

DAY CAMP OVERVIEW



Camp Leadership Team

Corporate Kids Events: Garen Gouveia, President; Eddy Lyons, Special Needs Coordinator; Nicole Weaver, Staffing Coordinator; Brook Lyons, Camp Administrator
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Registration

- You will register campers with your online registration for the conference.
- It is very important that each individual Camp registration form be filled out completely during registration!
 - This is your opportunity to give the Day Camp staff the best picture of what makes your child special as well as what his/her needs are. The Camp Leadership Team wants to know as much as we can about your child. The form is the beginning process for placement in the appropriate environment and to determine optimum staffing needs.
 - The camper registration information is kept with the Leadership Team onsite in camp for easy access and review.
- Registration is \$75 per camper, which averages to \$30 per day per camper for a full day and \$15 for the half day on Sunday and includes all meals.

Corporate Kids Events (CKE)

- CKE successfully ran the Day Camps at the 2006 National TSC Conference in Chicago and 2014 World TSC Conference in Washington, DC. They have also operated similar camps for other organizations like the TS Alliance over the years and regularly provide childcare at the Hilton Anatole.
- Please visit their website at www.conferencechildcare.com.

Day Camp Options

Camp Discovery

- This camp is for children with TSC who are functioning at an age-appropriate level as well as unaffected siblings of a TSC child. Children with TSC will be considered for Camp Discovery: if they are on IEPs with minimal support, can perform all ADLs independently with only occasional verbal reminders, and can functionally communicate wants and needs. A family interview with a Camp Leadership Team member may be warranted if there are concerns about which Camp would best suit a child. Ratio for campers to staff is listed below.

Camp Explorer

- This is the special needs camp for TSC-affected children with moderate to significant needs. Children who require assistance with ADLs, communication, mobility, behavior management, or seizure control all will be best served through Camp Explorer. This camp will be staffed at either a 2:1 camper to staff ratio, or 1:1 help is available for an additional charge of \$200 per camper for the full conference or \$100 per camper per day.

Dependent Adult Camp

- This is a camp for dependent adults with TSC with moderate to significant needs. Activities will be individually established based on the camper's interests and will include as much as the camper is able to try. Special events happening in the other camps may be available to the adult campers on an event-by-event basis. This camp will be staffed at either a 2:1 camper to staff ratio, or 1:1 help is available for an additional charge of \$200 per camper for the full conference or \$100 per camper per day.

Activities/Special Events

- Many activities are planned for all participants. Both individual and group activities will be available, all providing children and dependent adults the opportunity to explore, build relationships and relate to their peers.
- No field trips are part of the Day Camps. The facilities are extensive and themes for activities include *Wacky Olympics*, *TS Super Heroes*, and *How the West Was Fun*. As a family, you may choose to take advantage of on-site and nearby attractions.
- NOTE: There is a water park at the Hilton Anatole Hotel, but swimming will not be a camp activity. Swimming will be an option for all families during private times if they so choose.

Staffing

- **For Camp Discovery:** CKE has a vast array of staff available to them from all over the country and especially in the Dallas area as they support many conferences in this region. The staff is experienced in day camp activities and has an expertise with children of all ages.

CKE staff members for this conference are completely vetted, i.e. background checks, etc. All interviews are performed by CKE. All staff are required to participate in a pre-conference educational session and are CPR-certified.

- Staffing ratios for Camp Discovery are as follows:

Infants 0 to 2 Years:	1:2
Children 3 to 4 Years:	1:4
Children 5 to 7 Years:	1:5
Children 8 to 12 Years:	1:6
Children 13 to 17 Years:	1:8
- Children in the Camp Discovery are divided by chronological age.
- **For Camp Explorer (special needs camp) and Adult Day Camp:** The staff is comprised of professionals in various special needs areas: pediatric PT/OT, sensory integration specialists, special education teachers/aides, autism specialists, nurses, etc. All must have experience and/or education with a variety of special needs. The Camp Leadership Team

will personally interview all potential staff. All special needs staff will be vetted by CKE just as they do with all employees.

- Staffing is 1:2.
- For an additional fee of \$200 per camper for the full conference or \$100 per camper per day, 1:1 staffing is available.
- Camp Explorer rooms and activities include Music Therapy, Outdoor Activities, Imagination Play, Quiet/Movie Room, Arts and Crafts, and more!
- Sensory Room: a multi-sensory room for both sensory calming as well as sensory stimulation will be available to all Explorer campers throughout their time at camp. This room can be utilized as often as needed to maximize camper's involvement in all camp activities.
- Infant Room: this room will be shared with the Camp Discovery infants, but all Explorer campers will only be cared for by trained Explorer staff.

Meals

- In all three camps, lunch and snacks are included in the price of camp. Breakfast (part of the parent's registration) and dinner are available to all registered campers for free with their families.
- Special dietary needs (ketogenic diet, low glycemic, etc.), feeding tubes, etc. will all be provided by the parent.
- Infants will be given bottles/formula as directed and provided by the parent.

Medications

- During camp hours, all medications will be brought in and administered by a parent.
- Rescue (seizure) meds will be given by the parent. Each parent will indicate what the protocol is for rescue meds for the child. The parent will be notified emergently when the protocol has been met and there is a need for rescue medications to be administered.
- Certain medications the child takes him- or herself (i.e. asthma inhalers, insulin testing/shots, etc.) will be handled on a case-by-case basis after discussion with the parent. The same holds true with those children/adults with a VNS.

Emergency Procedures

- A Texas-licensed physician will be on call and on premises during the entire conference.
- Any injury or medical emergency that requires immediate attention will be handled through 911 and the local paramedic/fire department.

Our commitment to each camper is to provide a safe, loving, fun environment that provides all participants with experiences to enhance their curiosity, exploration, and discovery! Our commitment to all parents is to provide a safe, loving, fun environment for their child/children/dependent adult in an accepting environment. Because of this, our hope is each parent can relax and enjoy the conference, meet the experts and researchers, and network with other families who share your experiences in living with TSC.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to email Janie Frost, rjfrost91@gmail.com, at any time.