



**Louisiana State University School of Medicine
Summer Camp for Children with Special Care Needs**

Application for Prospective Campers:

<http://www.lsuhschoolofmedicine.edu/orgs/camptiger/>

Dates: Monday, May 18nd through Friday, May 22th, 2020

Times: 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Ages: 6 – 15 years of age

Application due: April 10th, 2019

Acceptance or Rejection Letters will be sent out by April 24th, 2020. If you have not heard back from Camp Tiger by May 1st, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to contact Cass Wheeler, 2020 Camp Tiger Secretary. We regret to inform you that your child may be turned away on the first day of camp if you do not receive an acceptance letter and have not contacted us.

Other Reminders: Remember that space is limited for campers so please apply early to better your chances at reserving a spot.

For further information or questions, contact 2020 Camp Tiger Director Peyton Hopkins at (407) 461-7693 or phopk1@lsuhsc.edu, Camp Tiger Secretary Cass Wheeler at (225) 200-6210 or cwhee5@lsuhsc.edu, or Faculty Advisor Dr. Cathy Lazarus at claza1@lsuhsc.edu.

Who can participate? This camp invites children between the ages of 6-15 years old in the New Orleans, Northshore, and Baton Rouge and Lower Parish metropolitan areas who are physically and/or mentally challenged. We especially welcome those children who are unable to attend other camps available for special needs children. Children who do not speak English or speak English as a secondary language are welcome to participate. There are counselors fluent in different languages besides English. Although it is our goal to accommodate all children wishing to attend the camp, due to limited funding and staff, we will only be able to accept those campers whose needs we can adequately meet with our current resources.

Who staffs the camp? The camp is funded, organized, and staffed solely by first year medical students of the LSU School of Medicine. At least two nurses and/or Emergency Medical Technicians will be on site, a physician and psychologist will be present during the hours of camp, and the faculty advisor is in attendance. Furthermore, there will always be at least two counselors for each camper for individualized attention.

How much does it cost? The camp is **free of charge** for eligible children; however, due to limited resources and counselors, there is limited enrollment. Breakfast and lunch will be provided each day, and transportation is provided for camp activities. Camp buses will meet parents to pick up children in the morning and drop them off in the afternoon at Clinical Sciences Research Building at 533 Bolivar Street (on the LSUHSC campus). Due to possible travel restrictions, we may not be able to arrange any additional pick up/drop off spots outside of the LSUHSC campus. We will be sending out specific directions in a later mail-out and we encourage parents to carpool! *Camp Tiger counselors cannot be responsible for picking up and dropping off campers to and from their individual homes. Parents/Guardians are responsible for seeing that their camper arrives at the pickup location on time and is picked up promptly at the end of the day.*

What kinds of activities are available? Each year the Camp Director and counselors select a variety of exciting activities with special needs children in mind. Tentative trips include the Louisiana Children's Museum, the Audubon Zoo, the Aquarium of the Americas, City Park, Kidsports, Liuzza Land & Produce Farm and more.

