

Camp is a place where children celebrate victories together; where campers build faith in themselves and others; and where imagination and enthusiasm for life blossoms.

Trail's Edge camp means more than just a week at camp. It opens a window to the rest of their lives.



Trail's Edge Camp *for Ventilator-Dependent Children*



When and Where

Actual camp dates vary from year to year. Counselors arrive Saturday for orientation and campers arrive Sunday. After a full week of camp activities, we all end the experience together.

Trail's Edge Camp is held each year at Camp Fowler in Mayville, Michigan, located approximately 30 miles north of Lapeer, Michigan.

Cost

Trail's Edge Camp is funded by contributions from various foundations. There is absolutely **NO** cost to the camper.

For More Information

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Trail's Edge Camp would like to thank **FRIENDS of U. of M. Hospitals** and **Zukey Lake Tavern** for their continued support and generosity in making this experience successful for ventilator-dependent children each year.

There is something intrinsically special about summer camp . . . the sweet odor of the forest; the smell of the fire; learning campfire songs; and making friends.

Camp is an experience, an opportunity, to become independent. Become more aware of nature. It affects self-esteem and self-discipline.

It's an experience everyone should have.



A Unique Opportunity



Trail's Edge Camp is a summer camp for children with special medical needs: campers have tracheostomies or need ventilator assistance.

They typically are thought to be too "medically fragile" to go to camp because of the specific care they require.

Trail's Edge campers generally between the ages of 3-18 are given a unique opportunity to experience the joy of the great outdoors.

Welcome to Trail's Edge Camp



Experience Nature

Trail's Edge Camp offers a chance to have all the fun of a typical overnight summer camp, independent of family. Campers do so with counselors who are qualified to provide the technological and medical assistance needed.

Trail's Edge campers experience fishing, hiking, creative arts, music, nature and outdoor living skills, horse-back riding, boating, swimming, and more.

Activities are orchestrated to campers' abilities, to let them safely try and succeed at new endeavors.

With Friends

Trail's Edge Camp is an ambitious accomplishment of caring. Counselors are health care professionals.

They are at camp as friends first.

They also are there to monitor and provide medical necessities. 95% of our counselors are nurses, respiratory therapists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, social workers, speech pathologists, child life specialists and physicians.

Each camper will have a partner who will provide primary care round-the-clock.

Each cabin will have a cabin leader and a health staff member who will monitor their camper's well-being.

Within safe boundaries, Trail's Edge campers are free to direct their own summer camp experience.



Fun with Life

At *Trail's Edge Camp*, no one is different and no one has to sit on the sidelines. Not only does camp become a normal life experience; Camp is a place where it is typical to have a trach, a vent or something of the like.

We let kids be kids. It's a chance for them to have fun and experience the wonder and beauty of nature.

Trail's Edge Camp is full of adventure; full of friendship; full of independence; full of life. It's a unique summer camp experience.