A Summer Camp for Children Who Have Special Health Care Needs

Contributions are tax deductible.

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Camp Burnt Gin is a service of the DHEC Division of Children’s Health.

Donations to support the activities and programs of Camp Burnt Gin may be made to Camp Burnt Gin and mailed to the address listed above.

STAFF

Counselors, in a ratio of one counselor for every two campers, live with the children and assist those children who require help with personal needs and participation in the activities.

A qualified waterfront director and certified assistants supervise swimming and boating.

Two registered nurses staff the infirmary and are available at all times. A doctor is on call.

A registered dietitian plans balanced meals and special diets to meet the needs of campers. Camp Burnt Gin participates in the USDA summer feeding program.
Camp Burnt Gin is a residential summer camp for children who have physical disabilities and chronic illnesses. Located in Sumter county near Wedgefield, S.C., the camp was founded in 1945.

Camp Burnt Gin operates four week long sessions for children and two sessions for teenagers. The sessions provide the campers with an opportunity to meet new friends, develop recreational skills, become more independent and improve their self-confidence.

Camp Burnt Gin is accredited by the American Camp Association™. Developed exclusively for the camping industry, this nationally-recognized organization focuses on program quality and health and safety issues.

Every aspect of Camp operation is reviewed regularly in order to maintain accreditation.

Facilities

Ten cabins with bathroom facilities house the campers and counselors. The dining hall, infirmary, and arts and crafts building overlook the scenic lake. A recreational building located in the center of the camp provides shelter on rainy days and for a variety of indoor games. Laundry facilities provide linens and towels for campers and staff. Wheelchair-accessible sidewalks and buildings provide freedom of movement for campers.

Campers

Camp Burnt Gin accepts children 7 through 15 and teenagers 16 through 20 years of age who have special healthcare needs. Acceptance is determined on an individual basis. In determining acceptance, many factors are considered including the child’s physical disability, personal and medical needs, and whether or not the child is able to participate in another camping program. Camp Burnt Gin does not discriminate based on race, sex, creed, national origin or religion.

How to Apply

Applications to attend Camp Burnt Gin can be obtained from the camp director. All children must provide a physician’s approval and physical exam as part of their application for camp. In order for a child to be considered for camp, the entire application packet must be completed and received by March 1st.

Acceptance letters are mailed to parents by May 31st.

Program

The days at camp are filled with a variety of activities. The spacious grounds provide numerous places for outdoor adventures like nature studies, archery, games and camping out.

Swimming, arts and crafts, and fine arts activities are provided for all campers. Paddleboats, canoeing, and fishing make good use of our lake.

Three hearty meals are served each day. Singing and skits follow each meal. After lunch, the campers and staff rest before the afternoon activities begin.

Afternoons are filled with swimming, boating and special events. The evening program varies each night and includes skits, carnivals, treasure hunts, campfires and talent shows.