



Frequently Asked Questions

How much does Pine Tree Camp Cost?

Since it began in 1945, Pine Tree Camp has never turned a camper away due to inability to pay tuition. Though tuition is \$1,900, families can apply for tuition assistance during the online application process. Pine Tree Society is proud of this open door policy and is committed to keeping it in place for years to come.

Who attends Pine Tree Camp?

Pine Tree Camp welcomes campers with a wide range of physical and/or intellectual disabilities. There is a wide spectrum of campers - from needing minimal support to requiring extensive support in all aspects of daily living. The disabilities we see include, but are not limited to, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, spina bifida, Down Syndrome and autism spectrum disorders. Pine Tree Camp also welcomes children who are Deaf, are blind and have speech challenges.

Will Pine Tree Camp meet my child's medical needs?

Yes. Campers' medical needs range from minimal to extensive. The camp's medical staff includes two Registered Nurses with a combined 20-plus years at the camp. In addition, three Certified Nurses Assistants are on-hand to care for campers. Our nursing staff live at camp and are available around the clock. The consulting camp doctor, who previously worked at Pine Tree Camp as a counselor, is available as needed. The Wellness and Welcome Center houses Pine Tree Camp's infirmary, featuring hospital-grade materials, four sick bays and climate control. In addition, the building is equipped with a generator to ensure that campers using ventilators, motorized wheelchairs or electric feeding tubes are safe and well cared for should the power go out.

Who will care for my child?

While no one can quite provide the loving care and support of a mother or father, Pine Tree Camp's counseling staff comes pretty close. Our staff provides constant care and support to campers. Counselors live in cabins with campers and are on-hand 24/7 to ensure that campers are safe and cared for. Staff prepare for their important jobs through an intensive two-week training session prior to the beginning of camp and training continues during camp session breaks. Training covers topics including camper care, feeding, behavioral issues, communication strategies for nonverbal campers and lifting and transferring. Counseling staff spend time with each family upon arrival. They get to know the camper and his or her likes, dislikes, needs and schedule. That information helps ensure that the counseling staff provides the type of care the camper requires.

Will my child make friends?

Summer camp is all about making friends. That's no different at Pine Tree Camp. Our counseling staff is trained in providing support to campers in making friends. The result is a close bond between cabinmates and support that lives well beyond the camp session.

What if I'm not ready to have my child stay overnight?

Pine Tree Camp has a special family cabin in which a parent or caregiver may stay with the camper. It's a great way to try Pine Tree Camp out. Also, Pine Tree Camp's day camp, Camp Pine Cone, offers fun-filled, fully accessible day camp programming. Pine Tree Camp is one of the many programs of Pine Tree Society.

What if I'm ready to enroll my child for Pine Tree Camp?

Register at www.pinetreesociety.org. Online applications are available from early January until sessions fill to capacity. For more information, call 207-386-5993.