“An ordinary looking creature during the day, admittedly, the firefly is a remarkable sight when it glows at night. This is a symbolic message to us humans that although our physical appearance may seem one way - it is our internal makings—what is inside us (such as our spirit) that makes us shine from the inside out. That which is within us will always illuminate us and those around us.”

Anonymous

The essence of the firefly captures the mission of Camp Firefly, and so the EAWCP has adopted the firefly as our logo and symbol for this program. It is our mission to assist children with epilepsy and intellectual disabilities in finding their inner light and help their talents and achievements to shine through any perceived limitations. Time at Camp Firefly will be designed to help children and teens increase self-confidence, build social skills, and assist campers in exploring their talents and interests.
The Epilepsy Association of Western and Central PA is a private, non-profit service organization providing public education and supportive services to individuals and families affected by epilepsy/seizure disorders throughout western and central Pennsylvania.

CAMP FIREFLY

Camp Firefly is a weekend camp designed for children and teens with epilepsy who need one-on-one support. Camp Firefly’s weekend camp is tailored towards each child’s individual needs. The purpose of this program is to provide youth with the opportunity to enhance social skills and independence.

The EAWCP and The Woodlands will provide trained counselors and staff to meet all needs of the campers. Medical staff is available throughout the entire weekend and will administer medication and seizure-related medical care, as needed.

The Woodlands

The Woodlands is a non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the lives of children and adults with disability and chronic illness. Using its fully accessible and barrier-free facilities, the Woodlands’ programs enable participants to experience social, cultural, environmental, recreational, and spiritual growth. Serenely nestled in the North Hills of Pittsburgh, the Woodlands’ 52-acre site features: an indoor heated pool, 48-bed lodge, dining hall, creative arts and computer lab, activity center, camping area, sports court, nature trail, adapted zip line, amphitheater, adapted kitchen, adapted archery range, and a par-3 adapted golf course.

Registration Process

All campers must complete a Camp Firefly registration packet and all new campers must meet with an EAWP staff member in person before the registration process is complete. Final acceptance and confirmation of eligibility for Camp Firefly is determined through a medical review of the camper’s application by both the camper’s personal physicians and the medical staff supervising Camp Firefly. A meeting may be requested for return campers if significant changes have occurred. An EAWP staff member will reach out to you to schedule such a meeting.

Once your camper is registered for Camp Firefly, you will visit The Woodlands for a Camp Firefly Orientation. This will be a fun and casual way to meet the other Camp Firefly campers, tour The Woodlands’ facilities, and ask any lingering questions you may have. This orientation will be scheduled once all campers are registered.

Call to Pre-Register

The EAWCP encourages participation by everyone. Please call to learn more about eligibility for Camp Firefly and to pre-screen your child to determine if this is a good fit for your potential camper.

Space is Limited!
Call Soon!
1-800-361-5885
or (412) 322-5880

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