

North East Westchester Special Recreation, Inc.



Summer Day Camp 2023

**St. Theresa School
Briarcliff Manor, NY**



Hello!

Thank you for expressing interest in our Summer Day Camp!

On behalf of the staff at North East Westchester Special Recreation, Inc., I thank you for your interest in our summer day camp for children with special needs. We are looking forward to introducing your child to new experiences and opportunities.

If you are new to our agency, please call our office to schedule an intake meeting as soon as possible. Please bring your child's IEP, Life Plan, Notice of Decision and/or documentation from NY's Office for People with Developmental Disabilities Services.

One of our funding resources is from NY OPWDD. If you have not yet contacted their local office, please call Frandy Osias in their Tarrytown office at (914) 332-8961.

Please don't hesitate to call our office or email us if you should have any questions.

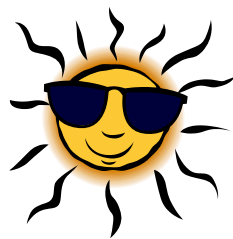
The wonderful North East staff and I feel privileged to be able to provide programs to your child and are especially proud of our summer day camp.

We thank you for choosing us, supporting us and we look forward to working together.

Sincerely,
Ellie Arnemann
Executive Director



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Dear Parents:

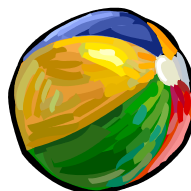
Welcome to **Summer Camp 2023!** Its been a long 3 years but things are headed in the right direction! Restrictions have eased and we will have more opportunities to have a fun and exciting camp. As always, we will maintain a safe and clean environment. The guidelines are always changing but, we **are** expecting to offer swimming and weekly field trips as part of the camp experience! Transportation is also available this summer and we once again have drop off and pick up from central locations in our district.

Please know that we are planning a great and **SAFE** summer experience for all campers. This brochure will provide you with the necessary information and forms to register your son or daughter for our six week program.

Remember: If you want your camper to begin on **June 26th**, all paperwork must be in to the office by **June 21**. Please feel free to call us if you have **ANY** questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Joe Bellini
Camp Director



North East Westchester Special Recreation, established in the early 1970's is a community based therapeutic recreation agency serving children and adults with developmental disabilities in the North East portion of Westchester County. North East is the second largest agency of its kind in the State of New York and has gained local and state-wide attention for the quality and novelty of programs and services.

STAFF

Ellie Arnemann	Executive Director
Nancy Bellini CTRS	Program Director
Joe Bellini	Camp Director
Brittany Ciliberto	Camp Program Coordinator
Jessie Espinet CTRS	Camp Program Coordinator
Kirsten Nesello	Office Manager/Bookkeeper

and over 50 highly dedicated and qualified specialists and counselors.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Superintendents of Recreation of the following communities serve as the North East Board of Directors: Town of Bedford, Village of Briarcliff Manor, Town of Lewisboro, Village of Mt. Kisco, Town of Mt. Pleasant, Town of New Castle, Town of North Castle, Town of North Salem, Town of Somers, Village of Sleepy Hollow, Town of Pound Ridge, and Village of Pleasantville.

The Board is responsible for establishing policy and directing the priorities of the organization. The Board of Directors employs full-time staff to conduct the day-to-day operation of North East in accordance with Board policies.

CAMP DESCRIPTION

Our Day Camp Program provides an opportunity for children/teens with developmental disabilities ages 4 to 20 to experience the benefits of participating in a local, community day camp program while receiving the specific support needed for success in this environment.

GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION



Camp Dates/Times:

Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Begins: Monday, June 26, 2023
Ends: Friday, August 4, 2023
Closed: Tuesday, July 4, 2023

Camp Location:

St. Theresa School, 300 Dalmeny Road, Briarcliff Manor

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Fees:

Residents in the North East district:	\$ 750.00
Out of District residing in Westchester County: (Medicaid Waiver Eligible)	\$ 750.00
Out of District residing in Westchester County: (Non Waiver/Medicaid)-Eligible	\$2,250.00

- Registration received and processed after 6/21/23 is subject to a \$75.00 late registration fee.
- **Anyone who is not enrolled with OPWDD and chooses to use transportation will be charged an additional \$200.00**
- All campers must pay for the full 6 week session. We are not able to pro-rate our fees for partial attendance.
- Payment plan applications are available by calling our office.

Payment Plans/Scholarships:

We are sensitive to the needs of our families and have made payment plans and limited scholarships available (for North East residents only). Inquire at the North East office, as soon as possible if you would like to discuss a payment method with our Executive Director

Transportation:

Bus transportation is provided to and from central pick-up points within our North East district. Out of district pick up will not be provided. Transportation routes and schedules are coordinated by North East staff with the safety of all participants in mind.

Assessment/Placement:

In an effort to provide for an appropriate placement, each child is assessed by a clinical team and placed in one of our camp groups. Groups within our camp are formed with consideration of age and ability. North East reserves the right to change placement as we deem necessary after consultation with all parties involved.

Camp Behavior:

Safety and fun are important elements of North East Camp. Behavior therapists are employed by North East to reinforce positive behavior and present a pleasant experience for all enrolled.

If your son/daughter is identified as one who needs additional support, you will be notified. A meeting will then be scheduled with the behavior therapist and camp director. We have enclosed a copy of our behavior policy which will be enforced by North East staff.



OUR CAMP GROUPS

Roadrunners(Our Youngest Group)

This program provides a structured play environment and social setting for young children who will benefit from sensory exploration, guided physical activity and cognitive stimulation.



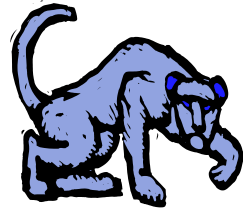
Dragons

This program is for children who possess a high level of independence yet require staff guidance and support in improving and refining peer relationships and skill development. Socialization with fellow campers and expression of one's self are key to building a positive self image.



Panthers

This program is for children who possess a high level of independence yet continue to benefit from staff guidance and support. This group will be provided with experiences to encourage increased responsibility and leadership which will prepare them for the transition into our Eagles Group. Opportunities for success and improved self-esteem will be encouraged through program participation.



Eagles (Our Oldest Group)

This program focuses on the enhancement of self esteem and personal growth. Campers participate in the full range of camp activities adapted to offer maximum challenge and success. Responsibility and leadership are introduced and encouraged through team building activities and events, community service projects and staff ratio that will allow campers the opportunity to work towards a level of independence.



Daily Schedule:

The camp day is divided into 25 minute sessions in the morning, a break for lunch, water activities and more specials. Opening and closing circles for each camp group help the campers adjust to pre-camp and end of camp transition. Careful attention is paid to structure and organizing the day to best meet the needs of each camp group.

Medications:

North East employs a Registered Nurse to coordinate and supervise the control and administration of all camper medication and tend to medical needs. **Please note if your camper takes emergency medications (ie. Seizures) we cannot guarantee our nurse will be present immediately to administer the medications.** Parents are encouraged to discuss their child's health issues with the nurse throughout the six week camp session. Under no circumstances are campers to carry their own medications. **Medications must be in to the North East office before June 21, 2023.**

Lunch:

Campers should bring a bag lunch and drink. There is no refrigerator or microwave available, so please, pack lunches that do not need refrigeration. **We are nut free! No nuts, peanuts or nut products are allowed on the premises.**

Trips:

We provide each camp group with at least one field trip a week. Locations will include such favorites as bowling, nature centers, children's museums, and much, much more. Parents will be informed of trips when camp begins.

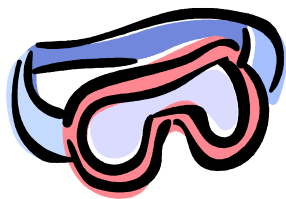
Specials:

Our camp staff includes eight specialists who are responsible for planning specific activities for the campers. Our specials include: **Art, Fitness, Gym, Music, Project Adventure, Nature, Hobbies and Outdoor Games.**



Aquatics:

Thanks to our affiliation with the various municipal recreation departments, North East Day Camp is able to use a number of outdoor community pool facilities. Campers will swim every day weather permitting.



Outdoor Education Center: (Bradhurst)

A very unique and wonderful compliment to our Day Camp Program is the Bradhurst Outdoor Education Center. Once a week, each camp group will visit Bradhurst to meet the **Nature, Fitness, and Outdoor Art Specialists** for a morning of activities. The children will plant, maintain and harvest our large garden area, learn camping skills that will prepare them for their camp out adventure, and make use of the natural environment to create nature crafts. They will also exercise to stay in shape and have fun.

Camp Out:

North East provides an overnight experience for our older camp groups (Eagles and Panthers). The campout would take place at Blue Mt Reservation in Peekskill NY. **The campouts would take place July 10-14.**

New and Returning Parent Orientation:

This session will be held on Thursday, June 22 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at St. Theresa's School. Our purpose is to acquaint you with our key staff, camp site, overall program, and to learn more about your child. **Please bring your child with you so that they can meet their new counselors and campers.**

Parent Night:

Come see our Camp Show! We will all have the pleasure of being entertained by our campers, view their art work and socialize. Parents, family and friends will be encouraged to attend this special night on:

**Thursday, August 3rd at
Mt. Pleasant Community Center.
Time 6:30 pm.**



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To register for our 2023 Camp Program, please complete the enclosed registration form as appropriate:

New Campers:

New campers must schedule an intake interview with North East staff prior to registering for camp. Please complete the registration form enclosed with special attention to the section for new campers. Once we receive this form, we will contact you to start the intake process.

Returning Campers:

Former campers may use the enclosed form with attention to the section for returning campers. The North East Participant Information Form must be updated every three years. You will be notified if you need an updated form.

A new medical form must be completed each year. Your child will not be able to start camp on June 26th if we do not have an updated medical and all other mandatory paperwork in our main office by June 21st.

Our Camp fills quickly! In order to be fair to everyone, we have developed a very structured registration policy.

Registration Priority:

Residents of the twelve communities making up the North East District enjoy a registration priority period until April 18, 2023. A deposit of \$400.00 will hold a space in camp. This deposit must be received to secure a space.

Upon receipt of registration, Out of District residents will be put on a waiting list that will be activated on May 16, 2023. A deposit of \$400.00 per camper will hold a space on the waiting list. **Out of district residents must have OPWDD eligibility determination or initiated the process.**

Payment in full is expected by June 21, 2023. Failure to pay by that date may result in your name being placed on our waiting list.



Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff:

All North East programs are NUT free!

This means that peanut butter sandwiches and other nut products **should not be sent to our programs.**

We have a number of participants who are *extremely* allergic to these foods and we are interested in their safety.

Since we cannot regulate the outside world. If your son/daughter is expected to be in the community and has this allergy, please send their EpiPen.

If this presents a huge problem for you, please contact Ellie Arnemann our Executive Director immediately.

Thank you!

