



EVERY KID CAMP

AT SU WE BELIEVE THAT ALL CHILDREN SHOULD BE ABLE TO ATTEND CAMP, REGARDLESS OF ABILITY.



HOW THE AODA (ACCESSIBILITY FOR ONTARIANS WITH A DISABILITY ACT) IMPACTS YOUR CHURCH

Because your SU camp is available to the public, this means that it must be made available in the same way to children with exceptional needs. This does not mean that you must provide special programming tailored to children with exceptionalities, but it does mean that they must be able to sign up for your camp just like anyone else.



AODA

As of January 1st 2012, the AODA Act legally requires all organizations, both public and private, that provide goods or services either directly to the public or to other organizations in Ontario (third parties) and that have one or more employees to provide accessible customer service to persons of all ability levels.

Inclusion Help From Scripture Union

Here's how we help:

- Receiving requests for phone calls from parents of children with exceptional needs
- Interviewing parents about the needs of their children
- Developing a camp plan for each camper with exceptional needs and using this information to help camp staff and volunteers support the camper
- Being available during the week of camp for consultation via phone
- Providing an Inclusion Coach to attend camp to support campers with exceptional needs if criteria for need has been met
- Giving all of our Directors, Coaches and Inclusion Coaches additional training to equip them to support campers with exceptional needs



Registration

We recommend that parents of campers with exceptional needs request a phone call from our Inclusion Coordinator by emailing us here. SU's Inclusion Coordinator will then follow up with parents of the camper and provide the appropriate staff and volunteers with a pre-camp report detailing recommendations for the camper.

VOLUNTEERS

Our goal is to have a 'buddy' for each camper with exceptional needs that will not be attending camp with an SU Inclusion Coach or a support worker provided by the family. This can be a teen or adult from your church with a heart for campers with special needs. This volunteer will be required to pass a screening process including a criminal record check. The number of children with special needs admitted to camp will be dependant on the number of quality volunteers available.

All Every Kid Camp applicants will be pre-screened by SU's Inclusion Coordinator before camp. The 1:1 care of campers with complex medical or behavioural needs will be the responsibility of a support worker provided by the family. This support worker will be required to pass the same screening and criminal record check as all volunteers present at the camp.

FACILITY CONSIDERATION

Facility limitations are important to consider. Our Inclusion Coordinator will help you, your camp director and parents of children with special needs determine if there are any facility concerns for Every Kid Camp applicants.

Questions to consider include: Could a child with a wheelchair or mobility restrictions access the places your activities will be held? Is there a quiet space available for children who need to take a break with a support worker?

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