

2023 Guide for The Arc of Essex County's Camp Hope Registration and Application Process

Thank you for your interest in Camp Hope. The Arc of Essex County's Camp Hope Program has been providing summer camp experiences for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities for over 65 years!! Camp Hope provides traditional camp activities including supervised swimming and outdoor fun with modified sports, arts & crafts, and music. While enjoying these activities, attention to skill development is provided in the areas of daily living skills, peer interaction, socialization skills, and developing appropriate behaviors. Our goal is for each camper to have a camp experience filled with fun, socialization, and incorporate some education along the way.

2023 CAMP SEASON DATES

The 2023 Camp Hope season will begin on Wednesday July 5, 2023 and ending on Friday, August 18, 2023. The hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

CAMP SERVICES

• **TRADITIONAL CAMP SERVICES**

For each week of camp, campers are assigned a group based on age. Staff support for each group is generally determined by the age mix of each group. For the 2023 Camp Hope Season, in addition to a group leader assigned to each camper group, we anticipate the staff to camper ratios as follows:

- Age 5 through 12: 1 staff for every 3 campers;
- Age 13 through 20: 1 staff for every 5 campers;
- Age 21 and over: 1 staff for every 6 campers.

Additional supports for the overall Camp Hope program include a manager, three assistant managers, on-site full-time health professional, specialists in various activities, certified life guards, and behavioral supports.

• **ONE-TO-ONE SERVICES**

One to one staff support is available for campers whose needs are determined to exceed the assigned staff-to-camper ratio. If it is determined that your camper meets the criteria for this support, please note that we have a limited amount of staff available and there is an additional fee for this support.

• **TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

Curb-to-curb transportation is no longer provided due to high inflation costs. However, two bus stop locations will be provided to assist families.

- 50-58 Burnett Ave. Maplewood, NJ 07040
- Brookdale Park – W. Circuit Dr. lower parking lot, Montclair/Bloomfield, NJ

• **ESY SUMMER DAY PROGRAM**

In addition to the traditional camp experience, The Arc of Essex County offers the **ESY Summer Day Program at Camp Hope**. This program is supervised by a certified teacher and includes an academic period as well as an academic themed approach to the camp day to enhance the camper's knowledge of their environment. Each day, in addition to the academic component, children participate in art class, nature class, adaptive physical education, swimming, and music appreciation. If you are interested in the ESY Summer Day Program at Camp Hope as your child's extended school year program, you must contact your school district's child study team to request this program. Upon agreement, please have your district complete the School District Response Form and return it to The Arc of Essex County immediately. Please see the Tuition and Funding information for more details.

REGISTRATION FEE AND REGISTRATION FORM

A Registration Fee and a completed online Registration Form is required to secure your camper's spot at Camp Hope. Registration is accepted on a rolling basis until all spots are filled. Do not hesitate to register to ensure participation.

- **Registration Fee:** Registration for Camp Hope is \$40.00 which includes enrollment as a member of The Arc of Essex County, quarterly newsletters about The Arc of Essex County, and a camp T-shirt to be given out on your camper's first day. The Registration Fee is non-refundable unless your child is not accepted to the camp for any reason.
- **Registration Form:** Registrations can be completed via the Camp Hope website.
 - Visit arccamphope.com
 - Select the Enroll tab at the top
 - Scroll down and complete the 3 easy Enrollment Steps:
 1. Registration
 2. Application and Health Questionnaire
 3. Forms

CAMP HOPE APPLICATION FOR NEW AND RETURNING CAMPERS

The following documents are required for participation in Camp Hope. Documents can be found on the Camp Hope website as part of the online application process. Physical forms will be provided with the camper Welcome Packet closer to the start of the Camp Hope season. All forms must be received by May 1, 2023. **

- Camper Releases
- Emergency Contact and Transportation Release Form
- Camper Information
- Health History
- Physical Form
- Seizure Form
- Authorization for Sunscreen
- School District Response Form – only complete if you will be requesting your district to pay for camp instead of or in conjunction with the camper's school ESY program.
- Teacher/Program Staff Information (**FOR NEW CAMPERS ONLY**): please complete the Teacher/Program Staff information form as the information provided from the camper's teacher/staff is very helpful in understanding your camper. Will be provided upon intake

**It is recommended that photocopies of all forms be made prior to mailing in the event that forms are lost in the mail.

NEW CAMPER INTAKE

All new campers are required to participate in a face to face intake with a member from our Camp Hope team. Upon receipt of the camper application, a member of the Camp Hope team will reach out to schedule an intake. If you do not hear from us within two weeks of your application submission, please call the Camp Hope team at 973-535-1181.

WELCOME PACKET

After the application forms listed above have been received and reviewed, a Welcome Packet will be sent to the camper's home which includes the following information:

- **Welcome Letter**
- **Invoice for Services**
- **Camp Calendar**
- **General Camp Procedures and Reminders**
- **Transportation Procedures and Reminders - For camper's using the bus as well as parent pick-up/drop-off**
- **Missing Forms Checklist – Used for any application that is missing a form**
- **Name Tag**
- **Additional forms as required by DCF and/or DDD**

PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

Please review the invoice included in the Welcome Packet. The invoice details each service and the amount owed. Payment (unless other funding sources have been secured) must be received as soon as possible. If you require funding assistance, please see the Tuition and Funding information provided.

To make a payment, please note the following options:

- Check/money order payable to The Arc of Essex County
- Visa/Mastercard by going to www.arccamphope.org/enroll or by calling Minerva Delgado at (973) 535-1181 ext. 1237.

We look forward to working with you and your camper throughout this camp season. If we can be of any assistance, please call us at (973) 535-1181 ext. 1231 (Angela LoSapio), ext.1293 (Sara Fermo)

Sincerely,

The Camp Hope Team

Enclosures