



Frequently Asked Questions

Are we with our campers all the time?

Counselors are assigned to a cabin group at the beginning of a session, and they remain with that group for the full session. Some campers travel with or receive a 1:1 aide, but for the most part, our ratio is 1 counselor to 3 campers.

Will I perform Personal Care tasks? What if I have never done that?

Each of our counselors will perform many personal care tasks for campers, based on their ability and needs. We have extensive training before camp on how to perform these tasks safely and with respect, and LOTS of support during camp sessions for anyone with questions.

Will I be with children or adults?

You may be with either! While we find that most new counselors coming in have worked with one group or the other, our trainings give you skills for all age levels— many people find they enjoy working with age groups they have never encountered!

Do we get breaks?

Yes! Our staff get at least one, hopefully two breaks per day to recharge, check in with family and friends back home, exercise, rest, or find whatever ways you need to recharge your own batteries! In addition, each staff member gets 6 hours off on the weeks where campers attend over a weekend, and a Friday night-Sunday morning off between Sessions every other week. In addition we provide outings for staff on weekends off.

Does the camp have WiFi?

Yes. We have WiFi in specific areas, and encourage staff to use it during their breaks. Cell phones and other electronics are not allowed when staff are on duty at any time.

Where do we live?

Counselors live in cabins with campers, and support staff share the staff house. All staff members have use of the staff house bathrooms and camp washhouse, and eat in the dining hall. The camp's nurse is available for medication distribution and emergencies or illnesses. We have mattresses, and you can bring your own sheets, blankets and pillows or we will provide them for you.



"This place has completely changed my life. I changed the course of my studies, I changed my job at school, and my entire year is focused on returning to camp. There is something about Camp Thorpe that lets you know there is still good in the world." ~Counselor, 2017



"All of the things you think you cannot do are called into question, because what our campers overcome every day is truly inspirational."

~Program Director, 2015

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Dedicated to helping children and adults with special needs find success in a summer camp environment.



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Staff

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Physical Facilities

Camp Thorpe is located in Vermont's scenic Green Mountains. Our facilities are rustic, and include a:

- Zero-entry pool
- Accessible playground
- Basketball court
- Large dining hall
- Arts and Crafts building
- Game Room
- Multipurpose room with a stage
- Outdoor, Covered Pavilion
- Infirmary/Health Center
- Trails through the woods
- Stocked pond for fishing and boating
- Cabins for sleeping
- Staff House for administrative and support staff
- Staff Lounge and planning office



A Day in the Life

Because our campers depend on routines, we try to keep our daily schedules fairly similar throughout each session. Each day has a special theme, and a typical day at Camp Thorpe might look something like this:

6:45-7:15

Counselors wake up and get ready for the day.

7:15-7:40

All counselors report to cabins and assist campers with their morning routines.



7:40-8:00

Flag raising,
daily announcements
Singing on the porch

8:00-9:00 Breakfast

9:00-9:20 Cabin cleaning and chores

9:20-9:30

Flag pole meeting to split into activity groups for the day

9:30- 12:00

Morning activities and snack (3 rotations of 9-10 group activities)

12:00-12:15

Change into swim suits

12:15-1:30

Sing on the porch and Lunch

1:30-3:00 Free swim



A Day in the Life (cont.)

3:00-4:30 Rest time

4:30-5:30 Afternoon activity



5:45-6:00 Sing on the porch

6:00-7:00 Dinner

7:00-8:30 Evening activity



8:30-9:00 Get ready for bed.

9:00 Bedtime

All campers in bed and lights out. Duty person provides supervision.

9:00-11:00 Counselor breaks; Counselors in bed by 11pm.