

A Day at Camp SPECTACULAR

The program consists of two sessions of 10-16 year olds and one session of 7-9 year olds. We are very excited to offer a workshop devoted to young adults ages 17-21 to help prepare them for college. Each group is supervised by special education teachers and camp counselors. As a team, the staff work together to give the campers a week full of fun, laughter and new friends.

Every morning begins with group activities focusing on collaborative skills and group projects. Daily activities include arts & crafts, recreational swimming, music & drama, non-competitive sports & outdoor recreation, problem-solving challenges, teambuilding, guest entertainment and group discussions.

Each day ends with a special campfire ceremony during which we review the day's activities, anticipate the fun for the next day and celebrate each individual.

The last day of every session is Family Day. This is an opportunity for families to come together and share the fun at Camp Spectacular.



Contact Information

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Address: 55 Helping Hand Lane
Glenville, NY 12302

How to Apply

For your convenience, you may either download an application from our website or contact the Camp office.

Credentials

Camp Spectacular is operated by the Center for Disability Services, and is licensed and inspected annually by the NYS Dept. of Health. Inspection reports are on file at the NYS DOH District Office in Glens Falls, New York. Camp complies with American Camping Assn. guidelines and is approved by the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities.

Affiliations:



Camp Spectacular

At the Center for Disability Services

Where people get better at life™

*A day camp experience for children
with autism spectrum disorders*



2022 Session Dates & Fees

Workshop: August 8-12 Ages 17-21

Session 1: August 15-19 Ages 10-16

Session 2: August 22-26 Ages 10-16

Session 3: August 29-31 Ages 7-9

Fee

Workshop: \$400.00

Session 1: \$375.00

Session 2: \$375.00

Session 3: \$240.00

Fee includes a \$75 deposit per session

Admissions

- ♣ Camp is available on a first come first served basis. Acceptance into camp is contingent upon review of a complete application by the camp director, social worker and medical advisors.
- ♣ Applications will be reviewed based on the child's appropriateness for camp and his or her need for a summer program.
- ♣ Enrollment is limited to 56 campers per session. All sessions are co-ed.
- ♣ New campers are required to attend a pre-camp screening. It gives us a chance to meet the camper and assess his or her appropriateness for camp.



Frequently Asked Questions

Who can attend?

- ♣ Children, ages 7-21 years, with autism spectrum disorder diagnosis including Asperger's Syndrome, high functioning autism, and PDD-NOS
- ♣ Children that have average or above average language skills
- ♣ Children that have demonstrated self-management skills in community and school settings

Who cannot attend?

- ♣ Children that exhibit aggressive or self-abusive behavior
- ♣ Children that are a flight risk
- ♣ Children that require a constant one-to-one aide

Who works at camp?

- ♣ The program is administered by the Clover Patch Camp Director, Cindy Francis.
- ♣ Camp is coordinated and facilitated by a licensed clinical social worker with over a decade of experience with the autism spectrum.
- ♣ Daily activities and curricula are led by special education teachers and camp counselors.

Is transportation provided?

- ♣ Transportation to and from camp is the responsibility of the camper

How do I know if Camp Spectacular is right for my child?

- ♣ Visit the website cloverpatchcamp@cfdsn.org
- ♣ Tour the camp and meet the director
- ♣ Join us at the camp open house

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Why should I send my child to Camp Spectacular?

- ♣ Camp fosters the development of social relationships with peers.
- ♣ Camp connects families and creates a social network beyond camp.
- ♣ Camp encourages teamwork and helps children to meet new people.
- ♣ Camp allows growth as individuals by exposure to new experiences.

What is the process for hiring camp staff? Will my child be safe?

- ♣ All potential camp employees complete a comprehensive application, including disclosure of criminal history and a complete background check (state and sexual offender databases).
- ♣ Each applicant completes a personal interview with camp administration. Three references are checked for every candidate.
- ♣ All employees are continually assessed during their employment at camp to ensure exemplary performance.

How do I apply?

- ♣ The application can be downloaded from the camp website or a hardcopy can be requested from the Camp office.
- ♣ There is no application deadline. We continue to accept applications until we are at full capacity.
- ♣ Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.