



Camp LIFE

A camping adventure for children with disabilities and their siblings.

LIFE — it stands for Leadership, Independence and Friends through Experiences, and it's what embodies the spirit of Camp LIFE. Spearheaded by the Family Support Network, Camp LIFE creates an integrated, barrier-free setting in which children with disabilities and their siblings can fully participate. A weekend camp is held twice a year in the fall and spring, and a new weeklong camp is now held in the summer at the facilities of Camp for All in Burton, Texas, a fully accredited ACA campsite.

Many of the counselors at Camp LIFE are undergraduate students in a special education teacher training program at Texas A&M University. Participating as a counselor provides these future teachers an opportunity to teach social, recreational and independent living skills and to spend an entire weekend with campers with disabilities in a non-classroom setting.

A low counselor-to-camper ratio ensures that each camper receives the support he or she needs to fully participate in all activities. Campers engage in horseback riding, ropes course, climbing wall, petting zoo, swimming, canoeing, fishing, dancing, zip line, biking, archery, crafts and more.

Children with disabilities between the ages of 5 and 21 and their siblings between the ages of 5 and 14 are eligible to attend Camp LIFE. Applications, which are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, are available online.

“One thing [my husband and I] would never have is a day off if it weren't for Camp LIFE. It is the only respite we and many other parents get from the exhausting tasks of caring for children with disabilities. Best of all, our kids get to participate in all kinds of activities from which they are sometimes excluded, including canoeing, fishing, archery, kickball, wall climbing, and dancing.”

— *Mother of two boys with autism who attend Camp LIFE*

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