

A Day at Clover Patch Camp

Each cabin typically has five direct care counselors and an activity leader working directly with eight campers. As a team, the cabin staff work together twenty-four hours a day to meet their camper's daily living needs. These needs include feeding, changing diapers, toileting, dressing, grooming, bathing, etc.

Every morning begins with reveille and the flag raising. Daily programming includes music & drama, sports, arts & crafts, all-camp activities, swimming and guest entertainment. Activities include pet therapy, sing-alongs, talent shows, dances, nature walks, scavenger hunts, non-competitive games, journal writing and much more. The counselors and activity leaders escort their cabin through the daily programming and help them to participate and enjoy the fun. Each session begins and ends with A special campfire ceremony during which we anticipate the fun and celebrate each individual.



Positions Available

Residential Positions

- ♣ Direct Care Counselors
- ♣ Arts & Crafts Activity Leader
- ♣ Music & Drama Activity Leader
- ♣ Sports Activity Leader

*Support Positions**

- ♣ Lifeguard/Aquatics Director
- ♣ Maintenance/Grounds Keeper
- ♣ Head Cook
- ♣ Kitchen Assistant

**The support positions may be either residential or non-residential.*

Dates of Employment

Orientation

June 6-11, 2010

Camping Season

June 13-July 30, 2010



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How to Apply

For your convenience you may either download an application from the website or contact the Camp office. Complete the application and return it to the camp office with at least one letter of recommendation.

Credentials

Clover Patch Camp, operated by the Center for Disability Services, is licensed and inspected annually by the NYS Department of Health. Inspection reports are on file at: NYS DOH, District Office, 77 Mohican Street, Glens Falls, NY 12801. Camp is accredited through the American Camping Assn. and approved by the Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental



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Clover Patch Camp

A summer camp and respite program for children and adults with disabilities

Information for the Prospective Employee



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Our Mission

Who Attends Clover Patch?

Clover Patch welcomes physically and/or developmentally disabled campers ages five and older. The program provides families and caregivers a period of reprieve while providing campers with a challenging, educational and fun outdoor living experience in a fully accessible natural setting.

Camp Mission

We as a team are committed to meeting each camper's needs through continuous improvement and growth. We believe that through our commitment we possess the innovation, integrity and momentum to strengthen our services and provide each camper with the experience of a lifetime. We strive to create an atmosphere where our campers and staff can develop life skills, self-confidence and personal freedom by creating new friends, new memories and new experiences.



Staff Benefits



- ♣ Free rustic bunkhouse living quarters
- ♣ All meals provided daily
- ♣ Laundry facilities provided at no extra charge
- ♣ Staff lounge with telephone, TV/DVD
- ♣ Internet access
- ♣ 2 hours off each working day
- ♣ Saturdays off!
- ♣ Camp bicycles
- ♣ Staff trips



Frequently Asked Questions

Who comes to camp?

- ♣ Children and adults with physical and/or mental disabilities

What are the ages of the campers?

- ♣ 5% 5-9, 25% 10-19, 15% 20-29, 20% 30-39, 35% 41+ years

What types of disabilities do the campers have?

- ♣ A range including mild to severe mental retardation, autism, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, ADHD, traumatic brain injury, medically frail
- ♣ 35% non-ambulatory, 40% non-verbal

How many campers attend each session and what is the camper to staff ratio?

- ♣ Maximum of 24 campers per session
- ♣ 2:1 camper to staff ratio

How many staff members work at camp?

- ♣ 18 direct care staff, 4 support staff, 2 nurses, 3 administrators

Who works at camp?

- ♣ 75% are college-aged students
- ♣ 30% from Europe, 5% from Asia, 65% from USA
- ♣ 30% staff return rate

Do I have to swim?

- ♣ All counselors and activity leaders are expected to swim with campers daily

Where is Glenville?

- ♣ 35 minutes Northwest of Albany, NY

More Frequently Asked Questions

Where do I sleep?

- ♣ Counselors and activity leaders are required to sleep 1-2 nights per week in the camper cabins
- ♣ Support staff, off-duty counselors and off-duty activity leaders sleep separate from the campers in shared living quarters in a rustic cabin with screened windows and bunk beds

What type of food is served?

- ♣ Simple, balanced, camp-style (e.g. hamburgers, spaghetti, tacos, etc.)
- ♣ Staff with special dietary needs are required to supply their own food
- ♣ A staff refrigerator is available for personal food items

What is the time-off schedule?

- ♣ Sessions begin at 11 A.M. on Sunday and end at 3 P.M. on Friday
- ♣ Each staff person has two hours off during the day (Monday-Thursday) and 1-2 nights off per week
- ♣ Friday night, all-day Saturday, and Sunday morning off!

How do I get around?

- ♣ Camp is located on a city bus line with daily service to stores, shops, libraries, entertainment, banks, etc.
- ♣ Camp is convenient to the bus/train station and Albany airport for extended trips
- ♣ Taxi service is available
- ♣ Staff bicycles are available