Camp Wekandu
June 18–23, 2023

A summer camp for children and teens with juvenile arthritis and other related diseases

1980–2023
43 years of fun & friendship
For 43 years, Camp Wekandu has provided the opportunity to attend a summer residential camp to children and teens with juvenile arthritis, or a related illness. The staff at the Rheumatology Clinic of Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center, alongside the staff of Joy Outdoor Education Center, organize activities that help campers build self-esteem, confidence, independence and lasting friendships.

HOW DO WE REGISTER?
To register, a parent or guardian must complete the Application Form in this brochure. Reservations will be made based on the date of receipt of this Application Form. In addition, required medical forms will be sent for completion after the Application Form is received. You can access an electronic version of the forms at cincinnatichildrens.org. Once you get on the site then go to “Our Clinical Services,” then to “Rheumatology” and then “For patients and families.” You can also search the site for “Camp Wekandu.”

WHO MAY ATTEND?
Any child or adolescent with arthritis or a related condition, who has completed first grade through high school graduation, may attend regardless of ability to pay.

MAY WE VISIT OR CALL?
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WHEN AND WHERE DO WE GO?
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FACILITIES
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Camp Wekandu encourages participation in a variety of activities that help the camper develop skills and a sense of accomplishment. Activities are adapted to each child’s abilities and promote the development of new friendships and individual growth in social, motor and self-help skills. All camp activities are supervised in a safe and nurturing environment. Examples include:

- Archery
- Arts and crafts
- Boating
- Campfires
- Canoeing
- Climbing Wall
- Culinary arts
- Fishing
- Group exercises
- Medline Education
- Music
- Nature center
- Media center
- Offsite activity
- Ropes Courses
- Singing
- Star gazing
- Astronomy
- Survival skills
- Swimming (walk-in pool)
- Webcasting
- Yoga

ACTIVITIES

The camp staff includes a full-time camp director, program specialists, cabin counselors, and auxiliary staff. The counselors are selected from experienced college-age and older individuals with a special interest in working with children who have arthritis.

A physician from the Division of Rheumatology at Cincinnati Children’s, and a camp nurse are on the premises 24 hours a day. Either a physical or occupational therapist is there all day.

The physical therapist or occupational therapist provides group exercises, supervision of individual therapy programs, and instruction in independent daily living activities.

To help the campers understand and deal with health-related problems more effectively, additional members of the Division of Rheumatology staff visit the camp daily to hold group educational sessions. Division of Rheumatology staff will meet with campers’ parents on the first day of camp to review medical orders. All medications given during camp are given by the physician or camp nurse. Camp personnel will adhere to all medical orders and activity recommendations sent by the camper’s physician.

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QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION

For more info on Camp Wekandu, please contact the Rheumatology Clinic.

Phone: 513-636-4676 | 800-344-2462 ext 4676
E-mail: daniel.lovell@cchmc.org
Fax: 513-636-5568

APPLICATION FORM

Please complete and return this application with an enclosed check by May 10. Space is limited and campers will be accepted in the order that they apply.

A $25.00 registration fee must be sent with the application. Medical forms will be mailed out after application is received and are due by June 1.

Mail forms to:
Attention: Daniel Lovell
Division of Rheumatology
Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center
3333 Burnet Avenue, MLC 4010
Cincinnati, OH 45229-3039

CAMP STAFF

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* Difficulty in paying the full fee should not prevent any child from attending camp. Financial assistance is available.

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Make checks payable to: CCHMC - Camp Wekandu

* Please check here if you are interested in donating to a Camp Wekandu scholarship fund

* Indicate donation amount

I heard about camp through: .................................................................

Home phone: ..................................................................................

Parent’s work phone: .................................................................

Parent’s cell phone: ..................................................................

Parent’s email address: ..............................................................

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Parent’s work phone: ..................................................................

Office phone: ..................................................................................

Camper’s children: ........................................................................

Camper’s name: ..........................................................................

Date of Birth: ............................................. Male Female

Camper’s pediatrician: ...............................................................
HOW DO WE GET TO CAMP JOY?
From Cincinnati: Take I-71 north to exit 36. Go right onto Wilmington Road, then take an immediate right on Middleboro Road. Go left at first stop sign onto SR 350 east. Follow 350 for five miles to US 22. Go right on US 22 south for one mile, then left on Old 3-C Highway. 1/2 mile to Joy entrance on right. (About 50 minutes from downtown Cincinnati)

From Dayton: Take I-75 south to exit 38, then go left to follow SR 73 east through Springboro. Continue through Waynesville and the Caesar’s Creek area. Cross over I-71. Go right on 380 south to US 22. Go right on west-south US 22 for five miles to Old 3-C Highway, then left 1/2 mile to Joy entrance on right. (About 60 minutes from downtown Dayton)

From Columbus: Take I-71 south to exit 45, then left 1/4 mile on SR 73 to SR 380. Go right on 380 south to US 22. Go right on west-south US 22 for five miles to Old 3-C Highway, then left 1/2 mile to Joy entrance on right. (About 75 minutes from downtown Columbus)

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