

# **Camp Avanti: Day Campers**

## **Intensive Sensory Integration Camp**

### **2026 Day Camper Age Range:**

- Campers who will be 6 through 8 years of age at the time of camp are appropriate for day 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 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.
- 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.
- If your child is 8 years of age and you are trying to decide between day camp and overnight camp, consider your child's readiness for multiple, consecutive nights at camp. If you are unsure about their ability to have a successful camp week while also sleeping at camp each night then day camp may be the better option. If you feel like your child is ready to sleep away at camp each night because they have demonstrated this ability during sleepovers with friends or family then overnight camp may be a good option.

### **Day Camp Schedule:**

- Start time daily: 8:30 am Monday - Friday (start time on Sunday 6/28 will be around mid-day due to our camp not officially starting on that day until mid-day)
- End time daily: 4:45 pm Sunday - Thursday (end time on Friday 7/3 will be earlier in the afternoon due to this being the last day of camp)
- Day campers will have the option to sleep over 1 or 2 nights (specific nights when this is available will be determined closer to camp) if the camper and family would like. This gives campers an opportunity to become comfortable with sleeping away at Camp Avanti for future years. This is not required and will not be any additional cost if a family decides to utilize this option.

### **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: \$1500**

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.

