



**YOUTH RALLY
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Dear Provider:

The attached form requires completion as part of the application process for your patient's participation in the 2019 Youth Rally. Please note that any answers provided will not exclude the application from approval – unless you specifically note that the intended camper is not an appropriate candidate for the type of setting outlined here.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW: The Youth Rally is a recognized 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, operated 100% by volunteers, that puts on a 5-night camp each year for youth ages 11-17 living with various chronic conditions, congenital birth defects, and others who have been victims of physical trauma. What makes the Youth Rally unique is that more than 90% of the volunteer counselors (and many of our volunteer nurses) live with the same sorts of conditions as the camper participants - many of which require ostomy surgery or some alternate surgical diversion of the bowel or bladder system(s) in order to sustain life.

YOUTH RALLY MISSION STATEMENT: *To provide an environment for adolescents living with conditions of the bowel and bladder that encourages self-confidence and independent living.*

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS: In 2018 the Youth Rally hosted 178 campers and 88 volunteers – 18 of them nurses to help support the campers to self-manage their conditions on-site. Youth Rally 2018 participants came from 43 US states and as far as St. Lucia, Canada, Germany, France, and the UK.

LOCATION: The 2019 Youth Rally will be hosted at the University of Washington in Seattle, WA. With a fully-accessible dormitory and meeting spaces, its close proximity to Seattle Children's hospital (in the event of unplanned illness), and an amalgam of local area attractions, UW is an ideal location for this camp.

PROGRAM AGENDA: Throughout the week we facilitate small and large group education sessions focusing around diagnoses, management techniques, self-esteem, health and wellness, college preparation, and patient advocacy. Recreational activities include a field trip, a fitness themed event at the campus recreation facility, a Makerspace, and an end-of-week themed Dance. All activities are designed to teach the youth participants that they can set goals and accomplish their dreams despite medical and physical challenges. Youth Rally is an opportunity for all participants to shine in an environment surrounded by their peers where they get the opportunity to be open and honest about their condition without fear of being ostracized for their differences, knowing that they are never alone!

Yes. There *IS* a camp for that.

www.YouthRally.org

2019 YOUTH RALLY APPLICANT - PROVIDER ATTESTATION

Completed forms can be sent via email: registrar@youthrally.org, or
Fax completed forms to: 1-877-712-4759 (fax), 314-452-7759 (phone)

CAMPER INFORMATION

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Primary diagnosis related to bowel/bladder: _____

Additional diagnoses related to bowel/bladder (please list):

Additional medical diagnoses (please list):

Bowel/bladder surgical management (if applicable):

Please list any concerns you may have regarding this patient's participation in an overnight camp setting staffed by volunteer counselors and nurses (**examples might include high-risk medications, need for close supervision at all times, frequent seizure activity, mental health considerations, planned upcoming surgery**):

PROVIDER INFORMATION

Name, Medical Credentials (please print): _____

Practice where you treat the listed applicant: _____

Practice City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone where you can be contacted if additional information is required: _____

(signature of provider completing this form)

(date form completed)