

Silver Lake Summer Conferences provides an environment to nurture children and youth of many backgrounds and abilities so that all may have the opportunity to share in our Christian Community. It is our sincerest wish to ensure a positive conference experience for all God's children.

We strongly encourage parental involvement ahead of their conference to ensure programs and facilities meet the needs of your individual child. If your child has special physical, mental, developmental, or dietary needs that require special support, please contact the Program Director prior to the start of the conference. As a home for inclusivity, we will do our best to reasonably accommodate requests to ensure safety and comfort of our campers and community.

At the same time, it is important to know that Silver Lake is not a special needs camp and is not equipped to support campers who would need one-on-one support. When considering whether Silver Lake is the right fit for your camper, please keep in mind the following expectations that our campers are responsible for:

1. Campers are able to perform daily hygiene tasks, including dressing self, brushing teeth independently, showering independently, and self-regulating use of the toilet. *For our younger campers, we understand and expect our counseling staff to be present for mild support and guidance during these actions*
 1. We are able to support chronic bedwetters. Please contact the Program Director to put a plan in place.
 - b. Campers are able to self-regulate at meal times and be willing to try new foods. Missing the comfort foods of

home can be difficult for many campers. We hope to encourage your child to try something new, but campers are expected to eat something substantial at every meal (ie, cereal, sunbutter and jelly, etc).

- a. We are able to accommodate a range of special diets, but extreme restrictions will have to be supplemented with food provided by the camper's family. Please contact the Program Director if your camper has a restrictive diet.
- a. Camper is able to function as a part of a high-paced, stimulating environment. Our programs are designed to find the excitement of camp in every moment. Some activities might be overstimulating for campers with sensitivity to noise and lack of structure. There is intentional quiet time daily, but campers are exposed to high paced and fast energy activities daily. At Silver Lake, we go with the flow and welcome the next adventure.
- b. Camper is able to self-regulate emotions safely and look to adults for support when in a community setting. Camp can be a lot to digest in a week's time. Emotions can run high, and we look to our campers to be leaders when problem solving. Our expectation is for campers to always involve adults when a serious conflict arises to ensure safety of our community.
- c. Camper is able to sleep in a cabin with other campers.

In addition to special needs, please inform the Program Director of any special circumstances that your child may be facing prior to arriving at Silver Lake. A recent death of a loved one, family

divorce, or a change in medication may contribute to a child's behavior while at Silver Lake, and any information you share with us will assist us in understanding and meeting the needs of your child. All information shared with the Program Director will be handled confidentially.