

Spectrum Adventures



Thunderbird Park

Camp accommodation & costs

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What does SpectrumAdventures Camp deliver?

We bring autistic young people together for social and community connection across our weekend-long camps, supported by their families who attend and connect to their own community along the way, attending workshops, accessing resources and workshops, and observing their child thriving in a sensory-safe, low-demand space.



- We support everyone in the family to understand more about autism and autistic needs.
- We are a 95% neurodivergent team, delivering peer support through lived experience as AuDhd adults, parents, carers, and individuals. We are a diverse team with representation of our LGBTQIA+ community among us.
- Custom Sensory space delivered at each location and accessible all weekend with resources for gross and fine movement, providing activities to a range of autistic interests and encouraging connections over shared interests.
- Camp welcome book comprised of the visual camp program tailored for each family in attendance. The welcome book is filled with articles from our autistic community of advocates, allied health, and content writers with over 200 pages of resources for parents to refer to long after camp is delivered.
- Online Facebook community of parents attending camp facilitating communication and connection after attending camp.
- Peer-led sessions such as a teen talks holding space for our teens to hear from our LGBTQIA+ team and share their questions and be supported.
- Tables filled with resources to touch and buy such as books and tools curated around autistic life including strategies to implement around communication, advocacy, interoception, consent, and more.



Autistic young people are supported to find connection through shared interests, in a safe sensory designed space, attending a weekend of activities to stretch our muscles and enjoy new experiences.



Our goal is that everyone feels supported, and safe, and the masks we wear every day get to lessen for the weekend, and our community is stronger and richer in understanding autistic supports in a neuroaffirming approach.

2025 dates
May 2-4

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Camp accommodation

We have two styles of accommodation within the Hill Side Lodges, which offer stunning views of the surrounding rainforest. All hillside lodges are full airconditioned and contain a TV, kettle, microwave, mini fridge, toaster, crockery and cutlery, towels, linen, hair dryer, iron, toiletries and coffee and tea.



Our camp accommodation is located on the hillside just beside reception and a short walk from our camp hub, with a north-easterly aspect. There are no shared bathroom or dormitory style facilities

Bedding in each room features a combination of queen bed and king bed, which can be split into 2 single beds accommodating four people in one large room.



A limited number of trundle beds are available, for one extra sleeper.

The rooms contain the following:

- Reverse cycle air conditioner
- Plasma HD TV (no DVD player)
- Private bathroom with a contemporary shower and modern vanity unit
- Extender dining table and chairs
- IDSN telephone



NDIS funding



We can only accept registrations from self-managed or plan managed NDIS participants - we will need to prepare a service agreement and receive confirmation funds are held and reserved for your camp invoice for payment to be made immediately following camp delivery.

Some plan managers are able to quarantine or hold funds against your plan for this to happen - we recommend checking with your plan manager if they can do so.

Our camp requires a **non-NDIS claimable payment per person of \$150 for** & a signed service agreement to be held to secure your attendance. In accordance with NDIS guidelines, our camp includes NDIS support costs and also costs that are not to be paid by the NDIS (non-NDIS supports) - more detail follows on the next page.

Thunderbird Park Camp costs of \$7,200 are able to be claimed (for up to 4 people) to attend camp from the following NDIS categories:

Core - Community, Social and Recreational Activities (04_210_0125_6_1)

This support is included in a participant's plan to enable them to pursue recreational activities and engage in the community when associated with a participant's disability and goals. Participants may use this funding for activities such as camps.

Core funding is flexible, so provided you have sufficient funding within Core, you will be able to claim the cost of this camp.

Capacity Building - Increased Social & Community participation (09_011_0125_6_3)

Supports that could be claimed include: Attendance at a camp or group that builds a participant's relationship skills and offer a range of activities and opportunities to explore wider interests.

We cannot use funds out of Capacity Building Improved Daily Living

Please check that you have the funding in the right categories.

If you do not have any of the above funding categories available, we can provide you with a quote for the camp to take to NDIS to request funding at your next review.

Non-NDIS costs

For each camp we deliver there is a **non-NDIS claimable co-payment per person of \$150 to attend. This means this must be paid by the family without claiming it through the NDIS.**

In accordance with NDIS guidelines, our camp includes NDIS support costs and also costs that are not to be paid by the NDIS (non-NDIS supports).

The \$150 per person covers the costs the NDIS does not cover including:

- costs around travel, such as travel to our location where we host our camp.
- activity costs including the private activities held at camp as a group that help you reach your goals of making shared connections with peers and others.
- meal costs provided at camp which we deliver to you as a buffet option, providing access to shared dining with peers and the opportunity to enjoy food shared with peers and expand eating habits.
- accommodation costs for you to stay at our onsite camp location.

If you ask for additional night/s accommodation at our camp venue to assist your young person's transition to our event this is to be billed at our venue's full commercial rate, and cannot be claimed against the NDIS plan.

What is included in the camp costs payable by the NDIS?

Spectrum Adventures delivers an outcome-focused camp providing opportunities for Autistic young people to attend and meet other Autistic young people and form connection as peers in a supported and private group event spanning up to three days.

Our camp provides access to Allied Health workshops, a dedicated parent support group & parent talks at camp. a curated Sensory Space designed by an OT and available all weekend, and tables of resources to assist families in supporting their Autistic young person's needs.

Team building and adventure activities are scheduled to run over the duration, with meals and planned time for socialising in between. Throughout the camp, families are also able to access additional activities at their leisure, that develop fine and gross motor skills.

Our camp provides Autistic young people the opportunity to practice their social skills and develop friendships. Our camp support staff support the development of friendships by modelling and encouraging social skills and sharing from lived experience as neurodivergent individuals with over 95% of our team either Autistic or AuDhd.

Sign me up! What do I do next?

1. **Review our Accommodation & camp costs form.** Larger families may need an alternative room to be booked so please contact us if this is the case.
2. **Check your funding** - the amounts & categories - please refer to our Check your funding tools on our camp page to make sure you have the right funding available.
3. **Complete our camp registration link on our website.** . Please complete the registration form on our website. We will then email you a link to register your family on our online booking portal. This is a detailed process and we will ask a lot of questions around your family to ensure we are able to support your family. Please include as much information as you can. We need you to complete this process for everyone (over the age of 3 years) who is attending camp. If you have a younger child attending camp, please let us know.
4. **Once your camp registration is accepted we will issue you with your invoice/s to be paid & a Service agreement.** Our camp invoice needs to be secured by a Service Agreement with confirmation funds are held and reserved, so please consider this and ensure you have funds available to proceed before registering for camp. **You will need to reserve these funds for our invoice to be paid.**

What is your cancellation policy?

Spectrum Adventures understands that sometimes family circumstances can change quite suddenly. If your family needs to cancel attending the camp and we have another family on the waiting list that can take their place, we will endeavour to fill your position with another family.

Cancellation must be given in writing. Should your family not be able to attend the camp, provided that notice is provided in writing more than 30 days before the start of the camp, the deposit will be refunded.

If less than 30 days before the start of the camp, the non-NDIS deposit will be forfeited. If less than 10 working days' notice is provided and we are not able to fill your position with another family, the participant agrees to pay for the full cost of the camp. This is because we will have already been charged by our venue and ordered provisions for your family for the camp, and we have already confirmed our team of staff to support your attendance at camp, including Allied Health team and Qualified Disability support workers. We look forward to you joining us on camp 😊