

January 2025

We are writing to you as a supporter of social non-profit community groups to ask for assistance for this year's summer camp for children with special needs in our community. This annual summer day camp will give children and youth aged 4-17 years-old with autism and other special needs the opportunity to experience typical summer camp experiences like their peers do. We offer experiences such as swimming, rock-climbing, music and dance classes, boat trip on Athabasca river, arts & crafts, visits to Heritage Park & Oilsands Discovery Centre, day trip to Gregoire Lake beach area, etc.

The camp is financially supported in part by Family Supports for Children with Disabilities (FSCD), Government of Alberta, which covers a portion of the cost of hiring one-to-one support workers for children with complex needs, but all other costs are covered by parent fees and fundraising. We are planning to raise an estimated \$13,500.00 for uncovered costs, estimated cost for fundraising is \$1,000.00 for this campaign.

We would greatly appreciate your sponsorship of next summer's Camp Kids First. In sponsoring the camp, you will be assisting the payment of a child attending camp, the cost of covering a field trip, or the cost of a professional attending camp to teach a workshop (dance, yoga, art etc.). We can provide recognition of your name and/or institutional affiliation on our camp t-shirts (worn by all staff and youth attending), on social media and all promotional materials through one of the following levels:

1. **Gold Level (\$999 +)**
 - a. Assists us pay for Camp t-shirts (bright colours for safety purposes) (60 children + 60 staff = \$3500)
 - b. Helps pay for our seasonal storage locker to keep our Camp equipment safe (\$1800)
 - c. Provides staff training in Nonviolent Crisis Intervention (6 staff = \$1200)
 - d. Assists us pay facility rental and utilities (1 week = \$800/\$1000)
2. **Silver Level (\$500 to \$999)**
 - a. Covers the cost of a one-to-one support worker for a child with complex or high medical needs (\$780)
 - b. Pays for 10 children to experience a River Boat Tour of the Clearwater River (\$800)
 - c. Covers entrance fees to one local attraction (Heritage Park, Oilsands Discovery Centre, etc.) for ten children (60 children = \$700/\$900)
3. **Bronze Level (\$20 to \$499)**
 - a. Sponsor's one child's camp fees for a week at Camp Kids First (1 child = \$200)
 - b. Pays for a yoga instructor/music teacher/dance instructor session (10 kids = \$200)
 - c. Assists us to pay for camp materials such as craft supplies, baking ingredients, sensory toys, etc.

To serve as a sponsor for the 2025 Camp Kids First, you can...

- Mail us a cheque to 21B-10019 Macdonald Avenue, Ft McMurray, AB. T9H 1S9. Please make your cheque payable to: Autism Society of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo
- EMT us at autismsupport@autismrmwb.org
- Donate through our website: <https://autismrmwb.org/donate/>

Please email or call me directly if you have any questions and thank you very much for your support! Tax receipts are available for all donations over \$20.

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