



Camp Albrecht Acres Frequently Asked Questions

How do I register my camper?

- All the forms you need to register your camper are on our website www.albrechtacres.org. If you are unable to use the website, please call camp and we will send the camper application packet by mail or fax.

My camper has been to Camp Albrecht Acres before, do I have to fill out the application again?

- Yes! Our application and the process has changed. Please take time to fill out the new 2025 application thoroughly and completely. This will assist new CAA staff in helping your camper have the best time possible at camp.

Can I send mail to my camper?

- Yes! Please send cards or letters to Camp Albrecht Acres, PO Box 50, Sherrill, IA 52073, to the attention of your Camper's name with their Date of Camp. Please do not send packages.

When do I fill out the camper's application, physical and medical forms?

- The Camper application process is split into 2 parts:
 - ❖ **Part 1** must be completed by June 1st. Part 1 includes general information about your camper, their diet, behaviors, etc., along with consent and HIPAA forms. You will also identify your preference for the session(s) that would work best for your camper. Payment of the \$700 Camp Fee, or documentation from a third-party with their pre-authorization to pay the Camp Fee, is also required with Part 1.
 - ❖ **Part 2** is due three weeks before the camper's registered session. Part 2 does involve a form that must be signed by a physician, so please plan ahead to ensure you have time to get the Physician's form submitted. The camper's medication list will also be submitted in Part 2.

How will I know whether my camper gets the dates I requested?

- Once we have received Part 1 of the camper application, plus the Camp Fee, you will receive a confirmation email with the specific session/date that your camper is

registered. Your camper will not be registered until all sections in Part 1 have been completed successfully, and your payment has been processed. This email will also include information on completing Part 2 of the application, a camper packing list, and check-in information.

After I've completed Part 1 of the application, how long will it be before I am notified of what week my camper is registered for?

- It may take two or three weeks for your camper to be scheduled. Camp staff consider each camper's application and then work to make informed decisions for camper and staff placements. We know these decisions impact a camper's success at camp and we take the placement process very seriously. Please be patient during this time as staff are working through hundreds of requests! If you have questions on status, please email registration@albrechtacres.org.

Is there a waiting list?

- If all of your requested dates are already filled, then you will be placed on a waiting list. If this is the case, you will be notified that you are on a waiting list. It's helpful to list multiple dates of availability on Part 1 of the application if your camper has scheduling flexibility.

Is there financial aid available?

- Because of our generous community and through our fundraising efforts, we are able to assist many of our campers with financial aid known as a "campership." Each year, Camp Albrecht Acres devotes significant funding to this campership fund, allowing us to give all campers the opportunity to attend camp no matter their financial situation. More information on camperships is available on our website under the 'Camper' tab.
- Every camper, regardless of financial aid application or situation, is responsible for paying \$350 of the summer camp fee. Assistance will be determined by camp staff on a predetermined scale and based off attached 1040, W-2 or 1099 forms. Campers attending more than one session are not eligible for financial aid. Applications that are missing supporting documents or are incomplete are not eligible for financial aid. Campership financial aid requests will be processed within 10-14 business days after successful completion of Part 1 of the application. An email confirmation with acceptance or denial information will be sent.
- Camp Albrecht Acres reserves the right to deny campership applications for any reason at any time.

What if my adult camper does not have any income to report to the IRS?

- If you claim your adult camper as a dependent on your tax return, please use your household income and documentation to file for financial aid.

Can I visit my camper at camp?

- Camp Albrecht Acres and the American Camp Association *discourage* visits while the camper is at camp. However, in extreme circumstances, visits are allowed. Please see the Parent/Caregiver Handbook for more information.

Will my camper need money while at camp?

- Money is not necessary but campers are able to shop at the camp store, buy pop, etc., if they wish. Money will be recorded during the check-in process, but please note that CAA is not responsible for lost or stolen money.

What do I need to send with my camper?

- Once Part 1 of the application has been accepted, you will receive an email which contains a suggested packing list. Or, you can email registration@albrechtacres.org for a copy.

What is the cancellation policy?

- We do understand that for various reasons you may have to cancel. If this should happen, please call the main office as soon as possible so we can give someone on our waiting list a chance to attend. If you cancel:
 - ❖ 3 weeks prior to your scheduled camp session, all but \$50 of your payment will be refunded.
 - ❖ Within 3 weeks of the first day of your scheduled camp session, \$200 is non-refundable.
 - ❖ If a cancellation is made less than 7 days before the start of the camp session, no portion of the payment is refundable.
- Please note that Camp Albrecht Acres reserves the right to alter or cancel any scheduled programs. All fees will be refunded for programs that have been canceled by CAA. In the case of severe weather, or a weather-related emergency, Camp Albrecht Acres reserves the right to cancel or delay sessions at any time. All campers will be notified via the contact information listed in Part 1 of their application.

Is there another resource that provides information on camp?

- Please see our Parent/Caregiver Handbook for an overview of our policies and procedures. We ask that all parents and caregivers read the Handbook prior to the beginning of their camper's session. Please email registration@albrechtacres.org for link to a copy of the Handbook.

Still have more questions?

- Please email your questions to registration@albrechtacres.org for the fastest response, or call camp at (563) 552-1771.