

CAMP TAMARACK



INFORMATION ABOUT CAMP & CAMPERS

The Tamarack tree, unlike most trees with needle like leaves, loses its foliage in the fall, and through the winter stands apart from the rest of the trees because of its apparent lifelessness. Given the right environment, however, it will blossom forth to become one of the most majestic trees in the forest.

Like the Tamarack tree in winter, learning disabled children also stand apart, marked by the differences between them and other children. Camp Tamarack exists to change that by providing a nourishing environment so that they too may grow in self-esteem and learning skills.

Camp Tamarack is a summer program for children and teens with learning disabilities. It is located 25 kilometres northwest of Prince Albert, Sask. The camp was established in 1977 to serve the children of this province. It is the only one of its kind in Western Canada.

Camp Mission

1. To prevent academic regression which usually occurs in students during the summer
2. To develop social and recreational skills so that the students will be better able to integrate into activities in their home communities and schools
3. To provide the students with responsible and successful experiences to raise their levels of self-esteem.
4. To develop skills leading to more independence as a student.

Program:

The children attend a CAMP for 3 weeks. They receive 3 hours of remedial sessions, five days a week, from qualified teachers. Other activities during the day are designed to reinforce skills taught. Canoeing and swimming offer chances to improve gross motor skills, arts and crafts promote fine motor skill development and nature watching provides opportunity for the children to practice observation and memory skills.

Two programs offered each summer: junior camp (ages 7 – 11) Senior (12-16)

The children we take to camp are recommended by teachers and the parents. These children are all average to above average intellectually, however they show discrepancies between potential and achievement and often display deficits in language abilities, as well as their motor skill development is often delayed. These children can learn, and can succeed in life, if given the help they need.

