

## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

*How much does camp cost?*

Our summer camp is completely free.

*Where do we hold camp?*

In 2021, our camp was held at Rainier Vista Park. This may vary from year-to-year.

*Who are participants at TCI's camp?*

Our participants range in age from 5 to 21 and are individuals with and without intellectual disabilities. They represent over 18 schools in Thurston County.

*How do I register for camp?*

You can find registration information on our website:

*What are the different sessions?*

9 - 11 AM: Morning Session for ages 5 to 12

12 - 2 PM: Two Afternoon Sessions, one for ages 13 - 17, one for ages 18 - 21.

*My child cannot be ready in the morning by 9 for the morning session. Can they come to the afternoon session?*

Yes, if your child would like to attend the afternoon session that is possible.

*Do I need to stay with my child at camp?*

We do not require a parent to stay. However, we ask a parent/guardian/caretaker to stay if the child has behavioral issues. We also cannot assist with feeding, medication, or bathrooms, so if there is an anticipated need for any of these things, we ask a parent to stay.

*Can I stay with my child at camp?*

Yes! Parents/guardians/caretakers are welcome to stay and participate or watch. You will need to complete a Liability/Media form available on our website:

*My child has a tendency to elope. Can someone be assigned to them?*

Yes, please indicate that your child may elope and they will be given 1-on-1 or 2-on-1 support. Please inform us of why your child may elope and what to do in these situations.

*We are traveling this summer. Can my child attend some of the sessions?*

Yes. There will be a form to complete to inform us of what days your child will be able to attend.

*My child is nervous about camp and has sensory difficulties. Is this camp a good fit?*

We seek to be inclusive of all children. However, we recognise that camp's can be overwhelming. We anticipate that there may be as many as 75 people at each camp. All of the people will be spread out over a field and for much of the camp, your child will be in a small group. Also, if a child does not want to participate in an activity or is feeling overwhelmed, there are spaces available for us to sit outdoors and do a quiet activity. We will also be holding a volunteer and participant meet-and-greet prior to the start of camp, so this will be an opportunity to get more comfortable with the environment.

*What does my child need to bring to camp?*

We would like your child to wear their camp t-shirt and bring a water bottle. Please label all items. A snack will be provided during camp. An example snack is SmartPop and an Orange.

*Who is staffing this camp?*

TCI has two Executive Directors that run our camp. They will be supported by 25 volunteers per session. There are lots of eyes and support for your child.

*Can my child come with a friend or sibling?*

Yes. Please register both participants for our camp and indicate that they may want to be grouped together. If they are different ages and would be in different camps, it is OK to sign them up for the same session.

*Does camp fill up? What happens if it does?*

Yes, our camp did fill up during the first year and we expect it to again this year. There is a waitlist.

*I cannot drop my child off at camp. Is there any transportation?*

TCI does not provide transportation. If your child is able to take the bus or bike, that is allowed and just requires an additional form signed. We also encourage you to reach out to other parents who may be interested in carpooling.

*What happens if it rains, is smokey, too hot, or other weather conditions?*

TCI has policies related to inclement weather. If the decision is made to move indoors or cancel, this will be sent via email to your registration email.

*How can I support TCI?*

There are many ways to support us, including Monetary Donations, Sponsorships, and item donations. Please see our website for more information:

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