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Requirements for blind or sight impaired campers

Dear Yec,

Campo Emilia 2020 opens to four blind or sight impaired participants. In order to support you in the selection of the right candidate, we defined some evaluation criteria that are described below. **Acceptance is subject to a medical certificate** that attests that the person's vision and overall health is within these criteria.

1. **Visus:** 0-1
2. **Field of vision:** less than 30%
3. **English language level:** B1 (European framework) – We will ask for a skype conference to test the level
4. **No other additional impairments** (physical, health or other)
5. **Ability to participate at all camp activities** (walking, swimming pool, games, city visits etc.)
6. **Personal autonomy** or a person of the same age range acting as personal assistant for completely blind campers only

The person must be independent in terms of self-care (dressing, washing, eating, moving around the castle and getting ready for the day). From the last years, we have learned a lot about how much help is actually needed and we will establish a support system for all our sight impaired campers. However, **we are not organised for one-on-one assistance of the person**. If the camper is completely blind and needs additional personal assistance, we are willing to accept an additional person acting as a companion and assistant. The companion must be of the same age range as our campers and participate at all activities.

The campsite has been tested and approved by the president of the local chapter of blinds as well as our sight-impaired campers in 2018 and 2019. The chapter president has walked through the whole castle without assistance using her cane. During the inspection, there was always someone beside her to help in case of need.

Our Camp has found the collaboration with the local chapter of blinds very helpful. They have taken over the task to select the participants as they are in touch with potential candidates in their territory. Furthermore, they support us in the understanding the needs of our blind campers to make sure that they are safe and have fun. There is a website which lists the European associations of blinds and sight impaired which lists contact names and numbers for various European countries: <http://www.euroblind.org/about-us/members>.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We really want to welcome one of your youths.

Warm regards

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