

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPONSORING A CAMPER

It is very easy to sponsor a camper for your chapter to send to Camp Riley. The camper should be between age 8-18 and from your local community. If you do not know of someone from your community you may just send in campership money and the camp will select a child that needs financial assistance. Recruiting a camper adds a personal touch to the fund raising efforts of your chapter.

I have listed below steps to aid your efforts.

1. Raise as much money as possible to cover the campership. The actual cost of attending camp is \$1700 for one week and \$2000 for a two-week session.
2. Contact your school system for recommendations of qualified youth.
 - a. A child must meet certain criteria to be accepted to Camp Riley. The school system would be able to identify a child who would likely be accepted and not have financial resources to cover expense.
 - b. **NOT EVERY CAMBERSHIP APPLICATION IS ACCEPTED.** Do not get discouraged.
 - c. Campership selection is based on the following criteria.
 - ❖ Youth must have a physical disability.
 - ❖ Every camper must be able to benefit from the camping experience.
 - ❖ The decision must be supported by ESA.
 - ❖ Even though a mental disability may accompany many physical disabilities, the physical disability must be the main problem. Campers with certain levels of mental disability are accepted at Camp Riley, but a certain amount of intelligence is needed in order for the camper to participate in camp activities.
3. Obtain a Camp Riley application, which is available after January 1, 2008. If you do not receive an application: contact Jennifer Book at Riley Children's Foundation, 1-317-634-4474 or toll free at 1-877-867-4539.
4. **Mark the application ESA CAMPER and submit the completed application.**
5. **Send the Campership money to Peggy Zimmer, ISC Treasurer,** along with the appropriate form, which is in the workshop booklet and the treasurer's workshop booklet. **BE SURE TO WRITE THE CAMPER'S NAME ON THE FORM.**

6. Camper Selection: The Camp Admissions Committee (panel of doctors, nurses, and social workers) must make the final selection of all campers. The youth's ability to gain a benefit from Camp Riley is a basis for the decision.
7. Chapters are encouraged to provide as much of the \$1700 for one week or \$2000 for two weeks, campership as possible. If the chapters are unable to cover the full campership, the Riley Children's Foundation and outside contributions are used to make up the difference. Some money is obtained from the parents with the rest contributed by donors. The Riley Children's Foundation distributes a small amount of fundraising campaign materials to help raise contributions for Camp Riley, but the majority of contributions are dependent on outside organizations, like ESA.
8. A Chapter can still donate money toward a campership even if they do not have an applicant for camp. The money will go into a campership fund to cover the campership of a child sponsored by another chapter.
9. Donations may also be made to the Indiana ESA Campership Endowment, which was established for the purpose of providing a campership in the future years in honor of Indiana ESA, its commitment and passion to perpetuate the vision and mission of "We do So they can", in allowing a child to attend camp each year.

The Riley Children's Foundation has videos available as well as speakers that would be willing to come to chapter meetings or Philanthropic events. Contact Jennifer Book or Becky Phillips at the Riley Children's Foundation.