



2020 FA FAMILY MEETING



CAMP SUNSHINE, CASCO, MAINE



JUNE 26 - JULY 1, 2020

You are invited to attend the Fanconi Anemia Research Fund's Family Meeting at Camp Sunshine in Casco, Maine, on beautiful Sebago Lake.

The Family Meeting is a unique event that includes presentations by scientists and physicians who are active in the research and treatment of Fanconi anemia (FA), support groups for help in coping with the illness, opportunities to participate in FA research projects, and the chance to connect with other families affected by FA. Camp Sunshine will provide a fun-filled program for your children with FA and their siblings.

Outside of transportation, **there is no cost to attend the Family Meeting**, as FARF and Camp Sunshine share in covering the expenses for this meeting.

Families are invited to check-in at 3:00 pm on Friday, June 26. The final educational presentation will be in the afternoon on Monday, June 29. Support groups and Camp activities are scheduled through Tuesday, June 30th and breakfast will be provided before departure on Wednesday, July 1st.

To apply for this meeting, please contact Camp Sunshine at (207) 655-3800 (or 00-1-207-655-3800 from outside the U.S. and Canada). Camp will provide you with an application that must be completely filled out and reviewed by Camp Sunshine prior to acceptance. You may also visit Camp Sunshine's website at www.campsunshine.org or FARF's website at www.fanconi.org to download an application.

Completed applications (including medical and family forms) should be returned to Camp Sunshine by February 26 at 5pm EST for priority consideration. Those who submit completed applications by February 26 will hear from Camp Sunshine regarding acceptance on or before April 8. Applications received after February 26 will be considered on a space-available basis.

Please do not finalize travel arrangements, including purchasing airfare, until receiving acceptance from Camp Sunshine.

We invite all interested families to apply. New families are especially encouraged to attend this annual event. To assist those who might otherwise be unable to attend the Family Meeting, FARF has established a limited scholarship assistance program to help defray some of the travel expenses. For more information about the eligibility criteria and for an application for scholarship assistance, please contact Family Services Director, Jordan Deines.

For those flying into Maine, the airport in Portland (PWM) is a 45-minute drive from Camp Sunshine. Camp provides transportation to and from Portland. Please notify Camp Sunshine of your travel plans as soon as possible after receiving acceptance due to the high volume of transportation needs for the Family Meeting.

If you have questions, please contact Jordan Deines at FARF by phone, 1-888-FANCONI (within the USA) or (541) 687-4658, (00-1-541-687-4658 outside the U.S. or Canada) or by e-mail at Jordan@fanconi.org.

2020 FA FAMILY MEETING AT CAMP SUNSHINE ACCEPTANCE SCHEDULE AND GUIDELINES

- January 7** Applications available at www.campsunshine.org and www.fanconi.org.
- February 26** Fully completed applications are due to Camp Sunshine (including signed medical and family pages) by 5pm EST.
- April 8** Those who have attended Camp Sunshine less than ten times and have turned in fully completed applications by February 26 will be notified on or before April 8 with regard to acceptance or waiting list status. A waiting list will be made if a high volume of applications is received during this period. Those who have attended Camp Sunshine more than ten times should still apply by February 26, but they will most likely be notified by May 1st. This is to ensure that space is available for those who have attended the Family Meeting fewer times. Our goal is to accommodate as many families as possible. Guidelines for acceptance are listed below.
- May 1st** Acceptance notification will be made to approximately 10 more applicants (the exact number is dependent on the number received by the February 26 deadline) using the acceptance guidelines.
- May 29** Additional applicants will be accepted through this date, and beyond, as space allows.

In addition to the existing Camp Sunshine acceptance criteria, the following guidelines will be utilized if the number of applicants should exceed the capacity of the program. ***Camp Sunshine and FARF recognize that guidelines are not rules.*** Every family situation is unique and ***exceptions to the guidelines may be made*** if determined to be in the best interest of the applicants, Camp Sunshine, and FARF.

Acceptance Guidelines

High priority will be given to those who:

- Are newly diagnosed or have not been to a FARF Family Support Meeting previously
- Face a major medical decision or treatment within 12 months
(Identify *what* medical decision or treatment and *when* it is expected)
- Serve on the FARF Board of Directors
- Are attending with their child(ren) or adult affected by FA
- Are in their first year following the loss of a child or adult with FA, or who have not returned to a Family/Adult meeting since the loss of their child/adult with FA
- Have not had the opportunity to attend Family Meetings frequently

Please note: Refer to the cover page of the application which outlines everything needed by Camp Sunshine for an application to be considered complete.