



FAQs - Camp Hamwi **Overnight Camp**

My camper falls within the 13-17 age range, what week of camp can they attend?

This year we are offering two weeks of Senior camp. Your camper can choose to attend Senior Week One (July 14th-20th), Senior Week Two (July 21st-27th), or both weeks.

My camper falls within the 7-12 age range, what week of camp can they attend?

Campers ages 7-12 can attend our day camp (June 3rd-June 7th) and/or our overnight Junior Week (July 28th-August 3rd). For questions on our day camps, please refer to the day camp FAQs.

Where is Camp Hamwi located?

Camp Hamwi is located at the Camp Mohaven camp grounds in Danville, Ohio. The address is 18744 Turkey Ridge Rd. Danville, OH 43014. You can also refer to the directions on the website.

What is the staff structure at Camp Hamwi?

Our staff consists of Endocrinology Attendings and Fellows from Nationwide Children's Hospital, Residents from Nationwide Children's, RNs and LPNs from a variety of medical institutions, dietetic students from a variety of universities and 2 counselors per cabin (each cabin holds up to 10 individuals). Approximately 62% of our staff in 2023 were living with Diabetes themselves.

If my camper chooses to attend both weeks of camp, what is Camp Hamwi's policy between the two weeks (the night of July 21st)*?

We have made the difficult decision to discontinue Stay-Over Weekend for the 2024 camp season. At this time, we feel it is important to prioritize our staff mental, emotional and social health by allowing for a full time off between Senior Week One and Senior Week Two so that they can provide your campers with the best camp experience possible.

Kids participating in both weeks of Senior camp **must leave camp between weeks**. There will be check out on Saturday and check back in on Sunday.

My camper wants to attend both weeks, but travelling to camp and back on the weekend in between is inconvenient for our family. What options do we have?

For those campers who are attending both Senior weeks may:

Carpool with another family or two that are also sending their camper for multiple weeks. You can choose to allow another family to check in/out your camper by selecting them as an alternate pickup person through your CampDoc registration.

For those parents who still want to come pick up their child at Camp Mohaven we will have an expedited check-out/check-in line specifically for campers who will be returning Sunday so that we can get those families in and out quickly.

How does the Camp Shuttle/Transportation program work?

Based on need, Campers have the opportunity to use the Camp Shuttle program to be transported to and from Camp Hamwi. For an extra \$10 fee, families can drop their campers off at the LA Catering & Event Center at 670 Harmon Avenue, and Camp Hamwi staff/volunteers will check them in and transport them to camp.

When camp ends, campers may also use the shuttle to transport back to Columbus. There are limited spaces for the Camp Shuttle program and we ask that you only use the program if you need it. The deadline to sign up for transportation is **June 15th, 2024** and you will be notified if transportation is available for your camper by **July 1st, 2024**.

Is there a recommended packing list/a list of items that aren't allowed at camp?

Please refer to the Camp Hamwi specific packing list on our website.

Does my camper need to bring all their own medical supplies?

No, we provide meters, test strips, most insulins, syringes, alcohol swabs, cotton balls, and basic first aid equipment. If your camper is on a pump or CGM, they do need to bring any supplies that they need to get through the week (i.e. – infusion sets, reservoirs, etc.). If your camper is on an insulin that is not donated to camp, we will reach out to you on an individual basis to discuss.

What is the cell phone policy at Camp Hamwi?

Cell phones are encouraged to be used as receivers for CGMs at camp to promote gaining independence using the same care of their diabetes at camp that they do at home.

However, If cell phones become an issue within the cabins, campers will receive a warning, then, if it happens again, cell phones will be confiscated for the duration of camp.

My camper uses a CGM, what is Camp Hamwi's policy on sharing mode and using CGMs?

Campers are encouraged to use their CGMs while at camp, and we highly encourage that you bring the receiver that came with the CGM for use while at camp.

Although CGMs are an integral part of Diabetes Management, there will still be times in which campers are asked by med staff to prick their finger, although not as frequently. This is for a few reasons:

Technology can fail. It is imperative for campers to know, understand, and be comfortable with using alternative ways to check their blood sugars in case they are in a situation in which their sensor does fail.

At camp, we are typically a lot more active than many of our campers are in a non-camp setting and CGMs can tend to run 10-15 minutes behind. When we are being extra active or it is extra hot outside, we may ask campers to verify blood glucose via a finger prick.

In the evenings, receivers/phones will be placed in an accessible place to staff while campers are in the cabin so that if a CGM alarm is going off staff can easily access the receiver to identify the issue and problem solve/notify medical staff if needed.

At Camp Hamwi, we utilize a software called CampViews which allows our medical staff to remotely monitor all individuals who utilize a Dexcom 24/7 from one device. In your paperwork for camp we will ask that you provide the login for your camper's Dexcom user info so that it can be connected and monitored efficiently through CampViews. Upon check-in, we will be shutting off the share function of your camper's CGM. This allows the parents and camper a break from the CGMS. The CGMS data will be used for insulin dosing and treatment, however due to possible CGM delay, camp medical staff may encourage the use of finger stick testing in addition to the CGM data for verification and safety purposes.

Does Camp Hamwi do evening blood glucose checks?

Yes. Each evening between 12:00a and 12:30a, the cabin counselors check every person living with diabetes in the cabin (including staff), records their numbers and treats appropriately.

At about 1:00a two medical teams leave the med cabin, one for the boys side and one for the girls side, and follow up on all individuals whose numbers were out of range. Each medical team consists of at minimum one Doctor, one Nurse, and one Dietetic Student.

Is financial aid available for my campers?

Yes. If your camper is in need of financial aid, you must fill out the “Scholarship” section of your questionnaire on CampDoc.

About a month before camp begins, a staff member will reach out to you individually to discuss financial aid options, but only if you filled out the “Scholarship” section.

Due to high demand, if your Senior camper is applying for financial aid, they are only guaranteed ONE full week of camp.

If space allows, and campers are registering for both weeks of Senior Week and applying for financial aid, they will be notified by June 1st, 2024 which week or weeks they are approved to attend.

When filling out the “Scholarship” section there is a space to select your preferred week if only able to attend one week.

When is my camper eligible to apply for the Counselor-in-Training program?

Campers can apply to the CIT program for the summer immediately before or the summer immediately after their Senior year of High School.

Is there a theme for the 2024 Camp Hamwi season?

Yes! Our theme for 2024 is SUMMER OLYMPICS! We will always encourage campers to bring themed outfits with them to camp!