



Hello Campers

Even though Old Man Winter is blowing through town, summer is just around the corner. We hope that everyone is including a stay at Clover Patch Camp in his or her summer plans. Now is the time to start the application process. The 2010 camper applications will be sent out soon. Please complete the requested information in each section carefully and completely. Even if you have the same information as last year, it is important to complete all forms. All information you provide is helpful for us to better understand your camper and his or her needs at camp. The quality of care we provide depends on this input.

Camp is available on a first come first served basis. It is never too soon to start applying. Receipt of an application or previous attendance does not guarantee a spot on the roster. Acceptance into camp is contingent upon evaluation of a complete application by the camp director and medical advisors. It is not advised to hold an application while waiting for an updated physical. Contact the camp office if a physical is delayed due to insurance reasons. The camper is officially accepted into camp when you receive an acceptance packet.

If a payment plan is desired, it must be set up with the Finance Department before June 11, 2010 by calling Lori Hunt at 518-437-5513. Please send your check or money order made payable to Clover Patch Camp to the attention of Lori Hunt, Finance Department, 314 South Manning Blvd., Albany, NY 12208. Please do not send money to the camp office.

Please remember, we do not provide lunch or noontime medications on check-in or check-out day. Make sure to coordinate travel plans to include lunch and medication administration for your camper(s).

We had a wonderful summer last year and are hoping for an even better summer this year. We are excited about the events we

have planned for the season. We look forward to seeing you all again.

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In an effort to streamline the application process we will be sending applications via email whenever possible. Anyone that does not have internet/email access may receive an application via US mail.

EMAIL OPTION

1. Open the attached application.
2. Once open, you can type directly into the application.
3. Save the application with the camper's name in the title.
4. Email it back to the camp office as an attachment.
5. Please note. We must have original signatures from a parent, guardian or advocate on pages 4, 5 and 7. We must have original signatures from the physician on all medical forms.

US MAIL OPTION

1. Receive an application via US mail or print a hardcopy of the application from the email attachment.
2. Complete the application by hand.
3. Mail it back to the camp office.

POINTS TO CONSIDER

1. Upon opening the application, if the formatting is distorted please request a hardcopy from the camp office.
2. If printing a hardcopy please print 2-sided whenever possible.
3. Please update the camp office with your preferred email address.

Guidelines for Enrollment

We use several guidelines to determine if a potential camper is eligible for and will benefit from camp. Our guidelines are campers who:

1. Have a developmental disability
2. Are able to participate in activities
3. Do not exhibit aggressive/self-abusive behavior and are not a flight risk

4. Do not require constant one-to-one attendant care
5. Are able to sleep through the night

Hidden Treasures

We are looking for your hidden treasures. Keep your eyes open during your spring-cleaning for goodies we can use during our summer programming. Some items we would love to have are:

- * Dress-up clothes, hats, dress gloves, fancy scarves, ties, costume jewelry
- * Prom and bridesmaid dresses
- * Sporting equipment
- * Arts & crafts supplies

2010 Session Dates

Overnight Camp (Sunday-Friday)

Session 1: 6/13/10–6/18/10; Ages 18+
 Session 2: 6/20/10–6/25/10; Ages 18+
 Session 3: 6/27/10–7/02/10; Ages 5-21
 Session 4: 7/04/10–7/09/10; Ages 5-21
 Session 5: 7/11/10–7/16/10; Ages 15-25
 Session 6: 7/18/10–7/23/10; Ages 18+
 Session 7: 7/25/10–7/30/10; Ages 18+

Day Camp (Mon-Thurs; 9am–5pm)

Session 3: 6/28/10–7/01/10; Ages 5-21
 Session 4: 7/05/10–7/08/10; Ages 5-21

Join the Camp Family

If you know of anyone, young or old that may benefit from attending or working at camp please refer him or her to us.

For your convenience camper applications may be submitted via email. See the “Going Green” section of this newsletter or contact the camp office for details.

In addition, employment applications may be submitted on the Center website at, www.cfdsny.org/employment.aspx under the Seasonal heading. Employment applications may also be accessed on the camp website, www.cloverpatchcamp.org, under the Staff Application tab.

We will continue to accept camper and staff applications until all slots are full. We look forward to hearing from you.

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55 Helping Hand Lane
Glenville, NY 12302

- ♣ Our annual Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, June 2nd, 3-7 pm. You will be able to meet the camp administrators and have a tour of the camp facilities. We encourage potential campers not to wait until the open house to apply as the roster fills quickly.
- ♣ In March, Chris will attend the *Camp Counselors USA Job Recruitment Fair* in The Netherlands.
- ♣ Many thanks to the Schenectady County Probation Department for organizing a group of youths to help close the facility for the winter. They were a great help with landscaping and equipment storage.
- ♣ In 2010 camp will not provide laundry service. Please pack accordingly.
- ♣ We continue to explore new funding options for our campers. Campers are encouraged to seek out funding through other sources such as their sponsoring agency, local businesses and community groups.

Volunteer Opportunities

We still have many volunteer opportunities for community groups, businesses, school groups and individuals. If you or your group is interested in volunteering please contact Laura at (518) 384-3081 for details.

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