



## Camp Buckaroo Camper Frequently Asked Questions



### 1. What is Camp Buckaroo?

Camp Buckaroo is a week-long day camp for children with disabilities (ages 6-15) and their siblings (ages 6-10) to attend together. Campers are paired 1:1 with a volunteer, who acts as their “buddy” for their week and helps to lead them through activities. Each day of camp has a different theme, such as “Into the Wild” or “Out of this World!” and all games, music, crafts, and otherwise are geared towards the theme of the day. We offer four sessions of Camp Buckaroo throughout June and July. Camper hours are 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. each day, Monday through Friday.

### 2. What are the eligibility requirements to be a camper?

- Campers must be between the ages of 6-15 years old, and have a diagnosed disability. We commonly serve children with cerebral palsy, intellectual disability/IDD, down syndrome, autism, etc.
  - Due to the nature of our volunteer-based program, we are not equipped to accept campers with behavioral issues.
- Campers cannot have a history of physical abuse of self or others including hitting, biting, scratching, spitting, kicking, etc.
- Campers must be cognitively aware that he/she is participating in a camping program and be capable of interacting with strangers in some capacity.

### Camp Buckaroo Schedule Summer 2023

2023 Camp Dates and Locations	
Date	Location
June 12 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	St. John the Divine- Houston 2450 River Oaks Boulevard Houston, TX
June 19 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup>	The Woodlands United Methodist Church 2200 Lake Woodlands Drive The Woodlands, TX
July 17 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup>	Sugar Creek Baptist Church 13223 Southwest Freeway Sugar Land, TX
July 24 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>	Shepherd of the Heart-Pearland 12005 County Road 59 Pearland, Texas

### 3. What are the COVID-19 protocols at Camp Buckaroo?

- Campers and volunteers must either a) submit proof of vaccination against COVID-19, or b) submit proof of a negative COVID-19 test result taken 48 hours before arriving to camp on Monday.
- Camp will run in two groups (by age); the groups will have different schedules to limit the daily interaction between groups.
- Volunteers must wear masks throughout the duration of camp, and we ask that campers that are able to wear masks/keep a mask on to continue wearing one as well.

### 4. What activities do campers participate in at Camp Buckaroo?

The daily schedule of Camp Buckaroo includes many fun and engaging activities! Each day at camp we do energizers, arts & crafts, group games, have free time, and eat snack! We also incorporate special guests in our schedule, which can include dance/movement class, karate, music therapy, Crocodile Encounter, and more!

### 5. Who are the staff at Camp Buckaroo?

The Camp Director is always on-site during camp hours, as well as our camp nurse (RN) to handle first aid and medication administration. Volunteers are paired one-on-one with campers, and act as their buddy for the week at camp! We always maintain at-least a 1:1 ratio between campers and staff.

### 6. How do I apply for my child to attend Camp Buckaroo?

- Fill out an online application through the Active website. Applications can be found on the Camps & Recreation page of the Easter Seals website or by contacting Ross McCann at [RMcCann@eastersealshouston.org](mailto:RMcCann@eastersealshouston.org)
  - If you are enrolling your child for more than one session of Camp Buckaroo- please add each session to your cart and “checkout”.
- All **new** camp families will need to meet with the director (virtually) during the spring / prior to acceptance to discuss your camper’s needs & interests, and to answer any questions you have about camp.
- All campers will receive an e-mail confirming their acceptance, denial, or waitlisted spot for the week of Camp Buckaroo.

### 7. What is the cost associated with Camp Buckaroo?

Camp Buckaroo is \$100 per child per week. There are a limited number of scholarships available through Easter Seals. We offer varying levels of scholarships depending on the demonstrated need of the family; the online application contains a section about scholarship requests.



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