



CASAs for Children Camperships Available



Summer is just around the corner and it's time to think about camp. CASAs for Children is once again providing the opportunity for children in state custody to attend summer camps. We know that each child has a "personal incidentals account" at OCS and that, in some cases, money will be available to fund camp attendance. Because we have limited funds, we ask that you make the request from OCS as a first step. We also ask that you contact the camp about scholarships. All CASA volunteers and GALs statewide are invited to apply on behalf of their child-clients. A listing of camps will be available from your local newspaper.

Campership applications can be downloaded from the Alaska CASA website at www.alaskacasa.org/CASAs_for_Children.htm. If you do not have access to the Internet you may request a form from your local CASA program coordinator. This is a first-come, first-served program. **All incomplete applications will be returned to the sender and considered received when complete.** Applications meeting the criteria will be approved until we run out of funds.

Completed applications will be approved by the Campership Chair according to the following criteria:

- 1) Funding of camp fees at 80%.
- 2) Funding of travel to camp at 100%.
- 3) The combined maximum total for the above two items is \$400 per child per year.
- 4) Travel funding will be considered only when no local camp is available.
- 5) A request in excess of \$400 total or for more than 80% of the camp fee may be funded under special circumstances.

You will be notified of approval by email or phone. In most situations, the funds will be paid directly to the camp. If a deposit is required in order to reserve a space, the foster parent or other private party will need to do this. In the past, most camps were willing to reimburse this amount after they received payment from CFC.

Financial assistance from the camps is often available, so don't forget to ask. If finding a source for the matching twenty percent is not possible, please provide the full name and phone number of all persons contacted along with a brief explanation of the situation and turn it in with the application and the Board will take this under consideration.

The application may be submitted by mail to:

CASAs for Children
P.O. Box 242484
Anchorage, AK 99524-2484

If you have any questions, please contact Pat Hackley at 345-5706 or phackley@alaska.net or contact your local CASA program coordinator.

