
The Arc of Essex County's Camp Hope Program Summer 2017

Dear Camp Hope Parents and Guardians:

Thank you for your interest in Camp Hope. We hope your family member will be joining us this summer for another year of fun camping experiences for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Enclosed please find the 2017 Camp Hope application. There are many parts to the application and we ask that you take the time to read this letter entirely and to fill out the application completely.

For the 2017 summer season, Camp Hope will provide services for seven weeks beginning on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 and ending on Friday, August 18, 2017. The hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

CAMP SERVICES

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. In addition to the traditional camp day, the following services are available:

- **ONE-TO-ONE SERVICES**

These services are provided to campers whose needs require additional support above and beyond the assigned staff-to-camper ratio. A limited number of one-to-one aides are available for an additional fee.

- **TRANSPORTATION**

Curb-to-curb transportation is available to and from camp for an additional fee for those who live in Essex County.

- **SUMMER DAY PROGRAM**

In addition to the traditional camp experience, **The Arc of Essex County's Summer Day Program at Camp Hope**, supervised by a certified special education teacher, 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, children will participate in art class, nature class, adaptive physical education, swimming, and music appreciation. If you are interested in the 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. If your district agrees, please have them complete the School District Response Form (you must request this form be mailed or emailed to you) and send it back to The Arc of Essex County immediately. Please see the Tuition and Funding information for more details.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION/PROCESS

Registration for camp is \$40.00, which includes a processing fee, 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. Your application will not be processed if the registration fee does not accompany it. Due to limited space we ask that all applications be returned as soon as possible to guarantee a spot.

Please complete and submit all required forms listed below along with the registration fee to the following address:

The Arc of Essex County: Camp Hope
123 Naylor Avenue, Livingston, NJ 07039

- **Registration Form**
- **Camper Releases**
- **Emergency Contact and Transportation Release Form**
- **Camper Information**
- **Health History/Physical Forms**
- **Seizure Form**
- **Authorization for Sunscreen**
- **Current Photo of Camper**

Additionally, it is requested that the Teacher/Program Staff information form be submitted for all new campers. This form is not a mandatory, but the information obtained is very helpful in providing services to each camper.

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

If the applicant is new to Camp Hope, we require an intake with the camper and parent/guardian. Intakes will be scheduled upon receipt of your completed application.

WELCOME PACKET

After the registration 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**

The following forms will be sent with your welcome packet if applicable:

- **Financial Aid Application**
- **School District Response Form**

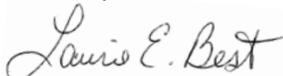
PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

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 processed as soon as possible. Please see the Tuition and Funding information provided with this letter for available funding sources. To make a payment, please note the following options:

- Check/money order made out to The Arc of Essex County
- Visa/Mastercard by going to <https://camphope16.abilafundraisingonline.com/registration> or by calling Ann Burleigh at (973) 535-1181 ext. 1245

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.1264 (Laurie Best) or ext. 1271 (Sue Brand).

Sincerely,



Laurie Best, Director
Children and Family Services



Sue Brand, Director
Education and Early Childhood

Enclosures