

Dear Parents,

We are so excited to present another year of the Ostomy Canada Society's (OCS) Youth Camp. The date of this year's camp is **Sunday July 7 – Friday July 12, 2024**, and will once again take place at Easter Seals Camp Horizon located in the beautiful foothills of the majestic Rocky Mountains in Bragg Creek, AB.

Registration Instructions:

1. It is mandatory to reserve your spot at this year's camp on the Easter Seals Camp Horizon website **NO LATER than May 1, 2024**. To do so, please follow the registration link at: <https://eastersealscamphorizon.campbrainregistration.com/>. Your registration must be 100% completed before acceptance.
2. In addition to the registration on the Easter Seals Camp Horizon website, please take note of our Confidentiality notice included in this correspondence and advise one of our Senior Camp Administrator Lisa Gausman at lisa.gausman@ostomycanada.ca if there are issues we need to be aware of.
3. To make the registration process easier, please review the attached registration instructions including the transportation process.
4. Payment is due May 1, 2024. The full registration fee of \$1250.00 **must** accompany the registration, cheques can be made payable to Ostomy Canada Society Inc. and mailed to the OCS office at address below or registration payment can be made online at <https://www.ostomycanada.ca/camp/> under cost. – Please contact the Camp Administrators regarding financial assistance if required. **If funding is sponsored by Child Handicapped Services, a case worker is required to contact the Camp Administrator before the camp deadline of May 1, 2024.*

Please note that refunds on registration fees will be handled by the OCS office after August 1, 2024 less a \$50 administration fee.

If you have any questions regarding the registration or camp policies, please contact Lisa, Senior Camp Administrator at lisa.gausman@ostomycanada.ca prior to the May 1, 2024 deadline.

We, the OCS Camp Committee have been diligently planning and preparing events and activities to give your child an educational, amazing and fun filled camp week. We look forward to seeing them this summer.

Kindest regards,



Lisa Gausman & Janet Paquet
Ostomy Canada Youth Camp Administrators

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Confidentiality Notice

Confidentiality will be waived if an individual discloses the following information:

1. An individual is going to hurt themselves
2. Someone is going to hurt that individual
3. An individual has a plan to hurt someone

Please let the Camp Administrator Lisa know about any other concerns and please divulge any behavioural issue that may be important for us to be aware of. For example: ADHD, Anxiety, Depression and Bullying.

Transportation Information

Campers being driven to camp by family members are required to arrive at camp between 5pm and 6pm on Sunday July 7, 2024. Camp Horizon cannot accommodate campers arriving before 5pm.

Campers are required to be picked up at camp and 'off-site' between Noon and 1pm on Friday July 12, 2024.

Campers arriving in Calgary by air.

Once all the campers who fly into Calgary arrive, a bus will take them and our airport volunteers out to camp.

A communique with suggested flights to have your child arrive and depart within set time frames will be sent to you **after** we have received your child's registration information. We ask that you please plan for your child to arrive in Calgary no earlier than noon and no later than 4pm. We would hate to have our campers spend the majority of their first full day at camp waiting for all arrivals. Please arrange the return flight home for the afternoon of Friday July 12, 2024, between 4pm and 7pm.

If no flights are available during these times, please contact Janet Paquet, Camp Administrator by email at janet.paquet@ostomycanada.ca or by phone at (905)517-7723 before booking the flight to arrange supervision of your child at the airport.

Once flights have been booked, please send the flight itinerary to Janet so that we can be sure to have our volunteers prepared and ready to greet your child.

Medical Professional's Statement 2024

(Name) _____ is attending Ostomy Canada Youth Camp in Bragg Creek, Alberta. He/She/They has special medical needs that may include an ostomy, bladder or bowel incontinence and/or inflammatory bowel disease.

These medical conditions may require surgical creation of an external stoma or internal pouch to collect urine and/or body waste. If there is an external stoma, this person will wear an ostomy pouching appliance which will be attached to the abdomen. The pouch will appear on the full body scanner or may be noticed if the person is subjected to a body pat down.

The person requires that medical supplies (e.g. ostomy supplies) and/or medications be available in carry-on baggage.

The above-named person is a patient in my care.

This form must be signed by your Doctor or NSWOC

Medical Professional's Name _____

Address of Practice _____

Phone Number _____

Print Name

Medical Professional Signature

Date

*This form needs to be photocopied and carried with the child through airport security.

Registration Information

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For registration with Easter Seals, please visit the website:

<https://eastersealscamphorizon.campbrainregistration.com/>

If you are registering a returning camper and have an existing account, you can log in with your existing login, if you do not remember your password, please click the 'Password Reset'. For new campers, please create a login with your email address and create a password. The registration will take approximately an hour to complete. At any point you can save the form and return to it later. The registration will not be officially submitted until all the forms are finished but you won't lose any of the work you have already completed.

Once you have signed into and/or created an account, please choose the Partner Groups, and click on Ostomy (Osto) - July 7, 2024 to July 12, 2024. Use the 'Add to Cart button' to start the registration. The cart appears at the bottom of this page, and you must click on the green 'Enter a Discount Code' before continuing to the next page. Please enter the code **OCSYCamper2024**. If your child is being sponsored by an Ostomy chapter or OCS, they will make the payment directly to OCS.

During registration Easter Seals will ask you to fill out a medical form, upload proof of vaccinations, and other general camp information.

Please note, there are a few quirks on this website you should be aware of:

- For any camper over the age of 18, please contact the camp administrator to make individual arrangements for registration.
- If your child is flying into Calgary, please enter TBD into the Airline Information. Once you have your flight booked you can go back and re-enter the correct flight number and time.
- Dates for immunizations can be 'an estimate', so you don't have to go searching through your camper's medical records.
- If you are fully paying for your child's registration, payment can be made through the Ostomy Canada website at www.ostomycanada.ca/camp by e-transfer to steve.maybee@ostomycanada.ca 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 the Ostomy Canada Society office at: 5800 Ambler Dr #210, Mississauga, ON L4W 4J4
- Fundraising is an important part of camp, please see the fundraising requirement information included.

If you have any questions about the registration procedures, please contact Lisa at

lisa.gausman@ostomycanada.ca

Financial Support

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If possible, parents/guardians will be expected to fully pay transportation and camp registration fees.

Sponsorship may be available **if** requested and no child will be denied based on their or their family's financial situation.

If families are unable to pay, they should first contact their local Chapter or Peer Support Group of Ostomy Canada Society to request full or partial sponsorship. If the Chapter/Peer Support Group is unable to assist or can only partially fund the camper or there is no Chapter/Peer Support group near their area, then local service clubs, churches and other non-profits should be contacted for assistance. In addition, the local hospital(s) or regional children's hospital should be contacted. Campers are also encouraged to engage in their own fundraising efforts for camp. Campers have been impressively successful with all sorts of endeavors.

First time campers who have a urostomy may meet the eligibility criteria for the Shane Banfield Memorial Fund and can request an application from the Ostomy Canada Society office for an application form.

Should all the above-mentioned avenues not result in sufficient funding, Ostomy Canada Society will fund partial and/or full registration and/or transportation costs upon **written request**.

Campers are encouraged to participate in fundraising activities. This encourages our campers to develop several valuable life-skills. Some of these skills include the ability to reach out to other people and form valuable 'people skills'. Fundraising gives our campers the perfect opportunity to learn about volunteering and money management by learning the steps to planning and achieving long term goals and they also learn how to build relationships with donors. Fundraising gives our campers a chance to speak with potential donors and helps reduce the stigma of bowel and bladder diversion surgeries fulfilling the mission and vision of their sponsor, Ostomy Canada Society Inc.

Their participation in fundraising can shape them into amazing adults and by the end of their camp years they can have the ability to advocate for not just themselves but for other children and adults who have or will have bowel or bladder diversionary surgeries.

We have been fortunate that in the past several camp years some of our campers have raised as much as \$2000 on their own. It is amazing and although we do not single anyone out, we do encourage all our campers to give back to the organization that has sponsored them. We take great pride in their success. Please see our Fundraising Guideline Information page for more information.

Fundraising Guidelines

Ostomy Canada Youth Camp 2024

For our campers, Ostomy Camp is an eye-opening experience for individuals to learn about themselves, their medical condition and to make meaningful and lasting relationships. Most importantly, summer camp is a whole lot of fun.

Having fun can cost a lot of money, unfortunately due to rising costs Camp Horizon has increased costs from the previous \$900 in 2024 to \$1,250 for 2024. Fundraising is an essential part of sending a child to Ostomy Camp. Currently, Easter Seals covers 58% cost of the \$3,000 registration fee leaving the parent, OSC or local chapters/support groups to cover the other half of registration (\$1,250). In addition, 75% of our campers fly in from various locations across Canada and flights can cost upwards of \$1,000 per camper. With the increase of gas prices this year, we anticipate flight costs will skyrocket and the need for fundraising will increase significantly.

Although fundraising is not mandatory and no child will be denied the camp experience based on funding, we encourage all our campers to make a minimum donation of \$40 toward their camp fees and/or the family of our campers to obtain a yearly membership with the Ostomy Canada Society. This membership entitles you to all national and local information for the ostomy community as well as a subscription to the Ostomy Canada magazine. This bi-annual magazine is geared towards people living with an ostomy and or bowel and bladder diversions surgery and contains uplifting and informative articles from around the globe.

Alternately, many local ostomy chapters and/or support groups who sponsor a child to attend camp ask that the family of the camper take out a membership to their chapter/support group. Membership fees range from \$30 to \$45 depending on the chapter or support group. Often these chapters will ask the camper to give a short talk at a local meeting telling the members about their camp experience. Their members are more likely to donate if they hear firsthand how camp has made an impact on the campers. Many of our camp alumni were sponsored by these local chapters for their entire camp years (ages 9-18).

We urge all our camp parents to have a conversation about the importance of fundraising for camp and that the Ostomy Canada Society, as a non-profit organization require volunteers as well as monetary donations for their existence. Some suggestions for fundraising that many of our past campers employed include: babysitting, saving of allowance, dog walking, lawn mowing, jewelry making, bottle collecting, lemonade stands and snow shoveling.

How to submit your fundraising donation:

If you belong to an Ostomy Canada Society local chapter or peer support group, and/or are being sponsored by the chapter, then you should send your child's fundraising money via cheque to your chapter (some accept e-transfer). Clearly mark the money with your camper's full name, address and indicate the amount raised. The same applies if you know the chapter that has sponsored your child but are not a member.

If you are uncertain about who has sponsored your child, please contact the camp administrator Lisa Gausman at lisa.gausman@ostomycanada.ca she will be able to provide the chapter/peer support group contact name and information. Alternately, donation monies can be mailed into the OCS office at: Ostomy Canada Society Attn: Camp Committee, 5800 Ambler Drive, Suite #210, Mississauga ON L4W 4J4. Clearly mark who the donation is from and indicate that it is a donation for the Ostomy Canada Youth Camp.