



Home of the Empire State Special Needs Experience, Inc.

2012 Summer Programs for Youth at Lions Camp Badger

Lions Camp Badger is located in Spencer, New York, approximately 20 miles south of Ithaca. It is located on more than 200 acres of beautiful hills, including more than 100 acres of hiking. Camp programs are open to youth and young adults from every region of the state.

We offer three distinct programs for youth and young adults:

1. Leadership Experience “Community Connections”, Ages 18-26, (June 17-30)
2. Day Camp, Youth, Ages 12 – 21 (July 9 - August 3)
3. Overnight Camp, Youth Ages 8-21 (July 8 – August 4)

Lions Camp Badger will operate week long, inclusive summer programs where campers, with and without disabilities, will build greater self-awareness, confidence and independent skills, while providing their families and caregivers a break from the demands of constant care.

We will offer structured recreational and “experiential learning” camping programs for youth with special needs and their siblings, ages 8-21. The purpose of our camping experience is to provide experiences where each young person can explore nature, discover their own interests and abilities, experience new adventures, practice social and life skills and, most important, make new friends and have fun.

The expectation for all of our campers is that each camper will return home ready to continue to practice and apply the new skills that they have learned at camp.

Our goals for all of our camping experience programs include helping campers:

- Develop personal goals that build on their individual talents, skills, and strengths.
- Be good decision-makers and make personal choices that support their goals.
- Promote citizenship, leadership, and teamwork.
- Support health and wellness, physical fitness and good nutrition
- Achieve increased independence and community inclusion
- Improve their self image, attitude through an increased understanding of their learning style and how to be successful in home, school and community activities.

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Camping experiences include a wide range of opportunities, including:

- Individual and team sports, including soccer, softball, track and field events
- Hiking, canoeing, boating, gardening, and arts and crafts
- Independent living, career readiness, and transition skill building activities.
- As necessary, personal care and hygiene reminders and supports to promote physical and dental self-care.
- Development of personal interests, hobbies and recreational and leisure activities.

Campers will choose among a variety of activities each day, and will be encouraged to participate in activities they may never have tried.

All of camp activities are designed to promote:

- Greater self-awareness and understanding of abilities and skills.
- Teamwork
- Independence and Personal Empowerment
- Opportunities to learn from their peers and build friendships.
- Share and express ideas
- Positive attitudes and beliefs

Typical Day for Campers (Day Campers would arrive at 9 am and leave at 5 pm). For older campers and some events, activity sessions will be combined.

8:30 am	Breakfast in the Lodge
9:00 – 11 am	Activity #1 and #2
12:00 pm	Lunch in the Lodge
1:15 – 5:00 pm	Activity #3 and #4
5:00 pm	Day Campers Leave
5:00 – 6:00pm	Flex Time (Team Adventures, Store, Volunteer, Mail, Hiking, Games)
6:00 pm	Dinner in the Lodge
7:00 – 8:30 pm	Special Event (campfires, movies, field games, music)
9:00 pm	Lights out

Special Note on Program for Young Adults 18-26: “Community Connections” is designed to specifically help young adults who have transitioned from school age programs to independent living and self-directed adult services. The weeklong summer camp program will include daily activities used to integrate social skills, improve communication, self advocacy and leadership skills, and promote independence, teamwork, good citizenship, and character building.

For More Information: Please visit our website, <http://www.lionscb.org> , call 1-800-232-7060 or e-mail lionscampbadger@frontiernet.net