

Camp Freedom (2026)

Terms and Conditions / Declaration

Welcome to Camp Freedom

Camp Freedom is designed to be a fun, engaging, and inclusive experience. Our goal is to promote and nurture friendship, personal growth, and adventure in a safe and supportive environment.

To ensure everyone has a positive and successful camp experience, all campers and their families are asked to read, understand, and agree to these Terms and Conditions. These guidelines help us maintain a respectful, safe, and enjoyable atmosphere for camp participants, staff, and volunteers.

1. Accurate Information

I declare that all information provided in the Camp Freedom registration form is true, complete, and accurate. I have not withheld any relevant details, including but not limited to medical, behavioural, or psychological information, allergies, dietary requirements, medications, recent hospitalisations, behavioural support plans, significant life events or other circumstances that may impact my child's ability to safely and fully participate in camp activities.

2. Child Safety

Arthritis and Osteoporosis W.A. (AOWA) are committed to creating a safe, welcoming and caring environment where all children and families feel comfortable, included and respected. We support children and families from all cultures, abilities and backgrounds including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and their families.

All staff and volunteers are expected to comply with AOWA's child safety policies and code of conduct. Any concerns regarding the safety or wellbeing of a child will be managed in accordance with relevant legislation and organisational policies.

If you would like more information, need extra support, or have a question, concern or complaint, see our [child safe webpage](#) or feel free to contact us at any time — we are here to listen and help. Our Safeguarding Officer, David Smith, can be contacted on 9388 2199.

3. Medical Consent, Medication, and Emergency Response

I understand that Arthritis and Osteoporosis W.A. (AOWA) is not a medical service provider and may be unable to cater for campers with medical or other conditions that require certain support.

I understand that Camp Freedom has qualified camp nurses on site who will assist with:

- Storing and managing all camper medications;
- Assisting children with administering medications as needed;
- Supervising children who self-administer their prescribed medication.

Children are not permitted to keep medications in their possession under any circumstances. This includes medication such as paracetamol and ibuprofen. All medications must be clearly labelled and handed to camp staff when arriving at camp.

Where a child is currently receiving support for a significant mental health condition, AOWA may request further information from a treating healthcare professional to assist in determining whether Camp Freedom can safely and appropriately meet the child's needs

In the event of illness or injury, I authorise the camp nurses, AOWA staff or volunteers to:

- Seek emergency medical treatment for my child and;
- Transport my child or arrange emergency services if required.

Where it is impracticable to communicate with me beforehand, I consent to medical treatment being administered as considered appropriate. I agree to bear all financial costs associated with any such emergency care.

Parents/guardians must not send their child to camp if they are experiencing symptoms of a contagious illness, including but not limited to gastroenteritis, influenza-like illness, COVID-19, or any condition that may place other campers at risk. AOWA reserves the right to refuse attendance or require early collection of any child displaying symptoms of a communicable illness.

4. Risk Acknowledgement and Waiver of Liability

I acknowledge that Camp Freedom includes physical and recreational activities (e.g., flying fox, swimming pool, mountain biking) that carry inherent risks. I agree for my child to participate in such activities and voluntarily assume all risks associated with my child's participation, and to the extent permitted by law, I acknowledge that participation in camp activities carries inherent risks and I accept those risks on behalf of my child.

I understand that Arthritis & Osteoporosis WA will take reasonable steps to provide a safe environment but cannot eliminate all risks associated with camp activities.

5. Supervision and Contact

I understand Camp Freedom is a structured but community-based camp environment. My child will participate in activities and free time under the reasonable supervision of trained staff and volunteers; all of whom are appropriately screened, trained and hold valid Working with Children Checks where required.

I agree not to visit the camp without prior arrangement with an AOWA staff member. I may contact the camp team or request to speak to my child, and I may withdraw my child from camp at any time.

6. Photo and Media Consent

I understand that photographs and video footage may be captured during camp activities and used by AOWA for promotional, educational, fundraising, and reporting purposes. Parents/guardians who do not consent to their child's image being used must notify AOWA in writing prior to camp.

7. Privacy and Confidentiality

Arthritis & Osteoporosis WA (AOWA) respects your privacy and will make every reasonable effort to keep your child's personal and medical information confidential.

However, I acknowledge that in situations where it is necessary to ensure the safety and wellbeing of my child or others, AOWA may share relevant information with:

- Camp staff and volunteers;
- Third-party activity providers;
- Emergency services or medical professionals.

All information will be handled in accordance with applicable privacy laws and shared only on a need-to-know basis to support the safe running of the camp.

8. Behaviour, Mobile Devices, and Camp Rules

I have read and discussed the Camp Freedom Rules with my child. My child understands and agrees to follow these rules and the directions of camp staff at all times.

Camp Freedom is committed to providing a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for all participants. The following behaviours are strictly prohibited and will result in disciplinary action, which may include immediate dismissal from camp:

- Bullying, including verbal, physical, social, or online harassment;
- Theft or tampering with another person's belongings;
- Discrimination, intimidation, or threatening behaviour;
- Aggressive, unsafe, or disrespectful conduct toward staff, volunteers, or fellow campers.

Camp Freedom encourages kindness, inclusion, respect, and personal responsibility. Where appropriate, staff will work with campers to resolve behavioural concerns through guidance and support before disciplinary action is considered.

Parents/guardians will be contacted immediately in the event of serious misconduct. The decision to remove a camper from the program is at the sole discretion of Arthritis & Osteoporosis WA, and any required travel arrangements or costs will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

Mobile phones, laptops, smart watches, tablets, and other personal electronic devices are strictly not permitted at camp. Campers breaching this rule may be sent home.

To support camper wellbeing and communication, campers may contact their parents or guardians at any time by requesting a phone call through the designated AOWA staff member. Similarly, parents can also contact their child via the same method.

In the interest of safety, Camp Freedom staff reserve the right to inspect items brought to camp (e.g., bags, clothing pockets) if there is a reasonable belief that the camper may be in possession of prohibited or unsafe items. Searches will be conducted respectfully and in the presence of the camper and where practicable, two AOWA representatives will be present. Any concerns will be communicated to the camper's parent or guardian.

If your child has a medical or therapeutic need for a device, a written request must be submitted in advance to AOWA. Approval is at the discretion of Arthritis & Osteoporosis WA and will be confirmed in writing.

9. Transportation

I authorise my child to travel in vehicles arranged by AOWA, including buses or other approved transport providers, for the purpose of participating in camp activities.

10. Refunds

As Camp Freedom is heavily subsidised and places are limited, refunds may not always be possible. Requests for cancellation or withdrawal will be considered on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the timing of the cancellation, costs already incurred, and the circumstances surrounding the request.

11. Right to Refuse or Withdraw Participation

I acknowledge that Arthritis & Osteoporosis WA (AOWA) reserves the right to refuse or withdraw a child's participation in Camp Freedom at its sole discretion. This includes but is not limited to situations where:

- AOWA determines it cannot safely accommodate the child's medical, behavioural, or psychological needs;
- Relevant information has been withheld or is incomplete;
- The child's participation may compromise the safety, wellbeing, or experience of other participants or staff.
- The child has not followed camp rules and/or procedures.

If such a decision is made prior to the camp start date, any applicable refund will be assessed. If the decision is made during the camp, I understand that I will be responsible for collecting my child immediately and covering any related costs.

12. Parent/Guardian Availability

I further agree that parents or guardians must be available to collect their child from camp at any time during the camp period, including outside normal hours, should Arthritis & Osteoporosis WA request early collection for any reason, including but not limited to behavioural, medical, or safety concerns.

Failure to be available for prompt collection may affect the child's continued participation in the program.

Parents/guardians must provide accurate and current emergency contact details and notify AOWA immediately of any changes before or during camp.

13. Lost or Damaged Property

Campers are encouraged not to bring valuable items to camp. While reasonable care will be taken, AOWA accepts no responsibility for the loss, theft, or damage of personal belongings.

14. Thank You

Thank you for taking the time to read, understand, and agree to the Camp Freedom Terms and Conditions. Your support and cooperation are essential in helping us create a safe, fun, and inclusive environment where every camper can thrive. We're grateful for the trust you place in us and look forward to sharing a memorable camp experience with your child.