



“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”



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 almost all 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 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. Contact our office to discuss which of our camp locations will be the most convenient.

It will be very difficult for me to transport my child to the pick up and drop off location for the bus?

Each year many of our camper's parents help each other with carpooling, please contact our office for further information.



For information on any retreat contact:

Randy Pielsticker, Camp Director
1-800-665-3223 ext. 25
randy@aboutface.ca

Go on-line and watch our narrated slide show presentation:

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

Mail or Fax your completed registration form with payment to:

AboutFace
123 Edward Street, Suite 1003
Toronto, ON M5G 1E2
Fax to: 416-597-8494

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To become a Camp Trailblazers sponsor or for other sponsorship opportunities please contact Andrea Holmes, andrea@aboutface.ca



A Camp For Kids With Facial Differences



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.

In just one weekend Camp Trailblazer participants will:

- 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 and coping techniques for living with a facial difference. Some of our groups are subdivided by age or gender. This provides a unique opportunity for these individuals to grow learn and share their personal experiences. 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. Each of 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. We welcome new participants and we pride ourselves in the outstanding number of returning campers who have a facial difference; either congenital or acquired.



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.

CHOOSE YOUR LOCATION

ALBERTA – September 9 – 11, 2011

Camp Evergreen, Sundre
www.camp-evergreen.com

Local Contact:

Shelly Leeb, Stollery Children's Hospital,
780-407-6994 or shelly.leebe@albertahealthservices.ca

BRITISH COLUMBIA – September 9 - 11, 2011

Camp Summit, Squamish
www.campsummit.ca

Local Contact:

Sandra Robertson, BC Children's Hospital,
604-875-2345 ext. 7057 or srobertson@cw.bc.ca

ONTARIO – September 16 -18, 2011

Camp Medeba, Haliburton
www.medeba.com

Local Contact:

Randy Pielsticker, AboutFace,
1-800-665-3223 ext. 25 or randy@aboutface.ca

MANITOBA – September 22 - 25, 2011

Camp Arnes, Gimli
www.camparnes.com

Local Contact:

Cindy Bonneteau, Children's Hospital of Winnipeg,
204-787-2207 or CBonneteau@hsc.mb.ca

NOVA SCOTIA – September 23 -25, 2011

Brigadoon Village, Kentville
www.brigadoonvillage.org

Local Contact:

Linda Huntley, IWK Children's Health Centre,
902-470-8027 or Linda.Huntley@iwk.nshealth.ca

NEWFOUNDLAND – October 1 - 4, 2011

Circle Square Ranch, Manuels
www.csranch.ca/manuels

Local Contact:

Suzanne Dyke, Janeway Children's Hospital,
709-777-4005 or Suzanne.dyke@easternhealth.ca

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

(Please Print Clearly)

Referred By _____

Participant's Name _____

Male Female

E-Mail Address (for Teens 13-18yrs. only) _____

Date of Birth (M/D/YR) _____

Condition _____

Guardian Name _____

Address _____

City/Prov. _____

Postal Code _____

Guardian E-Mail _____

Business Phone (provide area code) _____

Home Phone (provide area code) _____

Cell Phone (provide area code) _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

The cost of the retreat includes transportation (from designated location), lodging, programming & food.

Total cost is \$90.00.

Registration Deadline is August 15, 2011.

Cheque payable to AboutFace

Credit Card (complete below)

Card Holder Name: _____

Signature: _____

Credit Card VISA M/C AMEX

Number: _____

Expiry Date: _____

*** Please note that the registration fee will be \$125 after August 15th. Any cancellations will be subject to a \$25 processing fee.**

