

Eagle Mount- Bozeman

Guidelines for Participant Disabilities

Mission Statement: Eagle Mount Bozeman is committed to provide quality therapeutic recreational opportunities for people with disabilities or cancer, and to provide support for families of participants so that “they shall mount up with wings as eagles.” (Isaiah 40:31)

Working guidelines for defining “people with disabilities and young people with cancer”:

- Physically disabled such that special accommodations or teaching approach or adaptive equipment is required for individuals to participate in recreational activities. Examples may include but are not limited to: amputees, non-ambulatory participants, limited or no use of extremities, visually impaired.
- Developmentally disabled such that special accommodations or special teaching approaches are required for an individual to learn or participate in recreational activities (includes severe learning disabilities). Examples may include but are not limited to: autism, Downs’ syndrome, and developmental delays.
- Includes temporary disabilities where special accommodations are required for an individual to participate in recreational activities or where a temporary disability precludes an individual from participating in recreational activities that are available to the general public. Examples may include but are not limited to: joint arthroplasty or post cerebral vascular accident.
- Includes individuals whose primary disability makes them eligible for service and who may have a secondary emotional disability or mental illness. Does not include individuals whose primary disability is an emotional disability or mental illness (i.e. depression, bipolar, psychosis, post traumatic stress disorder, schizophrenia, etc). Examples may include but are not limited to: an individual with Downs' syndrome, who also has depression.
- If an individual’s behavior results in a safety concern for the individual, staff or other participants, a parents or other legally responsible adult may be required to act as volunteer for that participant.
- Big Sky Kids camps are available for young individuals who have or have had cancer. Generally, the Braveheart and Adventure camps are for younger children who are currently or who have recently finished treatment. The Young Adult Retreat typically serves individuals who are in remission. See BSK Policies and Procedures for full details.
- Individuals who have or have had cancer may participate in other Eagle Mount programs if their illness has resulted in a qualifying disability. Examples may include but are not limited to: amputees, non-ambulatory individuals, visual or hearing impaired.

Please note that Eagle Mount’s working definition of a disability is not exactly the same as that defined by the US Government and covered by IDEA.