



January 15, 2020

Dear Friends,

We're delighted to share more information about this year's **RVRN Youth Specialty Program at CedarS Camps, offered during Session 1 (one or both weeks), June 7-20.** This unique experience is the *first of its kind* youth session and provides a fun camp experience for children with special needs who may not otherwise be able to attend alongside their peers. We hope you and your child are available to join us!

The purpose of Rainbow Valley Resource Network is to advocate for and support the spiritual growth and enrichment of individuals who are working through the labels of developmental disabilities and who have chosen Christian Science as their way of life. The purpose of CedarS Camps is to give each camper an appreciation of spiritual sense and an abundance of wholesome, joyous activity. What an amazing intersection of right ideas!

The metaphysical theme at camp this year is, "*Come enlarge your treasures of Truth!*" The effect of this spiritualization of thought "confers upon man enlarged individuality, a wider sphere of thought and action, a more expansive love, a higher and more permanent peace" (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* 265:1-15).

We are working very closely with the CedarS directors to plan an experience that will be tailored to the individual needs of each camper. Camper activities are flexible according to needs, interests, and readiness levels; and the CedarS and RVRN staff will joyfully lead activities, serve as guides, and offer support to ensure a meaningful and enjoyable experience. Our executive director, Julie Finnin Day, will also be participating with her beautiful daughter, Sabine. "I never thought CS summer camp would be a possibility for Sabine," Julie shares. "I can't wait to watch her dive into all the love and fun (and horses!) of CedarS camp!"

Please be aware that CedarS is not physically set up as an adaptive camp as some of you may have experienced at an Easter Seals or similar adaptive camps. Additional floating chaperones will be available to step in and provide extra coverage, and we are happy to work with you in planning as much respite time as possible throughout the session.

A typical day begins with morning clean-up and preparations followed by breakfast, practitioner talk, and Bible Lesson study. There are a wide variety of both indoor and outdoor daily camp activity rotations. Also, woven throughout the day are opportunities for quiet and reflection. Fellowship time with other parents and caregivers is a special feature of this program. After bedtime, childcare support will be available for parents and caregivers to connect and share resources and inspiration.

Each camper and their parent will stay in an air-conditioned bedroom with private bathroom, and we will work with you to make sure all accommodations are suitable to meet your needs. The bedrooms have twin size mattresses, private bathrooms, and temperature control. Average temperatures range from 60-85 degrees.

Tuition for this program is \$1700/week for one child and one parent, which includes housing, meals, and daily activities. Each additional parent or caregiver is \$400/week. As with all of our programs, funding should never be a barrier to participation. Because of generous donations and grants, we are happy to provide financial assistance for up to the full cost of tuition and/or travel.

Shuttle bus service to and from St. Louis Lambert International Airport (STL) and camp is also available via CedarS Express for a nominal fee of \$88/person (round-trip). Those taking advantage of this service should plan travel as follows:

- **Session 1 (BOTH WEEKS):** Please schedule your flight to arrive at STL by 4pm on Saturday, June 6th and to depart on Saturday, June 20th after 2pm.
- **Session 1.1 (WEEK ONE ONLY):** Please schedule your flight to arrive at STL by 4pm on Saturday, June 6th and to depart on Saturday, June 13th after 2pm.
- **Session 1.2 (WEEK TWO ONLY):** Please schedule your flight to arrive at STL by 4 pm on Saturday, June 13th and to depart on Saturday, June 20th after 2pm.

All registration and information forms are available online. **Please visit the Events page on our website at <https://rvrnetwork.org/our-events/cedars-youth-specialty-program/> to access and complete the following forms for this program by May 8:**

- Registration Form
- Financial Assistance Application
- RVRN Release of Liability (ROL)
- Travel Form

On behalf of our board and the RVRN and CedarS staff, we sincerely hope you consider joining this very inspiring opportunity. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions (719-966-7876).

With love,



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