

NCEFT

HAPPY TRAILS **CAMP** - FAQ

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Where will HTC be held?

HTC will be held on the NCEFT grounds. We will make use of our entire 12-acre property, including our covered arena, barn, sensory trail, horse stall and paddock areas up the hill, and Triple H Ranch facility (arts & crafts room and outdoor swing/play area located toward the back of the property).

Will typically-developing children and those with disabilities be all together or separated into different groups?

Kids will be all together! The fundamental goal of HTC is to provide an outdoor camp experience, regardless of ability – or disability – of the camper! For families that blend children with disabilities and typically developing children, rarely do opportunities arise for siblings to experience a camp program together. Because we work with children with such a wide range of abilities, we are confident we can create a camp experience that will be fun, exciting and engaging to all campers. By having children together, they will bond, learn from each other, and grow together. Our goal is to make “ability” irrelevant, at least for one short week in the summer!

Who will be staffing HTC?

NCEFT regular staff and volunteers will staff HTC. We plan to partner each family sibling-group with a young adult (teenager or older) “buddy” to help provide a rich camper experience with plenty of supervision.

What if my child with disabilities has significant/specific needs?

NCEFT staff (current therapists or instructors) will coordinate directly with families on a one-to-one basis prior to camp to determine specific needs of campers with disabilities. In some specific situations, families may need to provide 1:1 aides if the child’s needs exceed the abilities/qualifications of our staff and volunteers.

What should my child(ren) wear? Bring?

Campers should wear comfortable play clothes that are OK to get dirty! As we will be outside around animals, long pants and sturdy shoes are important. No sandals or open-toed shoes! Slather on that sunblock in the morning, and hats are recommended. Bring a healthy sack lunch and a water bottle. And don’t forget to pack that sense of humor!

Is lunch provided?

Lunch is NOT provided – please pack a healthy sack lunch and don't forget a water bottle labeled with your camper's name. HTC will provide light snacks at snack time and refill water bottles throughout the day, especially if the weather is hot. Please be sure to note any food allergies or issues on the camper registration form.

Is this a horseback riding camp?

HTC is not a formal horseback riding camp, focused specifically on learning to ride and riding every day. While we will be around all our beautiful horses, donkeys and other critters every day (meeting, grooming, petting, learning about, etc.), we will only be riding on the final day of camp, during the costume parade. (Parents note: the parade will be a great photo op, and parents are welcome – no encouraged! - to come watch!)

Can anyone attend HTC or just NCEFT patient families?

We anticipate that current NCEFT patient families will fill the limited spaces available for HTC. Therefore, we will prioritize registration for our current patients. However, we will keep a waiting list for non-patient families and should space become available, we will open registration to the public after patient families have had ample opportunity to sign up.

Is before or after care available?

Due to staffing constraints, before or after care will not be available. Camp hours are 9:30a-1:30p. Please do not drop off children before 9:30a and pick up children promptly at 1:30p as there will not be ample supervision before or after camp hours.

What are the payment and refund/cancellation policies?

Camp fees are due at the time of registration. Fees are:

- Early Bird Discount (registration/payment made by May 1):
\$475 per child per week.
- Regular fees: (registration/payment made after May 1):
\$495 per child per week
- Siblings receive a 10% discount on their registration fees. For example, if 2 siblings register for the Early Bird Discount, fees would be $\$475 + \$427.50 = \$902.50$

Cancellation policy: cancellations must be made in writing to NCEFT.

Cancellations prior to July 1 can be made at no charge.

Cancellations after July 1 are eligible for a 50% refund.

Cancellations after July 15 are non-refundable.

Is financial assistance available?

A limited amount of financial assistance is available for HTC. Priority will be given to those NCEFT patients currently qualifying for financial assistance. Please contact Gari Merendino, NCEFT Executive Director, directly for details. gari@nceft.org or 650-851-2271 ext. 2.