

"The counsellors really set the stage for the kids to be bold; both in the physical activities, and, more importantly, in engaging with their peers."

– Parents of a camper with a rare blood disorder



FOR CHILDREN

Out here we raise spirits.

A place where every facility and activity is designed to be fully inclusive for children with medical conditions and disabilities.

WHO CAN COME TO CAMP?

Zajac Ranch for Children offers camp experiences to children with a variety of medical needs and disabilities including autism spectrum disorders, complex blood disorders, craniofacial differences, Down syndrome, epilepsy and other seizure disorders, gastrointestinal conditions, organ transplants, spina bifida, Tourette syndrome, visual impairments, sickle cell disease, and muscular dystrophy, among others.

Our goal is to never turn away a child due to medical condition and we encourage you to contact us to discuss which camp would be best suited to your child's needs.

Register now at www.zajacranch.com/camp

"Zajac Ranch gives my son an opportunity to enjoy so many activities that are not available for him at any other camp in the community. Every time we talk about Zajac Ranch, his face lights up! It is a SPECIAL camp for him and he looks forward to it every year!"

– Parent of Camper with Autism

HOW WE DO IT

It is our goal to ensure all children with medical conditions, regardless of financial constraints, have the opportunity to attend Zajac Ranch for Children.

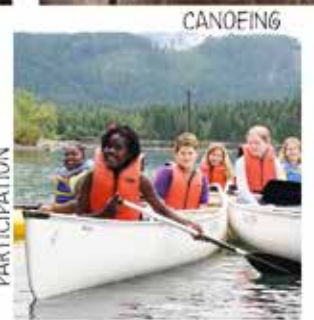
Our nine-week summer program costs more than \$750,000 and we continue to grow and succeed because of people like you. Throughout our community we have established partnerships with individuals, community groups, corporations and organizations who each year generously donate time, money and services to ensure we can continue to provide the **Zajac Camper Allowance** to all our campers.

Outside of summer camps, we also rent the Ranch facility to private groups and the revenues from these bookings go towards the Zajac Camper Allowance we offer to all our families.

CONTACT US

To receive more information about any of our camps or to support our fundraising initiatives please contact our Head Office at 604.739.0444 or email info@zajacranch.com. We look forward to talking to you.

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HAYLEY'S ZAJAC RANCH EXPERIENCE

Each year, Zajac Ranch for Children welcomes hundreds of children (aged 7-17) and young adults (18+) facing chronic or debilitating medical conditions and disabilities to our summer camps. Last year we welcomed back Hayley, who loves coming to Zajac Ranch, and celebrated her 16th birthday with us during camp.



For Hayley, Zajac Ranch means an opportunity to catch up with friends, go horseback riding (her favourite activity) and - most importantly for any 16 year old - have the independence and freedom many of her friends are able to enjoy on a daily basis. Hayley was diagnosed with epilepsy at only 18 months old and over the last year her seizures have increased. While doctors are continually reviewing her medications, life as a 'typical' sixteen year old is difficult - especially when you have to be accompanied everywhere by your parents.

Jacqui, Hayley's mum, says, "I am glad that Hayley gets the opportunity to go to Zajac Ranch and be with other people in such a supportive atmosphere. It is a safe place where Hayley can challenge herself and overcome obstacles at her own pace. We appreciate the support Hayley gets very much."

"I am so happy to go to Zajac Ranch," says Hayley. "Everyone there is so nice and I have so much fun. This year I conquered my biggest challenge and made it to the top of the climbing wall!"

OUT HERE WE RAISE SPIRITS

Zajac Ranch provides camp experiences that empower children of all abilities to participate, foster lifelong skills and independence and create long-lasting friendships. When children and young adults come to Zajac Ranch we encourage campers to embrace the possibilities and experience the thrill of participating.

In 2016, 96% of parents said being at Zajac Ranch and meeting other children facing similar medical conditions and challenges benefitted their child. Eighty-eight percent also felt that their child has become more self-reliant and now displays greater independence, self-esteem and confidence.

THE OK CORRAL MEDICAL CENTRE

To care for our campers' special medical needs, we have an on-site medical centre which is open 24 hours a day, staffed by a team of volunteer doctors and nurses. The OK Corral ensures that even participants with complex diagnoses are able to participate and receive care during their time at camp.

"All year long, I look forward to those weeks I get to spend volunteering at Zajac Ranch," says Rachel, a nursing volunteer. "As I hand out medications and treat injuries, I love hearing the campers' stories: of riding horses for the first time, making new friends, reaching new heights on the high ropes course, and more. The supportive environment at Zajac enables campers to have amazing new experiences and I am privileged to be a part of it."

OUR STAFF

Our caring camp counsellors undertake extensive training prior to the start of our camp season in order to understand the unique needs of each camp group and to ensure they are fully aware of sensitivities, behavioural tendencies and illnesses. We work with many partner organizations to ensure our staff training is current and relevant to the role our counsellors play in providing exceptional care to all our campers. At each camp session, our counsellor-to-camper ratio is a maximum of 1:3.

1:1 SUPPORT AT ZAJAC RANCH

At each camp at least four counsellors are allocated to provide 1:1 support to campers who need it. Due to limited availability, these are assigned under the advice of the Nursing Director during the application approval process. Priority is given to campers who have never been to Zajac Ranch before, or did not receive Zajac Ranch 1:1 support the previous year.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Since 2004 we have welcomed over 4,000 children and young adults with chronic, life-threatening or debilitating conditions to Zajac Ranch's summer camps and have provided over \$5.4 million in camp subsidies through the Zajac Camper Allowance.

It is through year-round fundraising that we are able to offer this subsidy to our campers* and reduce the cost of camp for families by at least 50%. For many campers, the remaining fee of \$700 will be further subsidised through one of our medical partners. For those not eligible through our medical partners, but requiring additional financial assistance, a subsidy may be available through the Zajac Community Partner Program.

For more information please visit:
www.zajacranch.com/camp/financial-assistance

**excluding those attending camp with support from the Autism Funding Unit.*



"It's an incredibly welcoming, safe, supportive environment for children with varying degrees of special needs."

– Parent of a Camper with Down syndrome