

A Typical Day at Camp

7:15–8:00	Early Morning Fishing
8:00–8:45	Breakfast
8:45–9:00	Morning Aerobics
9:00–10:30	Swimming
11:00–11:50	Star Place Rock Wall
12:00–1:00	Lunch
1:00–3:00	Cabin Time
3:00–3:50	Horses & Barnyard
4:00–4:50	Beauty Spa
5:00–5:50	Cabin Pick Its
6:00–7:00	Dinner
7:30–9:00	Talent Show/ Ice Cream Social
9:30–10:30	Counselor Game Night

CAMP HOPE



“Camp Hope reminded me that life is a gift and I should not take my health for granted. It showed me that every single human being deserves respect, deserves a chance.”

– Camp Hope Counselor

According to the Centers for Disease Control, recent data indicates that 2 in 5 new HIV infections occur in youth¹. The highest concentrations of those HIV diagnoses are in the Southern and Southeastern United States. To prevent youth from falling prey to illness and stigma, AIDS Foundation Houston designed a youth summer program to give HIV-positive youth the confidence, education and life skills to lead healthy lives.

Do you know a child or young adult who would like to participate in Camp Hope?

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¹ www.cdc.gov/hiv/risk/age/youth



CAMP HOPE SUMMER PROGRAM

Giving HIV-positive youth the confidence and skills to lead healthy lives.



Camp Hope, July 16–21

Since 1996, Camp Hope has supported the social, emotional, medical development of HIV-positive youth ages 7–16. Over the years more than 2,000 HIV-positive children have experienced the joy and life skills camp brings.

Camp Activity	Age Range
Campus Daily Options	7 to 16 year olds
Activities include high indoor and outdoor ropes course, photography lab, music recording studio, horseback riding, biking, swimming, canoeing, sports, arts & crafts, cooking and so much more!	
Teen Talk	13 to 16 year olds
A program that includes the nature of healthy relationships, exploring life skills, the importance of medical adherence, and managing disclosure.	
Leaders-in-Training	16 year olds only
A program that incorporates leadership development, social responsibility, higher education activities, training as peer health ambassadors.	

“We have seen kids go to camp not able to take medications at all and then by the end of camp they are taking meds like a pro. It truly is amazing how much progress can be made in 5 days.”

— Matthew Leahy, Camp Hope Psychosocial Director

Camp Fees & Transportation

- There are no fees to attend Camp Hope.
- Transportation is not included.
- Buses from Houston, TX to the facility are provided free of charge.
- Campers are also invited to utilize private transportation to the facility in Burton, Texas
- Many of the participating medical institutions provide bus services to campers.
- Each institution coordinates their transportation independent of Camp Hope.

Camp Staff

Counselors: Camp Hope boasts a highly committed group of community volunteer professionals who are thoroughly screened and trained to serve as camp counselors. Many of our volunteers have proudly served as counselors for more than 15 years and have seen campers grow up and join their ranks as volunteers. New counselors are invited to apply and are matched with experienced counselors their first year.

Medical Staff: Partnering with major medical institutions, Camp Hope is staffed with a full medical and psychosocial team of medical professionals who volunteer each year to assure the health and safety of the campers. Current medical partners include:

Children’s Medical Center (Dallas)
 University of Texas Medical Branch (Galveston)
 University of Texas Health Science Center (Houston)
 Texas Children’s Hospital (Houston)
 Cook Children’s Health Care System (Ft. Worth)
 University of Louisiana (Monroe)
 The University of Mississippi Medical Center
 Broward Health (Ft. Lauderdale)
 University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
 LSU Health Baton Rouge
 LSU/Tulane in New Orleans

Facilities

Camp Hope is hosted at Camp for All, a unique totally barrier-free camp facility in Burton, Texas which meets multiple dietary needs, provides professionally trained staff and offers activities that are universal and open to all.

Campers are assigned twin sized beds including linens, towels and toiletries in spacious wood cabins. Each cabin is separated by age group and psychological development and is decorated by the counselors to match the annual camp theme. Cabin sizes accommodate 10–14 campers and 4–5 camp counselors.

Camp Registration

Deadline: **Monday, May 1, 2017**

Necessary documents needed to attend camp:

Completed by legal guardian

- Application
- Photograph release form
- Participation consent
- Liability release form
- Alcohol and drug use policy
- Camper confidentiality agreement
- Notice of privacy practice

Completed by medical provider

- Referral
- Medical information and release form
- Medical form

Completed by case manager or social worker

- Behavioral information form

Registration Information

Who is eligible to register?

- Camper must be HIV positive
- Camper must be between the ages of 7 to 16

When to register?

Registration opens
 Monday, February 6, 2017

How to register?

- Contact your local medical provider, social worker, case manager or AIDS Foundation Houston
- Download the application at: aidshelp.org/camphope

Deadline

- Complete the camper application documents by May 1, 2017 and submit to:
 AIDS Foundation Houston
 6260 Westpark Drive Suite #100,
 Houston, Texas 77057