

CAMP TIGER

Virtual Camp Tiger 2021 Information Packet and Application

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Application Timeline

We will be opening and accepting applications starting **February 21, 2021**. Applications must be turned in and fully complete (i.e. health information, camper preferences completed) by **April 23, 2021 at 11:59 PM**.

Notification of Acceptance

All eligible applicants will be accepted into this year's Camp Tiger. We will send acceptance notices on a rolling basis once we receive all of the proper paperwork for each camper. In early May, the counselor paired with your camper will contact the parents/guardians with more information. We are reviewing applications thoroughly to assure that campers accepted into the program are paired with counselors who make a good match.

Camp Dates

Camp will take place from May 24th-28th, 2021. Time specifications are made in the "General Camp Schedule" section below.

Virtual Camp Information and Curriculum

Overview

We are developing a virtual format for Camp Tiger this year for an online camp experience. Each camper will have a "Camp Tiger Activity Kit" containing supplies for each activity including toys, props, and snacks to use throughout the week to be picked up at the beginning of the week at the Camper Parade (more information below). All session will be conducted via Zoom with trained counselors similar to the in-person version of Camp Tiger. Some of the sessions will be in large groups with several children to maintain the social aspect of Camp Tiger in this format, but we will also have smaller groups of 3 to 10 campers for more direct attention to campers for other activities. Each day, the campers will go to one large group activity and one small group activity. This way, we can garner the benefits of socialization in large groups and personalization of small groups.

Again, all session will be conducted via Zoom by rising second-year and incoming first-year medical students of the LSU School of Medicine in New Orleans. The counselors will email a detailed list of Zoom links specific to each camper at the beginning of the week. The email will be clearly labeled by day, activity, and time. Of course, this will be adjustable, so if a time does not work with the camper or their caretaker and families, a different time and Zoom link will be set up before the start of Camp. We will be very flexible to accommodate the schedules of all the families involved.

Large Group Activity

The large groups will have 15 to 30 campers with their counselors. Each large group activity will start with a motivational and energetic opening for 15 minutes to half an hour, then everyone will watch a 30-minute video (that can be re-watched at any time), to be followed by one or two activities that connect to the Camp Tiger theme or the video for the day. Tentatively, the professional videos for each day will be tours of the New Orleans Audubon Zoo, New Orleans Aquarium, a Magic Show, and a Planetarium virtual visit. Activities may include crafts, talent shows, baking, and dancing. More details to be released upon acceptance as the program is developed. In addition to the fun of the activities, campers and counselors will have a wonderful time interacting with their peers with these large group activities.



We will have three different start times for large group activities: 9:00 AM, 12:00 PM, and 3:00 PM, each lasting for an hour and a half. Each camper will only go to one of the large group activity sessions a day. We will assign each camper to a time based on availability indicated in their application. More information about the schedule in the [“General Camp Schedule”](#) section.

Asynchronous Small Group Activity

The small groups will have 5 to 10 campers with their counselors. Each small group activity will start with a “check-in” with each camper for 15-30 minutes, followed by a small group activity. The “check-in” will be a time to ask what activities are working for each camper and also a time to interact with their peers of the same age group. Small group activities may include games, show-and-tell, crafts, and music. The small groups will be designed to have a more personalized activity that meets the wants and needs for individual campers.

Unlike the large group activities, the small group activities will start at several different times (asynchronous). The small group can happen right after or right before the large group, or it could happen in totally different times of day. It will be dependent on what form of virtual activity works best for each camper. Once counselors are matched to the campers in early May, they will communicate to verify what times work for the campers. We will assign each camper to a time based on availability indicated in their application and conversations had between caretakers and counselors. Example schedules and more information will be in the [“General Camp Schedule”](#) section.

Requirements

A working laptop and access to a Wi-Fi internet connection will be required to participate in the virtual program. Depending on housing situations, we will either group siblings or relatives together in small-group sessions, assign them different times for small group, or use multiple devices to separate them. This is to be communicated after acceptance into the program for households that this may affect. LSUHSC cannot and will not provide devices or internet connection for the week of Camp Tiger.

General Camp Schedule

Camper Parade and Camp Tiger Activity Kit Pick-up

On Sunday, May 23 and Monday, May 24, Camp Tiger will be having a socially distanced “Camper Parade” where campers and their families will drive through LSUHSC’s parking lot in their cars to be greeted by balloons, posters, music, and their counselors! Besides getting the campers excited for the week, the “Camp Tiger Activity Kits” will also be picked up at this time. In each Kit, there will be crafts, toys, letters, props, baking supplies, snacks, and personalized items for each camper. The objects will be organized in bags for each day of the week, so it is clear what is needed for each activity. More details on time and schedule to come, but we are offering pick-up over Sunday afternoon and Monday morning. Obviously, campers are strongly encouraged to come and participate in the parade, as they are the VIPs, but if arrangements need to be made to get the kits to families in another fashion, we will do our best to accommodate and coordinate with you. The camp is free of charge for eligible children. *Camp Tiger counselors cannot be responsible for delivering camp supplies to individual homes. Guardians are responsible for seeing that camper supplies are picked up on time.*

Large Group Activity Times

Again, we will have three different start times for large group activities: 9:00 AM, 12:00 PM, and 3:00 PM, each lasting for an hour and a half. Each camper will only go to one of the large group activity sessions a day. This time should stay consistent each day for the whole week, unless there are extenuating circumstances.



Asynchronous Small Group Activity Times

There will be much more variety in the start times for the small group activities. On the application, we want you to indicate a general time of day that your camper will want to have their second activity. Also, we want you to indicate if it is best to do both activities back-to-back or with a long break in between. Each camper will only go to one of the small group activity sessions a day. This time should stay consistent each day for the whole week, unless there are extenuating circumstances. We highly recommend and expect that most campers will participate in their small group activity after their large group activity; however, it is not mandatory that the activities are completed in any particular order.

Example Schedules

Here are four example schedules that are possible for your camper to show the variability and flexibility of the schedule to fit the needs of each camper and family.

	Large Group Start	Large Group End	Small Group Start	Small Group End
Camper 1	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM
Camper 2	3:00 PM	4:30 PM	4:30 PM	5:30 PM
Camper 3	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	4:30 PM	5:30 PM
Camper 4	12:00 PM	1:30 PM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM

Camper 1 wants to start their large group activity in the morning and go straight into their small group so that they are finished by noon.

Camper 2 starts in the late afternoon at 3:00 PM because they are going to school until 2:30 PM, and then goes straight into their small group after their large group session.

Camper 3 starts their large group activity in the morning at 9:00 AM like Camper 1, but either needs a long break or wants to join a friend they know in their small group activity at 4:30 PM.

Camper 4 starts their large group activity at 12:00 PM, but wants to do their small group activity with their ABA therapist who is available at 11:00 AM. **** Still, we highly recommend that campers go to the large group activity before the small group activity! ****

Please contact us with any input about scheduling. If we see that a different time works better for many campers, we will add another time session. For example, if some campers are not able to get home until 4 after school, we can adjust plans to make Camp Tiger fit in those families' schedules.

Camp Eligibility

Camp Tiger is designed for children in the Greater New Orleans area who are physically and/or intellectually disabled. LSUHSC designed Camp Tiger to cater to children that are unable to attend other camps. Though camp is moving to a virtual format this summer, we ask that applications remain limited to children that fit these criteria.

Campers must be ages 6-15 **at the time of camp**. The only exception to this rule will be campers who are 16 years old AND were accepted into Camp Tiger in 2020. Fortunately, due to the accessibility of our virtual format, we will be accepting all eligible campers this year. However, **applications will not be accepted past the deadline on April 26th**.

Due to the virtual nature of camp, please ensure that your child has access to a computer, tablet, or laptop as well as a stable WIFI connection. LSUHSC will be unable to provide computers to campers.

COVID-19 Safety Procedures

Though Camp Tiger has taken on a virtual format this year, LSUHSC faculty and staff are still taking necessary precautions to guarantee the safety of all campers. The Camper Parade will be a touchless, meaning campers and families will not be getting out of their cars.



Mask-wearing and Social Distancing

All counselors, campers, and staff members will be required to wear a mask **at all times** when in direct contact with campers (ie. Camper Parade). This is compliant with mandates set forth by the city of New Orleans. The parade to collect supplies will be a contactless car parade. Campers and family members are not to exit their vehicles at this time.

Procedure for Application

Prior to filling out the attached application we ask that you thoroughly read the informational packet. There have been several changes to camp this year and we did our best to answer many of the questions that we are anticipating within the packet. If you have any additional questions, please see the Camp Tiger Faculty Contact Information sheet below.

Fill the application out to your best ability. Please do not leave any questions blank. Email the completed application to eboudo@lsuhsc.edu or mail to Andante Hebert, Office of Student Affairs (LSUHSC-NO School of Medicine, 2020 Gravier Street, 7th Floor New Orleans, LA 70112) no later than **April 26, 2021**. Late applications will not be accepted.

Camp Tiger Contact Information

Thomas Luke, Camp Tiger Director
Phone: 337-501-9653
Email: tluke1@lsuhsc.edu

Erin Boudoin, Camp Tiger Secretary
Phone: 504-638-8434
Email: eboudo@lsuhsc.edu

This is our first Virtual Camp Tiger ever, and we are working extremely hard to make it a success. If you have any feedback on how to make this better and possible for your child and your family, do not hesitate to reach out to either one of us with questions and concerns. We are still figuring out how to make this work for all campers and would appreciate input if things can be changed to make this experience the best it can be.





Application for Camp Tiger 2021

Return Application by April 26th, 2021 to:

CAMP TIGER 2021 APPLICATION

c/o Andante Hebert

Office of Student Affairs

LSU School of Medicine

2020 Gravier Street, 7th Floor

New Orleans, LA 70112

Fax: 504-568-8534 or eboudo@lsuhsc.edu

GENERAL INFORMATION: *To be completed by parent or guardian*

Camper's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: _____ Weight: _____ T-Shirt Size(circle): YS YM YL YXL AS AM AL AXL

Was your child accepted into Camp Tiger 2020 before its cancelation? _____

Has the child attended Camp Tiger before? _____

If yes, what year(s) _____

Can you name your child's previous counselors? _____

Large Group Time Preference:

Please check any and all of the following session options that work for you and your Camper's schedule:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Tuesday – Friday | <input type="checkbox"/> 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM Tuesday – Friday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Tuesday – Friday | <input type="checkbox"/> No preference |

Asynchronous Small Group Time Preference:

Please check any and all of the following session options that work for you and your Camper's schedule:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Morning (8:00 AM - 12:00 PM) Mon. – Fri. | <input type="checkbox"/> Evening (3:00 PM - 6:00 PM) Mon. – Fri. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon (12:00 PM - 3:00 PM) Mon. – Fri. | <input type="checkbox"/> No preference |

For your camper, would it be best to have the small group activity after a 10- to 15-minute break following the large group activity or at a separate time of day?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Directly after large group | <input type="checkbox"/> Different time of day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No preference | |

Camper Parade Time Preference:

Please check any and all of the following time options that work for you and your Camper's schedule:

- 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Sunday, May 23
- 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Monday, May 24

For more information about camp sessions please see the [General Camp Schedule](#) section of the information packet.



SPECIFIC INFORMATION: *To be completed by parent or guardian.*

*Even if your child has attended Camp Tiger in previous years, all information must be filled out completely. *

Please Circle Your Choices

Personality: What types of personality does he/she exhibit?

Easy-going Calm Cheerful Alert Sensitive Strong-willed Restless Moody Shy

Additional comments: _____

Does he/she have any fears we should know about? (animals, amusement park rides, etc.): _____

How does your child communicate? Verbal Signs Non-verbal:

Specify _____

How would you rate his/her social skills? Good Fair Poor

Does your child speak/understand English? Yes No

If no, what is their primary language and/ or language spoken at home? _____

Diagnosis: What is your child's primary diagnosis? _____

Please indicate any special problems that might affect your child at camp: _____

Dietary Restrictions and Allergies: We will be providing a few snacks for the campers. Please list any of your child's food allergies and dietary restrictions: _____

CAMPER INTERESTS AND PREFERENCES: *Please answer the questions below so we can personalize this virtual experience personalized to your Camper!*

1. What does your camper enjoy doing with their spare time?

2. What are your campers' favorite sports, activities, hobbies, etc.?

3. What TV show or movie character(s) does your camper like?

4. Does your camper enjoy performing arts (dance, music, acting)?

5. List any activities or topics that your camper does **not** enjoy.

6. What is your camper's favorite rainy-day activity? (ex. Movies, board games, painting, etc.)

7. What does your camper's ideal day look like? (Include activities, locations, meals, etc.)

8. List three adjectives that describe your camper.

9. Describe a unique fact about your camper.

10. Please provide any additional information about your camper's interests and hobbies that may aid us when selecting camper/counselor pairs.



TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION:

Please select from the following answer choices. This information will allow us to prepare for any potential technological malfunctions.

My camper will have access to a web-camera.

- Yes No

My camper will have access to a microphone an/or headphones.

- Yes No

My camper will have daily access to a stable Wi-Fi connection.

- Yes No

Please select the device that your camper will primarily use throughout the duration of camp:

- Tablet (iOS or Android) Desktop Computer
 Laptop Computer Other _____

My child may require closed-captioning or other visual aids.

- Yes No

Parent/Guardian Information

Primary Parent/Guardian’s Name: _____

Primary Mailing Address (City, State, Zip):

*Daytime Phone Number: _____ Type: HOME WORK CELL

*Other Phone Number: _____ Type: HOME WORK CELL

*E-mail Address: _____

Second Parent/Guardian’s Name: _____

Primary Mailing Address (if different) (City, State, Zip):

*Daytime Phone Number: _____ Type: HOME WORK CELL

*Other Phone Number: _____ Type: HOME WORK CELL

*E-mail Address: _____

Emergency Contact:

If I cannot be reached in an EMERGENCY, the camp counselors and director may contact:

Emergency Contact: _____

Relationship to Camper: _____

Primary Mailing Address (City, State, Zip):

*Phone Number: _____ Type: HOME WORK CELL

*E-mail Address: _____



Parent or Guardian Authorization and Waiver

The given health history is correct, to the extent of my knowledge, and I give my full consent for applicant, _____, to attend Camp Tiger - LSUHSC Summer Camp for Special Needs Children and to engage in all planned camp activities, except as noted by me and the examining physician.

In the event that I cannot be reached in an EMERGENCY, I hereby give my permission to the physician selected by the camp director to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection, anesthesia or surgery for my child as named above.

Print Guardian Name: _____

Signature of Guardian: _____

Date: _____



CONSENT FOR PHOTOGRAPHY, INTERVIEW, RECORDING

I, _____, hereby grant permission to LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans to photograph, video tape, record, or interview me, or in the case of a minor, my child _____, for print, broadcast, or social media use, for use in LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans publications, video or audio tapes, brochures, website, or for use in teaching by LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans faculty.

I hereby transfer to LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans all rights and claims I have, or in the future may acquire, with respect to such photographs, video recordings, audio recordings, and/or written materials, agreeing that same shall be the sole and absolute property of LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans. I hereby relieve and release LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans from any and all claims whatsoever, and for any and all kinds of remuneration for use of such materials.

Signature _____ Date _____

Address: _____



BE SURE THAT YOU HAVE INCLUDED ALL FOUR PAGES OF THE CAMPER APPLICATION (NUMBERED 6-9) BY APRIL 26, 2021 AT 11:59 PM.

****In order for an application to be complete, it MUST include a completed application and photo release form (included directly above)****

Incomplete applications will not be considered

