

Respite 2023

Registration Opens November 1, 2022



True Friends Respite programs provide short-term relief for children and adults ages five and up with intellectual, physical, and developmental disabilities. We give families and caregivers a much-needed break while offering an exciting and safe environment for our participants to enjoy with friends. True Friends Respite provides life-changing experiences for all who attend. Throughout the weekend, respite consistently focuses on four core competencies: recreation, leisure, education and having fun!

Great Staff - Great Experiences

We work to match our participants with staff to enhance each person's experience. Respite staff promote participation through motivational support, fostering teamwork and empowering others. Our participants will always have a choice in the activity they would like to participate in and will be encouraged by our staff to try new and exciting things.

What to Expect During Your Respite Stay

We understand it takes time to prepare for a weekend away. Please visit truefriends.org/respite for packing list suggestions, a sample of weekend activities, payment options, staff training, check in/out times and more!

Supporting Participants for a Successful Experience

True Friends partners with families and guardians to make each participant's experience successful. In order for us to do this, we need families and guardians to provide extensive information about each participant. True Friends also acknowledges not all participants are appropriate for the camp setting in which respite is provided.

Our Respite programs provide individual and group-based services. When identifying your loved one's care ratio in the application, please refer to True Friends care ratio guidance.

True Friends is a 245D licensed home and community-based service; we are not a crisis service organization. Therefore, True Friends reserves the right to deny services to individuals who we believe pose a safety threat to themselves, other participants, and/or our employees.

Respite Facts

- Respite is offered at Camp Friendship in Annandale and Camp Eden Wood in Eden Prairie, MN.
- True Friends holds a 245D license from the Department of Human Services.
- Our facilities are licensed by the Department of Health.
- Our camps are accredited by the American Camp Association.

2023 Respite Schedule

Camp Friendship, Annandale

Date	Session #
January 6-8	401.23
February 10-12	402.23
February 17-19	403.23
March 10-12	404.23
April 14-16	405.23
April 28-30	406.23
June 9-11	407.23
June 23-25	408.23
July 14-16	409.23
July 28-30	410.23
August 25-27	411.23
September 22-24	412.23
October 6-8	413.23
October 20-22	414.23
November 10-12	415.23
November 17-19	416.23
December 8-10	417.23

Camp Eden Wood, Eden Prairie

Date	Session #
January 13-15	601.23
February 3-5	602.23
February 24-26	603.23
March 3-5	604.23
March 17-19	605.23
March 31-April 2	606.23
April 21-23	607.23
May 5-7	608.23
September 15-17	609.23
September 29-October 1	610.23
October 13-15	611.23
November 3-5	612.23
December 1-3	613.23

How to Register:

All required documents must be received with your application. Applications will not be processed without an [Annual Physical](#), [Medication List](#) from a Health Care professional, [Medication Administration Record](#), and your most recent Coordinated Service Support Plan (CSSP)/Community Support Plan (CSP).

1. Gather all of the required documents prior to filling out the application (see above). Please email all healthcare documents to healthcare@truefriends.org or fax 952.852.0123.
2. Apply online at www.truefriends.org/respite. If you need instructions to apply online, please email registration@truefriends.org or call 952.852.0101.
3. The Manager of Respite Services will work with families individually on a weekly basis to confirm services and registration. Individuals will need to have all healthcare supporting documents submitted to our office to be considered for a respite weekend.

