

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.



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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 Disabilities.



Clover Patch Camp

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

Information for the Prospective Volunteer



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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.



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

Who works at camp?

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

How do I know if volunteering at Clover Patch Camp is right for me?

- ♣ Visit www.cloverpatchcamp.org
- ♣ Tour the camp and meet the directors

Is there an age requirement to volunteer?

- ♣ All volunteers must be at least 16 years old

More Frequently Asked Questions

What types of volunteer opportunities are available?

- ♣ Entertainers such as clowns, DJs, musicians, magicians, singers, bands, dancers, etc.
- ♣ Animal keepers and pet therapists
- ♣ Participation in daily activities
- ♣ Facility clean-up and maintenance

What are the session dates and times?

- ♣ Sessions start Sunday at 1:00 pm
- ♣ Sessions end Friday at noon
- ♣ Session run June 13 through July 30, 2010

Why should I volunteer?

- ♣ Great resume builder
- ♣ Be part of a team
- ♣ Gain experience
- ♣ Have fun
- ♣ Grow as an individual
- ♣ Meet new people from across the country and around the world
- ♣ Make a difference!

How do I apply?

- ♣ Contact the Camp office for an application
- ♣ Gather documentation of a recent health examination, immunizations and a PPD test dated after August 2009
- ♣ Return the completed application with one letter of reference to the Camp office