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Children's National



Camp New Friends

AUGUST 3-8, 2025

A fun, supportive, and empowering environment for children and teens with neurofibromatosis and their friends, siblings, and allies

Camp New Friends is a collaboration between Melwood and Children's National Hospital that creates a fun, inclusive environment. Children with and without disabilities and chronic health conditions, as well as their siblings, friends, and allies, are welcome.

Camp New Friends serves to reduce the isolation often associated with neurological disorders and chronic health conditions. Parents can feel confident that their children are under the care of a pediatric team specializing in their child's condition. Counselors are trained in dealing with the issues associated with neuromuscular disease. We also invite counselors and volunteers who live with the condition themselves to share their experiences with the campers.

“Ava made such good connections with the girls in her cabin and fit in so, so, so, so well, it makes my heart happy. The girls now share a group text and talk to each other every day.”

– On behalf of Ava, Camp New Friends

Camp Rates:

Day Camp (age 5-12) \$550/week

Overnight Camp (age 8-18)

\$1,250/week

Scholarships available! In 2024, we proudly awarded ALL scholarship requests!

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