



A RESPITE OPTION WITH SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Weekend Activities for Children and Adults...

Creative Options Respite Care program offers a wide range of recreational and leisure activities. There are many indoor and outdoor options to choose. Activities vary with the season and may include:

- Sports and Games
- Cross-Country Skiing
- Crafts
- Canoeing
- Dancing
- Fishing
- Music
- Snowshoeing
- Biking
- Ice Fishing
- Hiking
- Sledding
- Campfires
- Snow Sculpting
- Paddle Boats
- Swimming
- Haywagon Rides
- Ice Skating
- Boating

Creative Options offers respite care weekends specifically designed for children and adults with special needs. The unique settings of Camp Friendship and Eden Wood Center encourage our participants to enjoy activities that are different from their usual schedules.

The program lets individuals relax and re-energize while their family or care provider enjoys a break from the daily demands of caring for a person with special needs. Our program, facilities, and caring staff make this a safe, "home away from home" experience. Care and supervision are provided by the same high quality staff as all Friendship Ventures programs. A nurse is on-call during the weekend.

Who can participate?

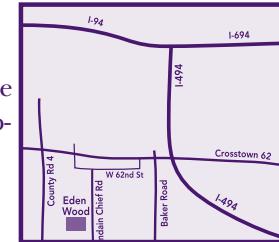
Children and adults with developmental disabilities, often in combination with autism, epilepsy, hearing and visual impairment, cerebral palsy and physical and other disabilities, are eligible to attend. Opportunities are also available for brothers, sisters and friends without disabilities to attend any respite weekend. All ages are accepted. This program is operated in accordance with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status.

Locations:

Creative Options programs are offered at Camp Friendship near Annandale and at Eden Wood Center in Eden Prairie. Each site offers home-like, accessible cabins, with living space for both staff and respite participants in the same building.

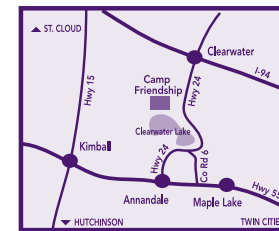
EDEN WOOD CENTER in Eden Prairie is located in a southwest suburb of the Twin Cities area.

From Interstate 494: Take Crosstown Highway 62 west to the South Frontage Road/W. 62nd Street stoplight. Take a left at the stoplight and then an immediate right onto Indian Chief Road. Go 2/10 of a mile south on Indian Chief Road. The entrance to Eden Wood Center will be on your right.



CAMP FRIENDSHIP is located one hour northwest of the Twin Cities, 7 miles north of Annandale and only 22 miles from St. Cloud.

From I-94: Take I-94 to Highway 24 south (Clearwater Exit, #178). Go 7.5 miles, turn right onto 108th Street NW and continue .7 miles to the camp entrance.



From Highway 55: Take Highway 55 to Wright County Road 6. Go north on Cty. Rd. 6 for 2.6 miles to the stop sign. Turn right onto Highway 24 and drive 2.3 miles. Turn left onto 108th Street NW and continue .7 miles to the camp entrance.

If you have questions regarding respite care weekends, please contact:

FRIENDSHIP VENTURES

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Respite Care



*Where new friends
and new experiences
enrich lives*



How to Register

Select the weekend(s) that interest you. If you have completed a Friendship Ventures application this year, simply contact our office to register. Otherwise, complete an application and health history form. If you do not have an application call (952) 852-0101 or (800) 450-8376, or e-mail fv@friendshipventures.org. Forms are also available to download from our website, in the forms library.

Application materials, along with a \$250 deposit, will be accepted by mail, e-mail, or fax.

When registered, you will receive a letter confirming the weekend(s), information about check-in and check-out, clothing list, a map with directions, and other relevant forms. We request that each participant have a physical within 24 months of attendance. (If you are unable to provide records, please contact our Director of Registration).

To ensure a quality experience, only a limited number of people who have behavioral considerations or require special personal or medical care will be accepted.



Day Trips

Day trips have become a popular option for some of the weekend stays. Depending on the group, day trip activities may be scheduled without additional cost. If additional money is needed, you will be notified in advance. Groups have gone out for pizza, to a college football game, bowling, out to dinner and to an ice show. Other options may include a Saturday matinee, a visit to a museum, roller skating, ice skating and more.

Fees

A \$250 registration fee is requested and will be applied to the total weekend cost. Fees for the entire weekend are based on the level of supervision and care needed, living situation, and eligibility for county contract respite funding for the individual.

Cancellations and Refunds

- A full refund will be given if our office receives notice 15 days prior to the applicant's session.
- A partial refund will be given if our office receives notice less than 15 days prior to the applicant's session. (All fees refunded except the \$250 registration fee.)
- If an applicant cancels less than 15 days prior to the session, and has not paid the \$250 registration fee, they will be billed for that amount.

Fees will be pro-rated if the person will not be attending the entire weekend. Please indicate the length of stay on the application form or by contacting our office directly.

Note to Parents/caregivers: If your child/client is eligible to receive county funds, consumer directed MR/RC, or CADI waiver funds for respite care, please contact your county social service agency. These funds may be applied toward the respite weekend fee.

2009 RESPITE SCHEDULE

CAMP FRIENDSHIP

SESSIONS	DATES	AGES
401	Jan. 9-11	All Ages
402	Jan. 23-25	Teen/Adult
403	Jan. 30-Feb. 1	Child/Teen
404	Feb. 6-8	Teen/Adult
405	Feb. 13-15	Child/Teen
406	Feb. 20-22	Teen/Adult
407	Feb. 27-March 1	Teen Adult
408	March 6-8	Child/Teen
409	March 13-15	Teen/Adult
410	March 20-22	Child/Teen
411	March 27-29	Teen/Adult
412	April 3-5	Child/Teen
413	April 17-19	Teen/Adult
414	April 24-26	Child
415	May 1-3	Teen/Adult
416	May 29-31	All Ages
417	June 5-7	All Ages
418	June 12-14	All Ages
419	June 19-21	All Ages
420	June 26-28	All Ages
421	July 3-5	All Ages
422	July 10-12	All Ages
423	July 17-19	All Ages
424	July 24-26	All Ages
425	July 31-Aug 2	All Ages
426	August 7-9	All Ages
427	August 14-16	All Ages
428	Sept. 11-13	Teen/Adult
429	Sept. 18-20	Child/Teen
430	Oct. 2-4	Teen/Adult
431	Oct. 9-11	Teen/Adult
432	Oct. 16-18	Child/Teen
433	Oct. 23-25	Teen/Adult
434	Oct. 30-Nov. 1	Child/Teen
435	Nov. 6-8	Teen/Adult
436	Nov. 13-15	Child
437	Nov. 20-22	Teen/Adult
438	Dec. 4-6	Teen/Adult

CAMP EDEN WOOD

SESSION	DATES	AGES
601	Jan. 9-11	Child/Teen
602	Jan. 16-18	Child/Teen
603	Jan. 30-Feb. 1	Teen/Adult
604	Feb. 6-8	Child/Teen
605	Feb. 13-15	Teen/Adult
606	Feb. 27-March 1	Child/Teen
607	March 6-8	Child
608	March 13-15	Teen/Adult
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628	Sept. 18-20	Teen/Adult
629	Sept. 25-27	Child
630	Oct. 2-4	Child/Teen
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633	Oct. 23-25	Child/Teen
634	Oct. 30-Nov. 1	Teen/Adult
635	Nov. 6-8	Child/Teen
636	Nov. 13-15	Teen/Adult
637	Nov. 20-22	Child/Teen
638	Dec. 4-6	Child/Teen

Most weekends have been planned for certain age groups, while other weekends are available for participants of any age. Please note that individuals with Aspergers are welcome on any weekend. Use the following key to determine age ranges:

Child=5-15 Child/Teen=5-19 Teen/Adult=16-senior

Respite Check-in/Check-out Times

Check-in: 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Check-out: 4:00–5:00 p.m.