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Camp Guidelines for Bringing Camp HLC to Your Area

1. **Time to plan camp:** Ideally, 6 months to 1 year
2. **Location:** YMCA camp that is available for 3 day weekend (Friday night until Sunday afternoon) that is at least 200 miles from another Camp HLC and provides:
 - a. Meals
 - b. Guided Activities
 - c. Winterized cabins with electricity and bathrooms
 - d. Cabins located in a group together for Camp HLC
3. **Volunteers:**
 - a. 1 volunteer chaperone for every 3 to 4 children
 - b. Camp Leader to work with HLC's Camp Director
 - c. At least 3 adults who can facilitate informal activities and guided discussions with children. Counselors, social workers and/or teachers are recommended.
 - d. Extra curricular volunteers:
 - i. Photographer to capture children's experiences
 - ii. Artist to create a joint therapeutic project with the children
 - iii. Wellness coach who can help children distress with massage, yoga and/or meditation
 - e. All volunteers must have a current background check completed by Camp HLC
4. **Attendees:** Camp is for children ages 6 through 21
 - a. Have at least 20 children registered
 - b. Have an affiliation and communication with ALS clinics/groups in area to recruit attendees**
 - c. Children under the age of 12 must come to camp with an adult chaperone
 - d. All attendees (children, volunteers, parents) must complete registration forms (waivers, medical information...)
 - e. Before camp, all adult attendees (parents, chaperones, volunteers) and parents that are not attending must attend *Review of Camp Rules* via teleconference
 - f. At camp, all attendees must attend *Review of Camp Rules*.
 - g. Have all attendees complete camp survey. Ask attendees to complete camp testimonial.
5. **Funding:** The YMCA camp fee ranges from \$200 to \$250 per person attending, on average, depending on the camp. **Must have ability to recruit sponsors and/or host to support camp.** Also, must be able to promote camp in area.

Additional costs associated with camp include:

- a. Camp t-shirts/sweatshirts
- b. Gift bags for children and volunteers. Gift bags for children typically include camp t-shirt, a few snacks and an age appropriate book.
- c. Providing \$10 for each child to spend in camp store
- d. Camp insurance