



Dear Chapter President / Peer Support Leader,

After a two-year hiatus, we are pleased to announce that the Ostomy Canada Youth Camp is officially a 'GO' for this year.

Please take note that due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic there are several very significant changes to this year's camp.

1. All camps will be running 5 days (Monday to Friday) to ensure that Easter Seals Camp Horizon (ESCH) staff have adequate time on weekends to fully clean and sanitize the facility in between camper groups.
2. To help mitigate some of the risks of COVID-19, camp will be operating at 75% capacity to help reduce risk of transmission and better care for our campers, volunteers and staff in the event of a positive case.
3. Campers, staff and volunteers will have to have a minimum of two doses of the Covid-19 vaccine and will need to show clear proof of that documentation. If a camper has a medical exemption, they will need to provide proof.
4. If a camper shows signs of COVID-19, an ESCH nurse in partnership with our NSWOC will complete an overall assessment and test for COVID-19. If that test shows they are positive, they will be placed in quarantine for the duration of their stay (end of camp week – July 8) **and must be picked up** from camp by a parent/designated guardian no later than noon on July 8. **This includes campers who fly into Calgary.**

*Please note that OCS will not pay for nor reimburse for flights if a parent needs to retrieve their child from camp.

Camp registration forms are available by emailing the Camp Administrator, Lisa Gausman at lisa.gausman@ostomycanada.ca and will be sent directly to our returning campers. Camp forms must be filled out in full and returned to the OCS camp administrator, in addition Easter Seals Camp Horizon require their own registration, which is available on their website. Instructions on both registrations are available in the camp application package.

Camp registration fees remain at \$650.00 per camper. This amount represents half of the total expense to feed and house a camper for the week. Easter Seals subsidizes the remaining cost. Please encourage your campers to reserve their spot early, deadline for registration and payment is May 15, 2022. We are unable to "hold a spot open".

If your chapter/support group is sponsoring a child, payment can be made through the OCS website at: www.ostomycanada.ca, by e-transfer or by cheque/money order. Please make cheques payable to Ostomy Canada Society Inc. and indicate who the registration fee is for. Please mail cheques to Ostomy Canada Society Inc. C/O Lisa Gausman, 184 MacEwan Park Rise NW, Calgary AB T3K 3Z9

Campers being driven to camp by family members are required to arrive at camp after 9am on **Monday July 4, 2022**. Camp Horizon cannot accommodate campers arriving before 9am. Campers are required to be picked up starting at 10am and no later than 1pm on Friday July 8, 2022.

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***If you are sponsoring a child that will arrive in Calgary by air:**

Due to the shortened week and 9am start of Ostomy Camp, flights **must** arrive as early as possible on **Monday July 4, 2022**. While we realize that an early arrival time may cause some inconvenience and possible increase in flight cost, we need to have all our campers at camp as early as possible for the 9am start time. Once all the campers who fly into Calgary arrive, a bus will take them and our airport volunteers out to camp. We would hate to have our campers spend the majority of their first full day at camp waiting for all arrivals. **Due to possible unpredictable changes in Government guidelines and recommendations due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we ask that you do not book flights until after the May 15, 2022, registration deadline.** Once we are assured that we have met our minimum camper requirement of 23, the Camp Committee will send out a communique with suggested flights to have your sponsored camper arrive within a set time.

Please arrange the return flight home for the afternoon of Friday July 8, 2022, between 4pm and 7pm. If no flights are available during these times, please contact the Camp Administrator, Lisa Gausman by email lisa.gausman@ostomycanada.ca or by phone at (403) 826-6388 **before** booking the flight so that arrangements can be made to have the camper supervised at the airport.

Volunteer Mentor applications are also available by contacting the Camp Administrator. Volunteer mentors must provide an up-to-date Vulnerable Sector police check once acceptance has been confirmed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lisa Gausman Ostomy, Canada Youth Camp Administrator by email lisa.gausman@ostomycanada.ca or by phone at (403) 826-6388.

Sincerely,



Lisa Gausman,
Ostomy Canada Youth Camp Administrator
Ostomy Canada Society Inc.