happening as the result of a fall and other
		occurrences. It is understood that STABLE-PROVIDED protective headgear may not be of perfect fit for each
		rider's head, and that once provided the rider will be responsible for securing the helmet on his/her head at all times.
	K.	ALL WHITE PINES RANCH GUESTS MUST WEAR HELMETS - NO EXCEPTIONS!
	κ,	<u>LIABILITY RELEASE</u> – I AGREE THAT: in consideration of THIS STABLE allowing my participation in this activity, under the terms set forth herein, I, the rider, for myself and on behalf of my child and/or legal ward, heirs,
		administrators, personal representatives or assigns, do agree to hold harmless, release, and discharge THIS
Parent	Rider	STABLE, it's owners, agents, employees, officers, directors, representatives, assigns, members, owners of premises
		and trails, affiliated organizations, Insurers, and others acting on its behalf (hereinafter, collectively referred to as
	1	"ASSOCIATES"), of and from all claims, demands, causes of action and legal liability, whether the same be known
		or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, due to THIS STABLE'S and/or ITS ASSOCIATES ordinary negligence; and I do further agree that except in the event of THIS STABLE'S gross and willful negligence, I shall bring no
		claims, demands, actions and causes of action, and/or litigation, against THIS STABLE and ITS ASSOCIATES as
		stated above in this clause, for any economic and non-economic losses due to bodily injury, death, property damage,
		sustained by me and/or my minor child and/or legal ward in relation to the premises and operations of THIS
		STABLE, to include while riding, handling or other wise being near horses owned by or in the care, custody and control of THIS STABLE, whether on or off the premises of THIS STABLE.
		All Riders and parents or Legal Guardians must sign below after reading this entire document.
		SIGNER STATEMENT OF AWARENESS
		THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE READ AND DO UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AGREEMENT, WARNINGS, E AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK. I/WE FURTHER ATTEST THAT ALL FACTS RELATING TO THE APPLICANT'S
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