

# Camp Oasis Attendance Fee, Scholarship, & Travel Stipend FAQ



#### Q: How much is the attendance fee?

The fee to attend camp is \$400, but there are attendance scholarships and travel stipends available for those who qualify to help offset the cost.

## Q: How can I pay for the fee?

You can pay with a credit/debit card or submit a check to the National Camp Office made payable to the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation.

# Q: Can I pay in installments?

Yes. You do not have to submit your entire payment at once and can pay in installments.

#### Q: When is the attendance fee due?

Payment will be collected after your child's complete application has been medically reviewed and they have been cleared to attend camp. The attendance fee must be paid before your child arrives at camp.

# Q: Does paying the fee secure my child's spot at camp?

Although it is necessary for attendance, payment does **NOT** reserve a spot or guarantee acceptance. A <u>complete application must be submitted</u> for your child to be considered for camp! All applications are subject to medical review and approval prior to acceptance.

# Q: What happens to my payment if my child is not accepted and does not attend camp?

The payment will be fully refunded. Refunds will be processed on a rolling basis and received via the same method the fee was originally paid.

#### Q: What happens to my payment if my child is unable to attend camp after being accepted?

The payment will be fully refunded. Refunds will be processed on a rolling basis and received via the same method the fee was originally paid. Make sure to notify us as soon as possible if your child is unable to attend so that another child can take their place.

# Q: What happens to my payment if my child is sent home during the camp session?

Payment will not be refunded for campers who are sent home for medical or behavioral reasons once they have arrived at camp.

### Q: Can my Take Steps or Team Challenge fundraising cover my camp attendance fee?

Although we greatly value all fundraising efforts made by our families, donations received through Foundation fundraising programs cannot be transferred or used to cover fees for other programs. That money is used to fund much needed research and our mission critical programs.

#### Q: What if I have multiple children applying to camp?

The attendance fee is <u>per</u> camper/Leader in Training (LIT). We encourage you to consider our flexible payment schedule or attendance scholarship options as needed.

- Q: What if I can't afford the attendance fee and/or the travel expenses getting to/from camp? The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation has created a National Camp Attendance Scholarship & Travel Stipend Program so that no child will be turned away from camp for financial reasons. To date, all attendance scholarship requests have been approved!
- Q: How do I apply for an attendance scholarship and/or a travel stipend?

  The Attendance Scholarship / Travel Stipend Request form is included in the online application process.
- Q: What kinds of attendance scholarships and travel stipends are available? \*
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You can apply for either a half attendance scholarship and reduce the attendance fee to \$200 or a full attendance scholarship and reduce the attendance fee to \$0.

For families driving more than 100 miles one way to camp, and where accessible group travel is not being offered to/from camp – you can request a \$75 ground travel stipend that will be provided via a mailed Visa gift card.

Air travel stipends are available to families that will need to fly to their assigned regional camp – typically the camp located closest to your home. The stipend will cover the full cost of camper travel including baggage fees. If chaperoned group air travel is not an option for your camper, the stipend may also cover the cost of a parent or guardian flying with the camper to their regional site only.

The number of attendance scholarships and travel stipends is limited so please apply according to your true need.

\*Additional information regarding travel stipends will be provided once you have enrolled your child into the camp program and completed the application process. Families are encouraged to contact a Camp Oasis Leadership Team member if extenuating circumstances apply such as not being able to apply to your assigned regional camp.

Q: What is the attendance scholarship / travel stipend program criteria based on?

The attendance scholarship / travel stipend program criteria is based on economic need or hardship. Applicants are asked to provide their annual household income, the number of individuals living in their household, and a brief explanation of their financial situation.

- Q: Will I need to provide any documentation proving my household income?

  No legal documentation will need to be provided when applying for an attendance scholarship and/or travel stipend.
- Q: What if our family doesn't meet the income criteria but is experiencing a financial hardship? Families experiencing a financial hardship should still complete the Attendance Scholarship / Travel Stipend Request form regardless of their household income.

If you have additional questions, contact the Associate Director of Camp & Community Engagement,

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