



Residential Camp Amicus 2010 Information For Parents and Campers



1. Transportation:

Transportation between Calgary and the Goldeye Centre campsite is provided by the Learning Disabilities Association of Alberta – Calgary Chapter. Departure and arrival will be from **Deerfoot Mall in the Sears Parking Lot: 901 – 64th Avenue N.E.**

Departure Time is 9:00am. Please be at Deerfoot Mall between 8:30am and 8:45 am to ensure that the bus can leave promptly at 9:00. All children must be registered before getting on the bus.



Arrival Time from camp is 4:00pm at Deerfoot Mall. Each camper must be signed out in order to take them home.
***Please ensure that you get any medication from the nurse before going home.**

Departure Dates:

Taste of Camping: July 3	Friendship Camp: July 9	Teen Buddies Camp: July 18
Buddies Camp: July 25	Friendly Camp: August 1	

Arrival Dates:

Taste of Camping: July 6	Friendship Camp: July 16	Teen Buddies Camp: July 23
Buddies Camp: July 30	Friendly Camp: August 6	

2. Communication:

Because our camps are too short for the campers to receive letters from home through the mail, we ask parents to **write one to four letters** that we can give your child throughout the camp. This helps with homesickness and makes them realize they haven't been forgotten. Please give letters to a counsellor at drop off.



Phone Calls:

If you have any questions during the camp, you may contact Harjyot at the LDAA-CC office at 283-6606 ext 102 or at programs@ldaa.net. We have a 24-hour emergency contact number, which is to be used outside of regular office hours from July 2 – August 20. It will be available on our website www.LDAA.net, at the Parent Orientation Night, and at camper drop-off.

- We strongly discourage direct calls to and from campers. Campers **will not be allowed cell phones** at the camp. Please assist in developing your child's independence by following this rule.

Camp Amicus Blog:

Camp Amicus has a blog for us to keep parents up to date about Camp and what is happening on a daily basis. Please note this is a public blog where anyone can see and read the information. You may check the blog at: campamicus.blogspot.com.

3. Pick-up:

We assume that the person(s) listed as parent/guardian information and emergency contacts on the registration forms are approved to pick up your child. If you would like to add anyone, please contact Harjyot. The LDAA-CC must know at least **3 hours** in advance if someone else will be picking up your child after camp. You are welcome to call the 24 hour emergency contact number. If you are planning to pick up your child at the campsite, you must confirm 24 hours prior to pick up. All campers must be signed out prior to leaving Deerfoot Mall.

4. Emergency Procedures:

If there is an emergency involving your child, we will try to contact you in the following order:

- Parent home number, work number, cell number
- Second parent home, work and cell number
- Emergency contact information**



** Please ensure the emergency contact person is different from parents as we will have already contacted parents before using these numbers. If there is an emergency at home where you need to contact your camper, please call the emergency number provided.

5. Dietary Restrictions:

Camp Amicus food service provides a balanced, child-friendly diet for all meals.

Be sure to let us know if your child has any dietary concerns **before May 28** and the specifics of the reaction. There is an area on the registration forms for this information. Because of common reactions, the food is nut free, low sugar and low food dye.

6. Health Services:

Camp Amicus has a well educated nurse on staff and a well-stocked first aid room. While the camp has sunscreen and bug spray, your child will be required to bring their own.

All staff hold a current first aid and CPR certification and the Camp Nurse is on site 24 hours a day. In the unlikely event of a serious injury or illness, an ambulance or STARS will be called. In the case of non-threatening injuries or illness, an emergency onsite vehicle is supplied for transport. Campers will be taken to Rocky Mountain House Hospital and the Camp Director will stay in contact with parents during this time.

7. Medications:

****Do NOT pack any medications or medical supplies in your camper's suitcase or backpack!****

- Upon arrival at Deerfoot Mall, please register all medication with the nurse.
- Medication must be in the original bottle or bubble packaging.
- All medication must be kept with the nurse.
- One extra day of medication should be provided in case replacement is needed.
- Be sure to pick up all medication from the nurse before taking your child home.
- All medications will be administered by our camp nurse.
- Medications include over the counter medication such as Tylenol or Advil, prescription medication, vitamins etc.



Please Note: If your child is on medication during school, they are required to be on medication at camp.

8. Parent & Child Orientation Evening:

On **Tuesday, June 29, 2010**, all Camp Amicus parents and children for Residential Camp are invited to attend an orientation session from **7:00 pm to 8:30 pm** at Dr. Oakley School (#3904, 20 Street SW). At the meeting, parents will be given a 24-hour emergency phone number; see pictures from previous years of camp, meet the counsellors and gain valuable information. Children will meet the counsellors, play some games and get to know other campers.

9. Lost & Found:

Every year we have a large lost and found (mostly of socks and underwear). You can help to reduce this pile by:

- Ensure that everything is labelled.
- Have your child help pack so they will recognise their belongings.
- Send along the packing list so your child can make sure everything is packed for home.
- At pick-up, look through the lost and found from that week.



Please do not send your child's most precious item with them. While we try to ensure your child's belongings come home with them, **the LDAA-CC is not responsible for any lost or broken items.*

10. Fee Subsidies & Third Party Billing (FSCD)

Subsidies may be available based on income. It is a parent's responsibility to download and fill out all necessary information and provide proof of income. Any proof of income will be destroyed after your subsidy is assessed so please do not send an original copy.

In order for the LDAA-CC to bill a third party including Family Support for Children with Disabilities (FSCD) we require that all information is correctly filled out and confirmed by your support worker with a signature or initial.

Subsidy applications (including Third Party Billing) are available on the LDAA-CC website at www.LDAA.net. Payment plans are also available. If you require any help while filling out any of these forms, staff at the LDAA-CC will be happy to help.



11. Photos and Video:

All parents are required to sign a media release form for their child. If you check off that you would like your child's photo to be for office purposes only, we will take pictures and video of your child that will go in the LDAA-CC archives and photo album only.

If you check off that it is ok for us to use your child's photo for office use and promotional items, their photo may be on our website, in our newsletter, on promotional brochures or framed on our walls.

If you check off that you don't want any photos or video taken, your child will be asked to step away from group photos and will be excluded from all photo or video opportunities. The LDAA-CC accepts no liability for the use of photos taken by a third party including and not limited to personal photos taken by other campers and counsellors.

12. Cancellation Policy:

In the event of cancellation after May 28th the \$60 camp deposit is non-refundable. There will be no refund for cancellation made less than 2 weeks prior to the first day of camp. Camp Amicus reserves the right to dismiss any camper for behavioural problems at the discretion of the Program Director.

- No refund will be made for late arrival, early departure or dismissal due to any disciplinary action.
- In case of withdrawal from camp for medical reasons accompanied by a doctors note, payment will be carried forward as payment for a future camp or program.

13. Behavioural Expectations:

Camp Amicus has the following expectations of all persons at Camp Amicus:

- No swearing, offensive language or comments that could offend others.
- We will not tolerate bullying or picking on people.
- We expect you to respect the other campers, counsellors and the facility by listening to others, not hitting or making mean comments, not borrowing others belongings, and leaving the facility in as good of shape as you found it.
- We understand that people can become frustrated and angry. If that happens, we require that you walk away from the situation, talk to someone about it or ask the offending party to please stop. Camp Amicus has many adults around. If you tell one about your problem, they will work with you to deal with it effectively.
- We respect individual differences.
- Campers interested in dating or seeing one another will need to wait until after the camp to get permission from parents. We will not allow campers to be involved at camp. We encourage everyone to develop friendships and hang out in groups.
- We expect campers to have fun!

We do everything we can to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all campers. Campers that put others safety (physical or emotional) at risk may be sent home at the sole discretion of the LDAA-CC with no refund.

Camp Amicus is a camp designed to develop self-esteem, social skills and friendships. We want to help Campers reach their goals and potential with positive attitudes and behaviour. Most of all... we want campers to HAVE FUN!!



What to Pack for Camp Amicus 2010

Send this list with your child so they can mark off what they have packed for home. The weather can be unpredictable and Camp Amicus programs run regardless of weather. We suggest the following items:

Item (Label Everything!!)	Description	Packed for Camp	Packed for Home
Underwear:1 for each day & 1 extra			
Socks			
Pajamas			
Warm Jacket			
Rain Jacket			
Wind Jacket			
Shorts			
Long Pants			
T-shirts			
Sweatshirt			
Running Shoes			
Shoes with a heel for Riding (rubber boots will do)			
Sleeping bag			
Pillow			
Shampoo			
Soap			
Toothbrush			
Toothpaste			
Shower towel			
Swimming Towel			
Face Cloth			
Comb or brush			
Bathing suit (2 is a good idea)			
Hat and/or toque			
Sunscreen			
Bug lotion/spray			
Camera (optional)			
Aquasocks (optional)			
Flashlight			
Sandals (optional)			
Day Pack			
Waterbottle (not provided by Camp)			
Favorite Stuffed Animal (optional)			
Books (max. 3) (optional)			

Do Not Bring:

- Money
- Pagers/cell phones
- Music players/Radios
- Knives
- Electronic games
- Violent Toys (toy guns)
- Curling Irons/Hair Dryers
- Food/snacks

Please note that any items on the Do Not Bring list will be confiscated and returned at the end of camp.

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