



# Camper Qualifications

Cavett Kids wants to provide nothing but the safest environment for every child. Because children's chronic illnesses vary substantially, each child and their specific situation will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis in an effort to determine eligibility. Also, there are special circumstances that allow us to make exceptions to the rules... **REMEMBER... When talking with parents about qualifications, make sure they understand that we have these guidelines to PROTECT THEIR KIDS! These qualifications are GOOD things... NOT BAD OR SAD!** In the past, when campers attended a camp that wasn't a good fit for them, it made them feel even more isolated than before. It can also be dangerous! Rocky terrain is not safe for kids with mobility issues. They help ensure that we recruit enough volunteers and **MEDICAL STAFF to MEET THE NEEDS OF THE CAMPERS!!** These qualifications are in place to ensure that the camp is a GOOD FIT for campers so that they have a SAFE and POSITIVE EXPERIENCE!

## GENERAL CAMPER CRITERIA

- Function independently without requiring continuous one-on-one supervision or attention
- Have the mental capacity to interact acceptably with others
- Independently abide by their previously identified specific dietary needs

## CAMP CAVETT

Camp Cavett campers must meet all of the above General Camper Criteria as well as the following criteria:

- Diagnosis** Any life-threatening or chronic illness
- Age** 10-18 (*Both mental age and developmental age*)
- Medical Details** Crosspoint Camp facilities consist of a very rocky, natural terrain. Therefore, the facility requires that children with wheelchairs needs have the physical ability to walk for short distances. Follow their medication schedule by going to the nurse's cabin when needed (*note: medications will be kept in the nurses cabin*)  
Personal skills of campers should include the ability to function independently for daily personal care (*i.e., eating, drinking, bathing, using the restroom and dressing*)

## HEART CAMP

Heart Camp campers must meet all of the above General Camper Criteria as well as the following criteria:

- Diagnosis** Congenital Heart Problem  
Recipient of a Heart Transplant
- Age** 14-18 (*Both mental age and developmental age*)
- Medical Details** The physical environment at Heart Camp consists of a mountainous, natural terrain. Therefore, the facility requires that campers are fully mobile and can ambulate independently. Follow their medication schedule independently or with minor assistance  
Personal skills of campers should include the ability to function independently for daily personal care (*i.e., eating, drinking, bathing, using the restroom and dressing*)

## LEADERSHIP CAMP

Leadership Camp campers must meet all of the above General Camper Criteria as well as the following criteria:

- Diagnosis** Any life-threatening or chronic illness
- Age** 15-18 (*Both mental age and developmental age*)
- Medical Details** Follow their medication schedule independently or with minor assistance  
Personal skills of campers should include the ability to function independently for daily personal care (*i.e., eating, drinking, bathing, using the restroom and dressing*)

## SKI CAMP

**Ski Camp** campers must meet all of the above [General Camper Criteria](#) as well as the following criteria:

	Diagnosed with cancer, with priority given in the following order:
<b>Diagnosis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Sarcomas</li><li>○ Brain Tumors</li><li>○ Physically Disabled by Cancer</li><li>○ All other types of cancers</li></ul>
<b>Age</b>	14-18 ( <i>Both mental age and developmental age</i> )
<b>Medical Details</b>	Follow their medication schedule independently or with minor assistance Personal skills of campers should include the ability to function independently for daily personal care (i.e., eating, drinking, bathing, using the restroom and dressing)

## CAMP WILDFIRE (at DryGulch)

**Camp Wildfire** campers must meet all of the above [General Camper Criteria](#) as well as the following criteria:

<b>Diagnosis</b>	Spina Bifida (cannot bring guests typically as first-time campers) PKU ( <b>sometimes</b> can bring guests as first-time campers)
<b>Age</b>	8-18
<b>Medical Details</b>	Follow their medication schedule by going to the nurse's cabin when needed (note: medications will be kept in the nurses cabin) Personal skills of campers should include the ability to function independently or with minimal assistance for daily personal care (i.e., eating, drinking, bathing, using the restroom and dressing)

## KAMP KIDNEY (DryGulch)

**Kamp Kidney** campers must meet all of the above [General Camper Criteria](#) as well as the following criteria:

<b>Diagnosis</b>	Chronic kidney disease Recipients of kidney transplants On Dialysis
<b>Age</b>	8-18 ( <i>Both mental age and developmental age</i> )
<b>Medical Details</b>	Follow their medication schedule by going to the nurse's cabin when needed (note: medications will be kept in the nurses cabin) Personal skills of campers should include the ability to function independently for daily personal care (i.e., eating, drinking, bathing, using the restroom and dressing)

## GUEST & SIBLING POLICY

We understand that being away from home can be scary, which is why we allow first-time campers to bring a guest with them to camp. We prefer that guests be the same sex and close in age to the camper. This is to ensure that the guests can stay in the same cabin as the camper and are spending time with their camper friend. In the past, we have had issues of guests pairing up with other guests, leaving the patient feeling left out. We have a no tolerance policy about guests forming "cliques" and leaving campers out. This is made clear during the first Challenge. If a camper chooses to bring a guest, they are expected to be together at all times. Guests must be between the ages of 10 and 18 and meet all qualifications that campers have to meet. Guests have to register for camp using the same online registration as patients. If you are a first-time camper and you are bringing a guest, you will be responsible for sharing the registration link with the guest's parent/guardian and ensuring that their registration is completed by the deadline.