



**...for Special People!**



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Lions Camp Badger is operated by the Empire State Special Needs Experience, Inc., a 501c3 not for profit corporation and a project of the Lions Clubs of New York State and Bermuda



Situated on 150 acres of woodland in beautiful central New York, our rural location offers the perfect setting for outdoor fun!



Located 3 hrs from Albany and Buffalo and 4 hrs from NYC.



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## LIONS CAMP BADGER



## A Special Place...







Lions Camp Badger is a residential summer camp for individuals with special needs.  
We offer individualized camper-centered programming through a wide-array of activities.  
We believe in the capabilities of our campers and use a positive approach to help them reach their fullest potential.

## LIONS CAMP BADGER 2024 SESSIONS

June 30-July 5	<b>Young Adult Badgers</b> (ages 18-25)	This session for our youngest adults is full of action and includes activities such as music, swimming, fishing, boating, arts & crafts, athletics, and evening programs.
July 7-12	<b>Buddy Badgers 1:1</b> (ages 6 - 55+)	This program offers 1:1 staff support for campers who benefit from maximum physical or behavioral assistance. The pace is slower and the environment quieter, allowing campers who find larger groups challenging to succeed in this smaller, supported setting.
July 14-19	<b>Senior Badgers I</b> (ages 18+)	<b>Recommended for ages 26-40, but all over 18 are welcome.</b> Our “middle” adults enjoy all of the traditional camp activities, plus more opportunities for individual choices in programming. Social events are a big part of our week!
July 21-23	<b>Family Camp 1</b> For families with children mostly 18 or over	Bring your family to camp! Each family has their own cabin and we provide staff support for activities such as swimming, boating, fishing, arts & crafts, etc.
July 24-26	<b>Family Camp 2</b> For families with children mostly under 18	Family Camp is fully inclusive and open to person(s) with a disability, their siblings, parents/caregivers and an additional support person if needed. Enjoy networking with other families and an opportunity to bond with yours!
July 28-Aug 2	<b>Junior Badgers (Children's Camp)</b> (ages 6-17 only)	Our youngest campers will be placed in cabins by age, and the program is carefully structured to keep them busy and engaged.. They will enjoy all things “camp”, such as swimming, boating, cookouts, music, arts and crafts, social time, and athletics.
Aug 4-9	<b>Senior Badgers II</b> (ages 18+)	<b>Recommended for ages 41-60+, but all over 18 are welcome.</b> Our oldest adults enjoy all of the traditional camp activities, plus more opportunities for individual choices in programming. Quite often, they enjoy assisting with community service projects and planning their own social activities. The pace of this group tends to be a bit slower as compared to the younger groups.
1) July 7-12 2) Aug 4-9	<b>Vocational Food Service Program</b> (18+)	<b>Returning campers ages 18+</b> may join us to learn employment and food service skills. Campers must be able to function within a 4:1 camper to counselor setting. Campers will receive food service instruction and training during the day in addition to regular programming in the afternoons and evenings. <b>Spots are limited.</b>



## MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide services that enhance the educational, vocational, personal growth and independence of differently-abled individuals.

## PROGRAMMING

We offer sessions to meet the needs of campers with intellectual and functional differences.

Our campers enjoy swimming, arts & crafts, music, athletics, boating, fishing, cooking, clubs, hobbies and special events.

Some favorite special events may include: Dance, Magician, Yoga, Archery, wildlife lessons from DEC.

## TESTIMONIALS

*“Thank you to the staff at Camp Badger for making it possible for my son to simply enjoy being a kid! This is an amazingly beautiful camp, where my son had the support and encouragement to both be himself and also grow as a person.”*

*“My son had a ball! He loved every minute of his experience! Well organized and extremely well run. The staff members were extremely well prepared!”*

