

Stepping Stones Ohio

Camp Location:

- Day Camp location: 5650 Given Rd, Indian Hill, OH
- Overnight Camp: 1414 Lake Allyn Rd, Batavia, OH

Type of Camp:

- Camp Given –Offers a 9-week summer day camp for individuals with mild to moderate developmental disabilities ages 5-22
- Camp Allyn – Offers 5-day, 4-night “staycation” summer camps (8 total during summer) for individuals with mild to moderate developmental disabilities ages 16-65+

Camper Requirements: Stepping Stones Recreation and Leisure programs are designed for individuals with a mild to moderate Intellectual, Developmental or Physical Disability. In order to maintain a quality program, sessions are designed to accommodate specific needs of participants through staffing ratios, programming, and activity goals. With our unique environment and seasonal staff, our goal is to accommodate as many participants as we can safely accommodate. Unfortunately we are unable to serve participants at this time who demonstrate one or more of the following:

- Participants who requires 1:1 support
- Participants who require assistances in their daily routine as defined (eating and toileting care). Must be able to perform personal care tasks independently or with verbal prompting.
- Extreme aggression towards self or others
- Flight risk off camp property
- Safety risk towards open bodies of water and roads
- Sexual behavior directed towards others
- Significant property destruction
- Severe self-injurious behavior
- Consistent refusal to participate in group activities and programming
- History of poor program attendance
- (Overnight Programs Only) – Unable to sleep through the night in a cabin and/or share a room with others

Staffing Ratios: 5:1 or 6:1 depending on the level of support

Staff Training Process: There is a week-long training the week before summer camp begins for all staff. Our Camp advisors have an additional week of training before the all staff training. Staff training includes sessions on understanding disabilities, different types of communication, behavior management and de-escalation, sensory needs and sensitivities, and more.

Discipline Policy: Stepping Stones reserves the right to send a participant home if their behavior becomes unmanageable, disruptive, or endangers participants and staff. For safety, Stepping Stones also reserves the right to send a participant home if they are unable to stay with their assigned group.

Safety / Security: Camp Allyn has two bodies of water, and both have a fence around them. Camp Allyn is located back in a wooded area off the road. There are also door alarms on all of the cabin lobbies, and in the cabin. The Given campus has a pool as well as a lake. Both bodies of water have certified lifeguards supervising during the entire camp program. The Given campus is located on a residential street, and has fencing on the entire perimeter of the site. The main driveway gate is closed during program as well.

Willingness to allow an aide (to be provided by the family or county) to support a specific camper: Aides are allowed to support a specific camper in our summer day camp program. We do not allow aides for individuals that attend our overnight camp program.

Camp Layout: Both our Given day camp location as well as our Allyn overnight camp location are located on large acreages of land with multiple buildings and activity spaces spread throughout the grounds. Golf carts are provided for individuals that may not be able to walk up hills. At our Allyn location, the cabins, nurse's station, dining hall, pool, and pavilion are located in the same area without any hills. Our ponds, mini golf, archery range, and other pavilion is located in another area which requires a walk up and down some hills.

Communication Style with Parents: Communication occurs if concerns arise during or following programs. Staff can communicate with families during drop off and pick up if parents have any questions or need to pass along any information. There is a pre-program assessment that is required before a camper can attend. This assessment allows the family and our staff to discuss the individual, their needs, allows the family/camper to see our campuses and allows both us and the family to determine if the camp program is the appropriate fit for the individual.

Field Trips / Off Site Trips: Our day camp and overnight program does not take field trips.

Dietary / Allergy Needs: We are able to accommodate any diet/allergy needs.