

Camp Avanti: Overnight Campers

Intensive Sensory Integration Camp

2027 Overnight Camper Age Range:

- Campers who will be 8 through 12 years of age at the time of camp are appropriate for overnight camp.
- Children 8 years of age have the option to apply for day camp or overnight camp based on individual readiness for a sleep away camp.

Factors to consider when thinking about applying for Camp Avanti:

Camp Avanti is a program with very specific goals and intentions for campers. It is a highly organized experience with a therapeutic emphasis. We want campers to be as successful as possible within the program so please keep these considerations in mind.

- A common thread for all campers attending Avanti is they are experiencing sensory processing differences which may be impacting their motor function, social interactions, self-regulation, emotional state, and/or learning abilities to name a few.
- Even though our adult to child ratio is high, we do not provide 1:1 care/support for campers. If your child needs 1:1 adult support throughout the day, then Camp Avanti is not the right program.
- Camp Avanti might not be appropriate if your child's only or primary coping mechanism is eloping or fleeing because of the spread out features of the physical camp including a lake and ponds.
- Electronic devices are not allowed during the week of camp unless used for communication (i.e. for a non-speaking child). If your child relies on electronics for entertainment and/or regulation and you want to consider Camp Avanti then you will be expected to work on a plan to decrease their reliance on these devices prior to camp in order to facilitate a successful experience.
- Can your child go a week without direct communication with you? We, of course, will notify you of anything that happens during camp that cannot wait until the last day. However, a significant goal of camp is your child's autonomy. If children want to communicate with you, we will encourage them to write a letter, and we

are also happy to receive mail for your child. However, your child should not expect a daily call, nor should you expect daily communication unless it is urgent.

- Has your child had a sleepover experience other than with a relative? Campers sleep in cabins with a number of other children and adults, so it can be difficult for a child to manage if they haven't had previous opportunities. Please make opportunities for your child to practice sleepovers prior to camp.
- Endurance: camp days are long and physically intense; does your child have the stamina to cope with 6 consecutive days of camp?
- Ability to remain with a group: can your child remain with a group for the duration of a non-preferred activity? Can your child follow a group itinerary/schedule for the day? There is little individual choice around activities for the day at camp, and your child will be happiest and most successful if they can go along with the plan for the group.

Application Process & Cost:

Submission of an application does not guarantee a spot. Applications are reviewed to ensure this experience will be a good fit for all who are accepted. The application form is available on our website. Any campers NEW to Avanti will also need to submit a completed "teacher input form"; also available on our website.

As part of the application process, you will be asked to indicate if you think your camper may need a camper scholarship or if you intend to utilize county waiver funding to cover the cost of camp. This information is collected for planning purposes and will not affect eligibility.

You will not be expected to make a payment until your camper has been accepted. Once accepted, you will use the payment link on our website to make your payment.

Cost: 2027 pricing coming soon

The camper review committee will start processing applications in February. Applications will be reviewed in the order they are received and on a rolling basis until slots are filled. We will utilize a waiting list after slots are filled.