

CAMP LITTLE PEOPLE POLICIES AND RULES

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Camp Victory, Millville, PA

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Mission Statement

Camp Little People is a camping experience for children of short stature and their families who love the outdoors. By providing a physically challenged accessible camping facility, children of short stature can experience a weekend in nature within an accessible and healthy environment. Camp Little People provides an opportunity for individuals to spend quality time together with family and friends. The camp provides opportunities to meet others with the common love of the outdoors and to share experiences, concerns, and stories with other short-stature staff or with parents of short-stature children. Lastly, Camp Little People provides a weekend of fun and relaxation in the outdoors. Suggested ages 3-16.

Eligibility to Attend Camp Little People

- The family must have a child with dwarfism between the ages of 3 thru 16.
- The family must have a form of health insurance to attend.
- Children must have immunizations to attend.
- First time, non-LPA Inc, member, families are welcome, but are encouraged to join LPA, Inc.
- LPA, Inc. membership is required for returning families.
- Registration is first open to LPA District 2 members and returning campers, then open to other districts.

Camp Little People Rules/Policies

Camp Little People is a partner group of Camp Victory. Therefore, Camp Little People must follow **Camp Victory's**:

- **Exhibit A: Rules and Responsibilities**
- **Game Pavilion Rules & Regulations**
- **Bike Rules**
- **Wall & Ropes Course Rules**
- **Archery Rules & Regulations**
- **Swimming Pool Rules**
- **Paddleboat & Pond Rules**
- **Emergency Plan**

This information is enclosed in your registration packet along with these Camp Little People Rules/Policies. Please read it carefully. If these rules are broken, the person or persons involved will be asked to leave the premises and no refund will be given. The decision to allow any violators to return for future camps will be made by the Director of Camp Little People and

LPA District 2 Director.

LPA, Inc Membership: Camp Little People is considered an LPA District 2 event. Therefore, it has been agreed by Camp Little People and the LPA District officers that all campers should be paid LPA members to attend Camp Little People. It was agreed that first-time campers who are unfamiliar with LPA, Inc, may request a one-time only LPA membership dues assistance from District 2 for the first year.

LPA, Inc Code of Conduct: A signed Code of Conduct form is required by the family.

Cabin Assignments: Multiple families will be assigned to a cabin. You may request to share with certain families on the registration form. Otherwise, you will be assigned to a cabin by the camp director.

Parent/Legal Guardians Notice: Camp Little People requests that no adults who have been convicted of a crime against a child attend camp.

Parent/Legal Guardian Responsibility: The other partner groups of Camp Victory have trained “counselors” during their camps due to the fact that only the children come to camp during their camp week. Since we are a family camp, we are not required to have trained counselors to be responsible for the children. You, the parents/legal guardians are considered as our “counselors” for our camp as you will be responsible for your child/children during the weekend. As emphasized, this is a family camp, designed to be an opportunity for parents and children to spend quality time together.

Director/Volunteer Staff: Each member of our volunteer staff is sincere and dedicated in planning for you to have an enjoyable, memorable and safe experience at camp. Every volunteer staff member, medical personnel and director have had required background checks, child abuse clearance and mandated child abuse reporting training. Each volunteer staff member has assigned tasks to perform during the weekend to make it a success. Our volunteer staff members are constantly watching over the children while performing their assigned tasks and are available if needed for assistance. But, we remind parents/guardians not to assume the staff will watch your child/children so that parent(s)/guardian(s) have free time for themselves.

Resident Campers/Day Campers: All resident camper families and day camper families must complete and return a registration packet by the due date. Upon arrival, resident and day campers must stop at the Welcome Center for check-in before entering the camp premises. See visitor policy below:

Visitor Policy:

- Visitor(s) (other than day campers) visiting while campers are present

should be cleared in advance and accompanied by someone from the partner group staff (Camp Little People) or Camp Victory Board or staff.

- If a family is expecting a visitor, they must inform the Camp Little People director before the visitor arrives of the date and time expected.
- Visitor(s) must stop in at the Welcome Center and contact the director before entering the camp.
- Visitor(s) must be escorted into the camp by the director/staff member of Camp Little People.
- Visitor(s) are required to wear a visitor identification badge at all times.
- Visitor(s) are allowed in the main activity areas of camp but not in the cabin areas as this is the campers' personal space.
- Visitor(s) must contact the director/staff member at the time of leaving.

Photographers/Film Crew/Reporters: To preserve the privacy of all campers, Camp Little People does not allow reporters, photographers, film crews, etc to attend Camp Little People. We do allow our own assigned photographer and the director of Camp Victory to photograph our campers with their permission via the Media Consent Form.

Drones: Camp Little People does not allow drones. Drones must have liability insurance coverage and our liability insurance does not cover drones.

Pets: No pets are allowed on the camp premises with the exception of a service dog (therapy/companion) which is defined by the ADA and has proof of credentials. A service dog registration form (obtained from the camp director) must be completed and returned to the camp director before arriving at camp. Dogs with the sole function of providing comfort or emotional support do not qualify as a service dog under ADA.

Parking: All vehicles are to be parked in the parking lot. Limo transportation will be provided to transfer campers onto the camp premises.

Supervision: Parents/guardians must be with their child/children at all times no matter the age or how long many years they have attended camp.

Inappropriate Behavior: Bullying (both physically and verbally) will not be tolerated at Camp Little People. Also, any destruction to the Camp Victory premises (including buildings and environment) will not be tolerated. You will be asked to leave the premises for either behavior and not be able to return. Our goal is to provide a safe and enjoyable weekend for all who attend.

Leaving the camp premises during the Camp Little People Camp: The director and staff believe that Camp Little People and Camp Victory offer a variety of activities on the premises to fulfill your weekend, but we also understand this may be a mini-vacation for some families and that you may want

to see nearby attractions. With this understanding, we ask you to respect and abide by the following rules to insure a safe and enjoyable weekend:

- Camp Little People pays for liability insurance to cover our campers and staff during our camp session on the Camp Victory premises. **Please understand if you leave the premises for any period of time, you will not be covered under the Camp Victory liability insurance during that period of time.**
- The family **must** sign out and sign back in with the director/staff. We **must know** and **be accountable for** our campers in case there is a disaster or emergency. We sincerely ask for your cooperation.
- If you need to leave for a quick errand, one parent/guardian must remain with the child/children on the premises. **Please do not leave your child/children on the camp premises unattended by yourselves.**
- The staff or other parents are not to be responsible for your child/children as this is intended to be a “family camp” for families to spend time together. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Golf Carts: The golf carts are for transporting campers from one location to another. Designated drivers have been assigned. No other persons are allowed to drive the golf carts. Golf carts are to be driven on the paths, not grass.

Housekeeping: The Camp Victory housekeeping staff does most of the cleaning. Please assist in your cabin by performing the responsibilities posted on the cabin board near the cabin doors. Your assistance is much appreciated.

Air Conditioners: The air conditioners in the cabins **must remain set at 72 degrees** per the director of Camp Victory.

Medications: All medicines must be placed in the locked First Aid Closet in the Med Shed upon check. The Medical Staff will assist you in retrieving your medications when needed.

Accidents/cuts/bumps: All injuries should be reported to the medical staff at the Med Shed. CLP is required to complete incident reports to be filed with Camp Victory. Due to liability, we need to complete incident reports.

No illicit drugs, no alcohol, no tobacco products. Violation of these are grounds for immediate termination.

Use of firearms is forbidden. No pocket knives and weapons are allowed.

Helmets: Protective gear, i.e. helmets, must be worn by both children and adults when biking or on scooters. Also, the required helmets must be worn at the low ropes, climbing wall, and zip line areas.

Low Ropes/Climbing Wall/Zip Line:

- Any child/teen participating in the low ropes, climbing wall, or zip line activities must have a parent/legal guardian with them.
- Athletic shoes are to be worn as a safety measure. No sandals.
- For your safety, no cell phone use while harnessed on the climbing the wall or on the zip line.

Bike Rules: See CV bike rules with exemptions that Camp Victory will allow our bike riding at any time and for transportation from location to location. Specific rule at the Pond Pavilion is the bikes need to be parked in the designated area behind the pond pavilion. No bikes are allowed parked on the path or along the pond. Do not park bikes on the paths. Please use caution riding bikes on the main driveway from the gate to the Dining Hall due to automobile traffic of CV employees/delivery trucks.

Skateboards, rollerblades, *electric* scooters are not allowed.

Pool/Pond Rule: No child/teen is allowed near the pond/pool areas unless they are accompanied by a parent/guardian. Please do not throw rocks/stones into the pond.

Fire Ring Rules: A parent/guardian must be with their child/children during the S'mores/fire time. Please instruct your children on fire pit safety. A medical staff member will be in attendance.

Fishing Rules: See Camp Victory Pond Rules. A lifeguard must be present during the scheduled fishing times.

Camp Victory Immunization Policy: The CV Immunization Policy is attached for your review. CLP requires your child/children to be immunized to attend camp. Otherwise, please take note of our contagious disease/illness policy.

Contagious disease/Illnesses: With consideration of your fellow campers and volunteer staff, we request that you not attend if your child has contracted a contagious disease during the week previous to our camp weekend (i.e. lice, bacterial respiratory infections, conjunctivitis, shingles, measles, whooping cough, etc. If you are unable to attend due to this reason, we will fully refund your fees. The health and safety of our campers is of our utmost concern.

Meal Times, Diet Needs and Allergies: **Meals are at the times scheduled. Promptness is appreciated.** We will be served in the large dining hall but you may dine in the small dining hall. After each meal, please take your trays to the dishwashing area and follow the directions on the wall.

Campers and volunteer staff are not allowed in the kitchen area. Please do not sit on the island in the dining hall.

Assistance in wiping off tables after each meal is appreciated. After Sunday lunch, we are required to wipe the tables and fold up the tables and chairs and place them on the racks in preparation for the cleaning Staff.

Announcements will be made at the beginning of meals. Your full attention during these announcements is appreciated.

Coffee: For those who love coffee, feel free to make a pot of coffee at any time.

SPECIAL DIETS: Anyone with a special medical diet must make note of this or call the CLP director informing of the need. The CLP director will contact Camp Victory director to make them aware of this need. Once the camper is at camp, the camper will be introduced to the Dietary Staff.

All vegetarian meals are the Chef's choice.

If you require gluten free food, please note on the health history form. Be aware that Camp Victory is not able to accommodate totally gluten free meals. You may bring your own food.

ALLERGIES: Please note any allergies on the medical history form.

Water: CLP will provide water stations at the activities. There will be water in the white refrigerator in the dining area of the large dining hall.

Snacks: You may bring snacks to share with fellow campers. Please place the snacks on the tables along the wall in the large dining hall.

NO FOOD IN THE CABINS PER CAMP VICTORY RULES. You want to bring soda or snacks for only your family, please mark it and place it in the refrigerators in dining halls.

Water balloon battles: Please keep it safe and fun! Please keep away from those who do not choose to participate. Respect the buildings and keep it outside. At no time is a water battle participant to be riding on the golf carts. Do not fill the balloons in the buildings due safety reasons. All participants must clean up all broken and unused balloons. **Shaving Cream:** No shaving cream for pranks. It ruins the painted areas.

Nature remains at Camp Victory: Frogs, crayfish, butterflies, worms or other Camp Victory creatures are to remain in their natural habitat at Camp Victory and not in cabins or cars. Please respect the "do not disturb the camp's natural environment" rule. Please do not remove any creatures from their natural habitat and take it to another area of the camp facility without the permission of the camp director/staff member. Anyone caught removing the creatures from their natural

habitats will not be allowed to return to camp next year.

Registration Policies

Registration for Camp Little People will be accepted on a first paid first served basis as our limit is 130 campers. LPA District 2 members will have precedence by a certain date. **Camp fees must be submitted with the completed registration form, completed health forms (one for each person attending), signed media consent and acknowledgement of rules form and LPA, Inc. Code of Conduct in order to have a reserved camp spot for your family.** If all spots are filled, families will be informed that they are on a waiting list and of their position on the list.

Cancellation Policy: Families must cancel at least 10 days prior to camp in order to receive a full refund of their camp fees. If families cancel less than 10 days prior to camp, they will be refunded 90% of their fees. Exceptions to this rule are in case of serious illness or death in the family, which 100%. Otherwise, no refund will be given to those who do not check in at registration. Families are asked to notify camp director ASAP of a cancellation so we may contact the any families on the waiting list.

Children must come to camp with parent(s) or a legal guardian. Per Camp Victory, we cannot allow children to come with another family.

Health Insurance: According to an agreement with Camp Victory and Camp Little People, **all campers and staff must have a form of health insurance in order to attend camp.**

Next Steps:

- Review these policies with your family/campers. You must agree if you wish to attend Camp Little People
- To register, go to <https://lpadistrict2.org/camp-little-people-registration/>