



**"A place to change the way
you see yourself."**

**"It was like a dream come true to
go to camp and meet new amazing people
who care about you. I have to say this camp
was an experience everyone would love!
It was just amazing, cool, happy and every
other good thing in the world."**

**"Children who get to go to this
camp get to express their feelings about
their face and then they'll know they're not
the only ones different and they're just
like everyone else."**

**"AboutFace has changed my life,
the staff are incredible and their
retreats are unforgettable."**



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FAQ

Why don't you run the camp program during the summer?

The cost of running the camp in the summer is significantly higher. At this point, we run Trailblazers in the fall when it is more affordable.

What if I can't afford to send my child to camp?

Please contact our office as you may be eligible for subsidized funding.

My child has a facial difference and additional medical concerns. Will they still be able to participate?

With enough notice, we can accommodate many special health needs; however, if there are physical or developmental needs, these must be discussed with the Camp Director in advance and may not be able to be accommodated.

My child is shy and scared to go to camp because they won't know anyone else there.

It takes courage to join camp for the first time, and everyone will do their best to make your child feel comfortable. There will be others who are joining us for the first time too and will also be shy and scared. Usually they will have made friends before they even get off the bus.

Watch our camp video !

<http://aboutface.ca/events.php?id=9364>

You don't offer a camp in my region (out of province/country). Can my child still participate?

Some of our participants travel great distances to join us. It is important to AboutFace that we provide programming across Canada. In 2012, we were able to fly campers to attend Camp Trailblazers in another province. Contact our office to discuss which of our camp locations will be the most convenient.

If it is difficult for me to get my child to the pick up and drop off location for the bus what are my options?

When you receive your child's application you can check off whether you would like to be included in a carpool database. We will do our best facilitate communication between parents to make arrangements. Contact our office for further information.



**To register, or for more information go to:
www.aboutface.ca/events**

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**A Camp For Kids With
Facial Differences
2013**



THE PROGRAM

At AboutFace, we understand the benefit of having a special place to make friends, share ideas and challenge physical boundaries. In 2003, AboutFace created Camp Trailblazers, a wilderness retreat for youth ages 10-18 who have a facial difference. Camp Trailblazers is designed to provide our youth with an opportunity to step out of their comfort zone and to accept and conquer new challenges all within a safe environment. Everyone is accepted at Camp Trailblazers and feelings, ideas and individuality are respected. Our goal is to help our participants discover their true potential. Our activities and challenges illustrate that with determination and support they can accomplish anything.

Our goal at Camp Trailblazers is to give each camper the opportunity to:

- Test their physical abilities
- Gain trust in new people
- Create new life long friendships
- Join in adventure based activities
- Develop leadership skills
- Participate in team building exercises
- Share personal experiences

In addition to the outdoor adventure activities, we facilitate workshops where we discuss common challenges as well as coping techniques for living with a facial difference. Some of our groups are subdivided by age or gender, which allows campers to share personal experiences and learn from each other. Often times, the most valuable conversations take place while paddling the canoe or chatting around the camp fire.



GUIDANCE AND SAFETY

Guidance and safety are key factors in having a productive and enjoyable camp experience. Providing a safe environment is what allows our participants to feel safe enough to step out of their comfort zones. This is integral to our program as this is the moment when our members truly learn something about themselves and grow as individuals. Our retreat locations are well equipped with trained staff and experienced adult volunteers from AboutFace, many of whom have a facial difference. With larger groups the boys and girls cabins may be further subdivided by age. Each cabin will have at least one adult group leader of the same gender. All of our staff and volunteers are professional, experienced and dedicated to ensure that everyone becomes actively involved and has a positive experience.



WHO CAN ATTEND

Camp Trailblazers is designed for youth ages 10 to 18 who have a facial difference; either congenital or acquired. We welcome new participants and we pride ourselves in the outstanding number of returning campers.



TIME AND LOCATION

Bus transportation to and from Camp is provided for your child and is included in the fee. The drop off/ pick up location will be provided closer to the day. If alternative arrangements are needed please contact AboutFace.

CAMP TRAILBLAZER LOCATIONS

WEST COAST

September 6 – 9, 2013

Located at Camp Fircom
(Vancouver, BC)

ONTARIO

September 14 - 17, 2013

Located at Camp Medeba
(Haliburton, ON)

NOVA SCOTIA

September 19 - 22, 2013

Located at Brigadoon Village
(Kentville, NS)

MANITOBA

September 26 - 29, 2013

Located at Camp Arnes
(Gimli, MB)

NEWFOUNDLAND

October 2 - 6, 2013

Located at Lavrock Centre
(Salmonier, NF)

If there is not a camp available in your region, please contact AboutFace to make arrangements for your camper to attend one of the existing Camp Trailblazers.

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EARLY BIRD RATE \$90
BEFORE AUGUST 1st.

\$125 AFTER AUGUST 1st.

* Please be aware that AboutFace does have a cancellation policy.
For further information please refer to our website.

REGIONAL CONTACTS

If we do not have a regional contact listed for your area please contact AboutFace directly.

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