



Camp Connect Frequently Asked Questions

What is Camp Connect?

Camp Connect is a program within Promises2Kids. Camp Connect provides memorable and fun experiences for separated siblings in the foster care system. This program is a partnership with Health & Human Services Agency of San Diego County.

What are the qualifications to attend a Camp Connect event?

Camper must be between the ages of 5 – 21 years old (overnight events have a minimum age of 6 years old), have an open juvenile dependency case in San Diego County, and have one or more sibling(s) that live in a separate living arrangement. Contact the Camp Connect Specialist for eligibility questions.

What if the camper is in guardianship or has been adopted and no longer has an opened case with the county?

Any camper who is in guardianship or has been adopted may attend Camp Connect events if they have a separated sibling with an open case in San Diego county. Prior to signing up for an event, please contact the Camp Connect Specialist for eligibility.

Note: youth who have been reunified and live with their biological parents are not eligible.

How often are Camp Connect events?

Camp Connect hosts a variety of events throughout the year. There are overnight trips, day events, and family events. Please see the Camp Connect calendar for more details.

Who can sign up a camper for a Camp Connect event?

If the camper meets the requirements, anybody can sign them up, including foster parents, group homes, CASA, or social worker.

How do I sign up a camper for a Camp Connect event?

A camper can be signed up for a Camp Connect event by completing the online registration form [here](#).

The following information is required when signing up a camper for an event:

Name, Caregiver Name, Caregiver Phone Number and Email, Date of Birth, Additional Sibling Name(s), Drop Off Person Name and Contact Information, Primary Contact Name, Emergency Contact Phone Number

Where is Camp Connect and how do I get there?

Camp Connect events are typically located within San Diego County. Some events and overnights are located in nearby cities in California. Each event's location is noted on the monthly Camp Connect calendar. Location details and logistics will be provided when the camper's registration is confirmed by the Camp Connect Specialist.

Transportation will be required to all events unless bussing is provided. If there is bussing for an event, campers are required to get transportation to the predetermined pick-up location in San Diego. Busses will not be held for tardy campers.

If a camper does not have a ride to the event, please coordinate with the camper's social worker.

What is required from the camper to attend the event?

The camper's guardian must fill out a Camper History Form before attending the event. The form can be brought to the event or can be e-mailed to the Camp Connect Specialist at least the Thursday prior to the event.

Is there a cost to Camp Connect events?

Camp Connect is a free program to those who qualify. Promises2Kids is funded 100% by donors. All events include meals, snacks, and activities at no cost to the campers and volunteers attending. Bussing to specific camps will be provided at no cost to campers and volunteers. Some overnights require specific packing items that campers must provide. For any reason that a camper is unable to bring the required packing items on the list, please contact the Camp Connect Specialist prior to the event. Accommodations or support may be available.

How many campers attend a Camp Connect event?

Camp Connect prepares each event for 50-150 campers.

What if the camper's sibling does not attend?

We try and avoid this situation by coordinating with all caregivers prior to the day of the event. If a sibling does not attend, the youth in attendance can choose if they want to stay and participate in the event, or not.

What if the camper needs medication during a Camp Connect Event?

Volunteers, staff, and campers are not permitted to carry nor administer medication at any events. Please ensure that campers are administered their medication(s) prior to events. Epi-pens and inhalers are exceptions and must be provided during camp check-in.

Registered Nurses (RNs) will be available at events outside of the county and during overnight trips. If campers who need medication are attending these events, a completed medication form and physician's note must be provided at check-in. The medication(s) must be provided in its original package or bottle and may not be expired.

My camper signed up late/did not sign up, can they still go?

For logistical purposes, it is appreciated if campers are signed up ahead of time. If this is not possible, please contact the Camp Specialist to determine event availability.

What items are prohibited to bring to an event?

The following items are prohibited from Camp Connect events: Illegal substances, alcohol, cigarettes, E-cigarettes, prescription medication (unless otherwise noted on the Camp Health Form and approved by the Camp Connect Specialist), laser pointers, masks (or other clothing that covers the face), skateboards, bicycles, scooters, and weapons of any kind, or any other object deemed as inappropriate or unsafe by the Camp Connect Specialist.

How will my camper be supervised?

Safety is our number one priority. Camp Connect has volunteers to supervise the campers with a 1 to 3 ratio. All Volunteers have passed a background check (which is monitored by the County of San Diego) and attended appropriate trainings to support campers. Camp Connect is managed by Promises2Kids employees and HHSA.

How can I contact my camper in case of an emergency?

If your camper does not have a phone, please contact the Camp Connect Specialist.

Is the camper's caregiver able to attend the event?

Caregivers are not permitted to stay for the duration of Camp Connect events. However, Camp Connect hosts family events throughout the year. If a family event is noted on the Camp Connect calendar, caregivers and additional siblings of all ages may attend. Each attendee is asked to register online.

How do I become a volunteer for Camp Connect?

Please contact the Volunteer Specialist at hilary@promises2kids.org for information on how to volunteer.

What if it rains during an outside Camp Connect event?

Camp Connect events operate rain or shine. Please monitor the weather and dress accordingly. We recommend wearing layers. Caregivers are asked to check their e-mail prior to events for the latest updates from the Camp Connect Specialist.

What if there is an emergency?

If an emergency arises at an event, we will follow the protocol of the venue. After which, the Camp Connect Specialist will contact the Caregivers with an update.

Are pets allowed?

Service animals or certified emotional support animals are allowed, please inform the Camp Connect Specialist prior to bringing any animals.

For any further questions, please contact the Camp Connect Specialist, Tera Swed:
858-751-6613 or tera@promises2kids.org