

Campership Program & Financial Aid Information Summer 2024

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Introduction to the Campership Program

Through our Campership Program, the Bar 717 Ranch seeks to offer tuition assistance to those campers who otherwise could not afford a session at camp. We believe that for *all* campers, the rich experiences, deep friendships, and time spent on the ranch will stay with them for a lifetime.

The Campership Program is funded by tax-deductible donations from individuals and families and is administered through the American Camp Association (ACA). We are deeply grateful for the support of our donors and thankful to have a way to assist in bringing even more campers into our camp community.

The information included here is intended to provide guidance on the application process and eligibility for the Campership Program. Please read the information carefully and contact us with any questions.

Eligibility

As much as we would like to, we are not always able to provide financial assistance to all families who apply for a Campership. Camperships are awarded based on financial need and as such, we ask that all applicants do their best to truly assess their ability to contribute to camp tuition. The mission of our campership program is to enable campers to attend whose families have no other means of sending their child to camp. If you have support from other family members or friends who are willing to contribute to your child's tuition, please consider that when completing your application.

Helpful guidelines:

- Camperships are available for any session, but not for Family Camp.
- Camperships are only available for one session.
- Campership awards are based on financial need. Full and partial camperships are available.
- We are only able to offer one Campership per family.
- Once a Campership has been granted, we will commit to a similar award for three consecutive summers. A new application and financial documentation will be required each year to verify need.

How to Apply

To be considered for the Campership Program, please submit a <u>2024 Campership Application</u> (<u>pdf</u>). The deadline for Campership applications is February 1, 2024. Recipients will be notified by February 29, 2024. Applications received after this date will be considered only if additional funding is available. As part of the application, you will be required to provide:

• A completed Campership Application (including a short essay from the camper)

- Documentation of financial need
 - o IRS Form 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ from most recent year
 - W-2 Forms (or other records of money earned) for all income earners who support the child applicant.
 - o In some cases we may request additional financial information. We will contact you if this is necessary.
- Information regarding any unique circumstances not reflected in the application materials. The more information you can provide, the easier it is for us to make decisions that are consistent with the goals of the program.

Giving

Our Campership Program is funded by donations from individuals and families who share our commitment to making camp available to all children regardless of financial ability. Contributions to the Campership Fund are tax-deductible and 100% of all donations will be applied to providing a Camp experience for a deserving child. If you would like to enable a child to obtain a Bar 717 Ranch/Camp Trinity experience, you can donate online at: https://www.formstack.com/forms/?1107541-khUxP4aEdr or you can donate by check. Checks can be made payable to the Bar 717 Ranch/ ACA Campership Fund, and mailed to:

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Within a few weeks of making a donation, you will receive a confirmation receipt from the Bar 717 Ranch.

Contact

Please contact the camp office with any questions. You can reach us by email at <u>camptrinity@bar717.com</u> or by phone at 530-628-5992.