



LIONS CAMP BADGER

Operated by the Empire State Special Needs Experience, Inc.

CAMP CORNER

An opportunity for an "inside view" of Lions Camp Badger, by camp director Pat Gillule

"Hi Miss Pat!" Becky exclaimed as she saw me from across the room. Big smile. "Guess what? I'm all packed for camp and I can't wait!" Becky's eyes twinkled as her mother nodded to confirm what she just told me. "But Becky, it's the first day of February," I replied, "camp doesn't start until July."

THIS is the kind of enthusiasm we see from the campers we serve. I've had so many parents tell me that their child talks about camp every day, all year long. Camp has an enormous impact on them!

I wish that I could bottle up the campers' excitement and pure JOY and share it with each of you as you read this article. It's that kind of love for camp and all that surrounds it that keeps us going back for more, year after year. Please take three minutes and see a video on our website, www.lionscb.org, and you will get a small glimpse of the profound impact that Lions Camp Badger has on all who are there.

YOUR ongoing support of our mission is what keeps our programs alive. We could not do this without you! Want to get more involved? There are MANY ways you can help! In addition to financial support, our Lions assist with camp preparations, special events, and provide for needs from our Wish List on our website. Thank you for supporting our efforts to Build a Brighter Future!

The mission of Lions Camp Badger is to provide services that enhance the educational, vocational, personal growth, and independence of differently-abled youth and adults.

Lions Camp Badger is a project of the MD-20 Lions. Learn more at www.lionscb.org

**Please note that we DO plan to serve our campers in Summer 2020. If, due to COVID-19, they cannot come to us, then we will go to them virtually! Safety is our primary concern, and we are working closely with the Health Department to create a meaningful and fun camp experience. We have not made planning decisions yet, but will be doing so as the summer gets closer.*

2020 Super Raffle:

Don't forget to send in your tickets for our 2020 Super Raffle. There will be 10 winners of \$1,000 each. We've had winners from all across the multiple. The drawing will be held on Lions Appreciation Day in July. All proceeds to benefit Lions Camp Badger.

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Lions Camp Badger is celebrating our 40th birthday as a MD20 Lions state project!

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