



# Handbook

# Summer 2022

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# Welcome to our Camp Marcella Family

Thank you for choosing Camp Marcella for your summer camp experience! Our 250 acres of wilderness in Rockaway, New Jersey provides the perfect setting for our diverse, adaptive, and engaging program. Campers will make lifelong friends while learning about the world from exceptional staff, acquire daily living skills, social skills, and experience traditional camp activities. They will learn about nature, art, science, recreational fitness activities, and meet peers from our tri-state area. Most of all, they will have FUN!

This handbook will help you prepare your camper for camp and answer some frequently asked questions. We encourage you to read and become familiar with our handbook. To register for camp you will need to complete the registration forms online through our Camp Docs link. If you need a paper application mailed to you, please request a copy by e-mailing [registration@campmarcella.org](mailto:registration@campmarcella.org) or call us at 973-627-1113. To attend camp you will need to provide all required camper registration materials by July 1st. Space is limited and provided on a first come first serve basis. To reserve a spot, you must complete the first part of the registration form on CampDocs and pay our non refundable \$100 registration fee. Camp Tuition is due in full prior to attending Camp Marcella.

Also, please do not hesitate to let us know how we can ensure that your camper's experience is exceptional. Again, thank you for choosing Camp Marcella. We look forward to seeing you on check-in day!

## Get to Know Camp Marcella Before the Summer



Our Open Houses, Care for Camp, and Annual Pig Roast are the perfect ways to experience camp as a family before you send your camper to Overnight Camp.

**Camp Open Houses** May 1st, 27th & June 4th, 5th  
11am - 3pm

If you are not able to make an open house and are a first time camper, please contact a director to meet up at camp prior to registration to ensure Camp Marcella is a good fit for your camp.

**Care for Camp** - Fall and Spring Weekends will be posted on our website and facebook page

For More information about the many ways you can experience camp as a family please visit our website and facebook pages!

## Our Mission

***To provide a safe haven for all children. To afford campers with physical, cognitive, or developmental challenges the opportunity to engage in traditional camp programming. Adapt activities to meet the needs of each camper. Provide social activities for campers to network and make friends to help them through life's challenges.***



# About Camp Marcella

## Camp History

Camp Marcella began in 1947 to provide a camping experience for children with visual impairment. As the years have passed, Camp Marcella has expanded its camping program to include sessions that serve a people with a variety of different needs. In addition to serving the visually impaired community, we offer camp sessions geared towards children and adults with physical and/or developmental delays.

## Staffing

One of the most important components of a great camping experience is the staff. We are very proud of our outstanding staff that provide leadership in the cabin and program areas. Staff members are carefully selected for their character, skills, and commitment to providing all campers with a caring and engaging environment. Each summer, college students, as well as professionals in the field of education, nursing, and therapy providers join our staff as counselors and help broaden the campers' experience. There is an overall ratio of one staff member to every four campers. Lower staff to camper ratios are provided for those who will need more assistance in order to succeed and excel. All campers are under the supervision of trained camp staff 24 hours a day and overseen by experienced camp directors.

**Camp Director Krystyn** has been working with and running camps for over a decade..Krystyn is a franchisee of The Learning Experience and past state board member for NJAEYC. Krystyn is finishing her EdD specialization in Early Education this winter and has been director of varies camp programs such as the YMCA and Camp Marcella. Krystyn has been a director of Camp Marcella since the summer of 2013. Krystyn oversees the day to day operations of camp focusing on programing.

**Camp Director Jessica** has been working at summer camps for persons with special needs for more than a decade. Jessica is a teacher of students with special needs, a New Jersey Special Olympics Coach, and ABA (Applied Behavior Analyst) Home Instructor. Jessica works directly with camp families to ensure all campers needs are met. Jessica directly overseas the day to day operations of camp focusing on camp counselor operations.

**Program staff** consist of college students majoring in their program area - music, theater, art, science/nature etc. Counselors are high school graduates or college students focusing on careers in psychology, social work, education, or occupational/physical therapy. Our credentialed staff, RNs, Chefs, Directors, Assistant Directors, and Behaviorist, hold appropriate licenses, professional development and work experience to lead our college aged staff and work with our camper population.

**All staff** undergo an extensive background check, week long training program the week before camp begins, and have stellar references. Staff are not only taught the basic behavioral skills of positive discipline and CPR/FA but the importance of providing camper independence and social skills while building their self esteem. Staff learn how building positive relationships between their campers and with staff benefits all. At least one counselor always remains with their camper group throughout the day during programs to ensure all camper needs are consistently met in addition to the programing staff.



## Preparing for Camp

Campers are encouraged to develop a sense of responsibility while at camp. They take care of themselves and their belongings with counselor supervision. We ask that you encourage your child to help select and pack his/her items for camp. (Don't worry too much about neatness!) One of the greatest things children can learn from this camping experience is how to take care of themselves. Support your child's decision to come to camp, and allow him/her to make choices when planning for camp. Above all, concentrate on the new and positive experiences he or she will have.

### Camp Dress Code

No clothing that reveals underwear (bras or boxers) or midriffs. No clothing with inappropriate logos such as drug, alcohol, or tobacco related references. No clothing that is too revealing, including bathing suits. Must wear closed toe shoes. Flip-flops or other open toed sandals may ONLY be used in the showers.

### Things to Bring

We urge campers to dress comfortably at camp and in the kind of clothes they would wear for play at home. We recommend that you do not buy new clothes for Camp – instead send along old, comfortable clothing that can get dirty and/or stained and that you won't care if it is lost or damaged. Please be certain to mark your child's name clearly on all articles.

**NO LAUNDRY SERVICE AVAILABLE**

### Packing List (Guidelines for a 1 week session)

7- T-Shirts	3 long sleeve shirts	Sunscreen & Bug Spray
2 Pairs of Old Sneakers	1 or More Hat/Caps	2 Washcloths
Toothbrush and paste	Soap w/ carry case/ shampoo	10 Pairs of Socks
2-3 Sweatshirts	1 Light Jacket or Sweatshirt	7 Underwear
Flip Flops for shower	Comb/Brush	Laundry Bag
7 Shorts	1-2 swimsuits	2 Pairs of Pajamas
1 Pillow and Case	2-3 sweat pants/jeans	2 Towels

### Things Not To Bring

The following items are not allowed at camp and will be confiscated. The items confiscated will be held in our office until your camper checks out of camp.

Cell Phones*	Knives**	Bows/Arrows
iPods/MP3's*	Guns/Ammunition**	Fireworks
Computers and Tablets*	Drugs**	Tobacco**
Electronic Games*	Alcohol**	
Inappropriate Clothing		

\*Camp Marcella is not responsible for valuables and electronics brought to camp

\*\*Campers found to be in possession of weapons (including but not limited to knives and/or guns), drugs, alcohol, or tobacco related product will be asked to leave camp. Parents will be notified to pick up camper immediately. There is no refund for dismissal of campers.

## Optional Things to Bring

Camera (Preferably Disposable)  
Sunglasses  
Musical Instrument  
Blankets

Stationary W/Stamps  
Book  
Pillows  
Stuffed Animal

In your welcome letter to camp, you will be notified of any themed days such as Halloween Christmas, International Day etc. Your camper may bring decorations, outfits, or props to help enhance our themed days!



## Arrival & Check in Procedures

**Check-in:** Please park in the main parking lot at the entrance of camp. Check in at the flagpole in front of the main lodge. **For last names beginning with A through M arrive between 1:00 and 2:30 PM and for last names N - Z arrive between 2:30 - 4pm on the opening day of each session.** Please do not arrive early, as you will be required to wait until your check in time.

**Health Screening:** A screening will be completed when your camper arrives to camp. Among other things, the screening includes a head check for lice. Camp has a strict lice policy and any child having nits or eggs will not be admitted to camp until they are nit free. All campers must provide a Negative COVID19 test taken at least 72 hours prior to camp. Rapid Tests are fine - at home tests not accepted. Camp Marcella will provide COVID19 testing 24 hours after arrival. Any camper who tests positive for COVID19 will not be allowed to attend camp. Campers who test positive for COVID19 will receive a prorated credit to their camp account for nurture attendance to Camp Marcella.

**Medications/Health Care:** Give the nurse all medications in the original prescription container with the pharmacy instructions. Please place the prescription containers in a clean Ziploc bag which is labeled with your child's name and birthdate. Do not pack your child's medication with their luggage. All medications given to the nurse must be on the Medication Authorization form which was submitted at the time of registration. If your child is put on a medication just prior to arriving at camp, another Medication Authorization form must be completed prior to check in. You may also use this time to discuss any special medical needs your camper may have during their stay.

**Cabin Assignments:** You will be given your child's cabin assignment once you've completed the check in process. Campers bunk with like peers in their cabins.

**Visit Cabin:** Meet your camper's counselor. Parents are welcome to enjoy our camp setting; however we require departure by 4:00PM. Be sure to leave your camper on a positive note. *(See Camper Adjustment section for tips on helping your camper to settle into camp)*

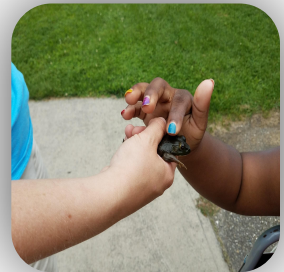
## Camper Adjustment

Parents and first time campers experience a wide range of feelings as the first day of camp approaches. Along with the excitement and anticipation of all the wonderful new experiences ahead, there may also be anxiety about these new, unfamiliar experiences. Realize that even though this separation is hard on you too, it is a wonderful opportunity for your child to build confidence and a sense of self-reliance. The following suggestions for first-time campers will help you and your child make the most of this important transition.

**Come to Open House:** This is a great time to become familiar with the camp setting, program areas, and some of our camp staff. You may also call the office to schedule a personal tour if the Open House dates are not convenient for you.

**Pack for camp together:** By doing this, campers know what they're bringing to camp and where everything is packed. This is also a great time to talk about all the wonderful opportunities ahead. Let your camper choose one or two items to bring as comforts from home.

**Letters and postcards** are the primary method of communication with your camper. Send letters with positive news from home assuring all is well with you and the rest of the family. Campers love getting mail and may feel "left out" if they don't receive any and their cabin mates do. Camper-to-parent phone calls are not allowed, and parent-to camper calls are strongly discouraged, especially in cases of homesickness. Our staff will notify you in the event of an emergency situation. Note: The mail often takes one to two extra days for delivery. Please send mail a few days early in order for it to reach your child in time. Pack pre-addressed and stamped envelopes for your campers to send letters home. Our staff will help campers write letters, draw pictures and add some messages about the camp days too!



**Homesickness:** If your camper has a severe case of homesickness, we will contact you immediately to discuss how to improve the situation. Counselors are trained to keep campers busy and engaged with activities as a strategy to prevent and alleviate homesickness. Keep good-byes short: The transition from home to camp can be awkward and the sooner campers can jump into camp life the easier the transition will be. Letting campers unpack their own belongings and make their own bed is an important step in developing confidence in their ability to care for themselves. Counselors will aide campers in making their beds and putting their belongings in the cubby. This is a great way for our counselors to begin bonding with their campers. Frequently, parents feel guilty about leaving so quickly but our experience shows that short and sweet good-byes are easiest on everyone. You're welcome to get more information or speak to a staff person at this time, but campers should be encouraged to join their group.

**-Use positive messages about camp such as, "You're going to have such a great time!" or "What a great opportunity to meet new friends!"**

**-Avoid promises to come pick them up if it doesn't go well. Instead, show your faith that they will enjoy themselves and have a positive experience.**

## The Camp Program

A well-rounded camp experience includes being exposed to a variety of educational and recreational programs. We feel that an important part of a camper's experience is to have a choice of activities that meet the abilities of a variety of children. It is our goal to offer many fun, creative, and safe programs in accordance with the guidelines and standards of the American Camping Association. We will assume that your child may participate fully in camp unless we receive a signed written request stating otherwise.

### **Sample Children's Daily Schedule**

**7:30 Wake up with Camp Marcella Radio Show**  
**8:15 Morning Ceremonies at the flagpole**  
**8:30 Breakfast**  
**8:45 12:15 Small group camp activities**  
**12:30 Lunch & Camp Sing Along**  
**1:30 Siesta (Campers ' choice activities or rest time)**  
**2:30 - 5:30 Small group camp activities**  
**5:45 Evening Reflection at the Flagpole**  
**6:00 Dinner**  
**7:15 All Camp themed evening activity**  
**8:30 Closing Ceremonies**  
**9:30 Lights Out**

### **Meals**

Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner are hosted family style in our dinning hall or buffet style in our outdoor picnic area. Menus are created based on nutritional value and dietary restrictions. Children are taught table manners during meal time as well as healthy eating habits from washing hands to portion size. Healthy snacks are available mid-day along with cold water and gatorade to aid in recouping from warm weather.



### **Accommodations**

Cabins sleep up to 8 campers and 4 counselors. Counselors have separated sleeping area and bathroom from campers within the cabin. Each camper has their own personal space with cubby for his/her belongings. Camper bathrooms are located in the front of each cabin with sinks and bathroom stalls. Showers are conveniently located in our shower house on cabin row. Each cabin has a family room in the front with a bookcase and table full of social and independent activities. A front porch allows children to enjoy the natural environment and have a place to socialize while visiting other cabins.



### **Swimming & Boating**

All staff and campers must wear Coast Guard approved life vests while boating on our lake. All persons entering the pool must be free of blood, abrasions, rashes, and diarrhea. Any person who is not fully toilet trained must wear appropriate diaper/briefs under their swimsuit. Only those wearing appropriate swim suits will be permitted in the pool. Those needing to wear a shirt must use a rash guard or SPF swim shirt. No cotton, jean or other material is permitted in the pool. Campers will undergo a Red Cross approved swim test. Those who do not pass must wear a coast guard

approved life vest.



## Keeping in Touch

Campers appreciate lots of letters and postcards. Write often but don't dwell on home problems, favorite pets, or how much everybody misses them. When you write, be cheerful and newsy. All properly addressed mail and e-mails sorted each day to ensure same-day delivery. Mail and e-mail received after 1:00pm will be sorted for delivery the following day. Your camper will be encouraged to write home frequently, but don't expect too many letters – “no news is good news” – your camper may be too busy to write.

### **Mailed Correspondence:**

Please allow 4 days for a letter to travel in either direction. Improperly addressed and/or unstamped envelopes delay mail. For younger campers, we suggest you pre-stamp and address several envelopes or postcards for relatives and friends. Address mailed correspondence as follows:

Camper Name  
Camp Marcella  
27 Durham Road  
Rockaway, NJ 07866

[Director@campmarccla.org](mailto:Director@campmarccla.org)

### **Packages:**

UPS, FedEx, DHL, Airborne Express, and the US Postal Service all deliver packages to our address. Packages of food from home will be allowed this year under certain restrictions: No food containing peanuts or any tree nuts. Snack size portions. Do not send bulk sized food items. Do not send packages every day. As well intentioned as it may seem to send a box of cookies for your child's cabin group, we can't allow the campers to share them in the event that a camper may be allergic to an ingredient. All food items will be locked in a container so as to keep out bugs and animals. The amount of time each day for consumption of snack foods is very limited so large quantities are not needed.

### **Email and Photos:**

For campers who have signed the photo release form, pictures will be posted on our social media throughout the week. We will make our best efforts to include every camper with the signed photo release in our photos. Campers will not have the opportunity to e-mail or use social media during the camp program. However, as stated, e-mails sent to camp will be printed and sent to your camper.

### **Phone Calls and Cell Phones:**

**Campers are not allowed to make or receive phone calls or to have cell phones at Camp.** To check on your child's progress, you may call the camp and speak with one of the camp staff. The Camp Office is open from 9am – 5pm each day. Staff can be reached by calling 973-627-1113. After office hours, one of the senior camp staff members carries a cell phone that emergency calls are routed to. In the event that you need to reach a Camp Staff member for an emergency after office hours, dial our camp office 973-627-1113 and you will be transferred to the Director on Duty. If your child has a problem, illness or urgent message for you, the camp staff will call you.

## Visiting Camp:

The NJ Youth Camp Act requires camps to have an open door policy for parents and guardians. However, we respectfully request you do not visit campers during the camp session. We believe your camper will have a better total camp experience if left with peers and staff the entire period. We do not permit any aides, live-ins, case workers etc to volunteer with campers during our sessions as to not interrupt the flow of camp. Our experienced staff are highly trained and must adhere to a strict code of conduct that, in the best interest of our campers, should not be interrupted by visitors.

## Health Care

### Medication

**All medications must be in their original container with the prescription information clearly labeled on the container.**

All medications, vitamins, acne creams, etc. (prescription or over the counter) must be prescribed in writing by the physician on the Authorization to Administer Medications Form. This must include the dosage and administration schedule. For a prescription drug, the doctor's orders must be the same as the label on the medication container. A child will only be given medication in the dose and schedule directed by the prescribing physician. No medications may be kept in the cabins! This includes both prescription and over the counter medications. We stock routine medications such as Tylenol, Benedryl, Chloroseptic, etc. You do not need to send these to camp with your child.

### Accident/Illness and Emergency Treatment

Camper health and safety are very important to us. All campers are checked daily for any signs of illness. If your child has a serious accident or illness, requires medical treatment by a physician, or requires more than 24 hours of confinement in the infirmary you will be notified as soon as possible. The services of a physician and pediatrician are available at the Urgent Care - Rockaway Family Medicine 333 Mount Hope Avenue, Suite 120 Rockaway, NJ 07866 or First ER Urgent Care 130 Speedwell Ave Morris Plains, NJ 07950. Hospital services are available at Saint Claire's Danville Hospital Medicine Associates. 25 Pocono Rd, Denville, NJ 07834. We will make the necessary travel arrangements and implement follow-up care in our health lodge at no additional cost. However, medical expenses incurred (doctor, hospital, prescription, etc.) are your responsibility. Please be sure to provide your insurance information and a copy of your current insurance cards.

### Behavioral Management

All staff members participate in an intensive training program that prepares them to deal with all aspects of camp life. We emphasize positive, age-appropriate discipline techniques that guide and encourage children, and at the same time establish clear behavior guidelines and expectations. At all times, staff members are guided by the principle that all children and adults deserve to be treated in a respectful and caring manner. Campers are expected to treat fellow campers and staff with respect and to abide by all camp rules. These rules, and the consequences for not following them, are shared after dinner on the first night. At that time campers are encouraged to ask questions to ensure clear understanding of the rules. Individuals are held accountable for their actions. Staff members support campers by clearly defining and enforcing expectations and responsibilities.

Camp Marcella staff will follow any behavioral plans and accommodate for behaviors caused by a child's physical or cognitive challenges. Please make the camp directors aware of your camper's behavioral needs by setting up a conference time prior to camp. You can e-mail the directors at [director@campmarcella.org](mailto:director@campmarcella.org) to set up a conference time.

If significant behavior problems do arise, parents will be consulted and a plan for behavior management will be developed. In the event the camper's behavior does not improve after all avenues of intervention have been explored, or when one camper's actions are detracting from the experience of others, the camper will be sent home. Some actions require immediate dismissal from camp. These actions include but are not limited to: smoking or use of tobacco products, consumption or possession of alcohol and/or illegal drugs, lewd behavior, or endangerment of self or others, or threats of endangerment to self or others. Campers sent home because of behavior problems will not be entitled to any refund of fees, and parents will be responsible for all transportation from camp. The staff of Camp Marcella are specially trained, and guided by professional staff to be aware of and accommodate atypical behaviors that arise due to a camper's physical or cognitive challenge. However campers who put themselves, our staff, or fellow campers at dangerous risks will be dismissed from our program without refund.

## **Birthdays**

We'll be happy to recognize your child's birthday if it falls while he/she is in camp. We'll recognize your child's birthday during a meal and have the entire camp community join in wishing him/her a wonderful birthday.



## **Departure Procedures**

**Check-Out:** Will be between 9am - 10am on the closing Saturday of each session.

**Camper Sign-Out:** Proceed to the Dining Hall and sign your camper out with the Counselor. Campers will be released only to parents unless you have designated an alternate name on the release form. If you have medications in the infirmary it is your responsibility to pick up and sign out your medications before you leave.

**Camp is not responsible for items left behind.** We do our best to locate and return items, but do not return items such as socks, underwear, or items that have not been marked with the camper's name. We will hold items until the next Wednesday after each session all lost items are then donated to the Salvation Army or a local clothing drive. Camp is not responsible for damage, theft or loss of personal items brought to camp.

**Tipping:** We discourage tipping individual staff members. Persons wishing to acknowledge staff contributions to their child's camp experience may donate any amount in the name of a camp counselor or staff member toward Camp Marcella! Your gifts help us make camp a truly memorable place for our campers. Please stop by the administrative office on your way out of camp to make a donation, and thank you for supporting us.

## **Directions to Camp**

Most GPS programs do work accurately for our address 27 Durham Rd Rockaway, NJ 07866

From Green Pond Road - Turn onto Timberbrook Rd. The second right you can make is at a wide intersection onto Durham Rd. If you end up Camp Winabego, the Boy Scout Camp, you've gone too far. At the end of Durham Rd. you should run straight into Camp Marcella.

## Registration Process

On our website [www.campmarcella.org](http://www.campmarcella.org) under Camping Program - Registration

Registration forms are due by July 1st with a non refundable \$100 deposit. All forms, health history, medication authorization, insurance cards, shot records, participation release, photo release, are due two weeks prior to your session start date. Tuition must be paid in full prior to your camper arriving to camp.

## Important Deadlines

All fees must be paid in full by July 1st - Registrations received after July 1st must be paid in full at time of registration. Receipts for payments will be mailed only upon request. The following forms should be completed online through CampDocs

**Camper Information Form**  
**Activity Waiver/Photo Release**  
**Health History and Medical Form (Includes vaccinations)**  
**Authorization to Administer Medication Form**  
**Copy of Insurance Cards**

## Registration & Payment

To determine if Camp Marcella is appropriate for your camper, the directors will consult parent/guardian, our camp head nurse, and a mandatory in person visit to camp is required prior to the start of the camping season. We are a camp specifically designed to accommodate campers with special needs. However, we are NOT a one to one ratio. We find we can accommodate most campers with special needs in our setting - providing campers with counselors to assist with daily needs such as eating, showering, and guidance in camp activities- however, we have found meeting with campers and their guardians is the best way to determine we can meet the needs of your camper. There is a non refundable **registration fee of \$100 per session**. Please see session details for information on pricing. We accept third party payments and promissory notes from reputable organizations as approved by the directors.

**Camper Information Form** The Camper Information Form helps us learn about campers prior to their arrival so that we can plan the best camping experience for them. The Camp Director, Program Director, and Cabin Counselors will read this form. The more information that you provide the better we can anticipate your child's needs. Please complete and return it to the camp office by June 1st.

**Health History and Examination Form through CampDoc.com (Due By July 1st)** Campers must be examined by a physician within 12 months of attending camp. The physician must update and sign the physician's portion of the Health History & Examination Form. Must be completed and signed by the parent, and the report of physical examination signed by your physician. For the health and safety of your child, it is absolutely essential that we have a complete medical history and all information pertaining to allergies, medications, etc. This provides our nurses with required authority for administering medications and treating the camper. We strongly recommend that you ask your doctor about administering appropriate tetanus and other inoculations with the physical examination. No child can be admitted to camp without a completed Health History and Examination Form.



**Authorization to Administer Medication (Due By July 1st)** Must be completed and signed by both the parent and the physician and returned to the camp office by June 1st for us to administer any medication to your child. We stock routine medications such as Tylenol, Benedryl, Chloroseptic, etc. You do not need to send these to camp with your child. We will dispense these medications as directed by our consulting physician as needed.

### **Activity Waivers /Photo Release available online (Due By July 1st)**

This form gives your permission for your child to participate in camp activities. It also provides you with the opportunity to indicate which, if any camp activities you prefer for your child not to participate in. We like to celebrate and record your child's experience at camp through video and still photography. We share these images via social media so that you can see what's happening at camp while your child is here. We also use the images for promotion and recruitment purposes. The Photo Release provides you with the opportunity to request that your child's image not be recorded or used.

## **Refund Policy**

Except for the deposit, all other advance payments are refundable if written notice of cancellation is received by the camp office at least 30 days prior to the start of the session(s) your child was scheduled to attend. No fee reductions will be made for late arrivals or early departures. It is understood that in the case of homesickness, dismissal, or voluntary withdrawal, there is no refund of fees. If it is deemed advisable to send a camper home for medical reasons, including a positive COVID19 test result, a prorated portion of the camp fees will be credited to your camper account for next year's camping session.



## **Who Can Attend Camp Marcella**

While we do our best to accommodate all campers, we are limited by our physical facility and professional staff on our campground throughout the camping season. At this time we are unable to host campers who need regular PEG feedings, use of a Hoyer Lift, campers who elope, or campers who are unable to sleep or rest quietly on their beds for at least 7 hours during the night. All campers must abide by our behavior policy for their safety as well as the safety of those around them. The Directors have the final decision in determining if Camp Marcella is the right fit for each camper. No refunds will be given for campers who are dismissed during the camp week due to harmful behaviors towards others or themselves.

Our Camper Information form, which should be filled out by a teacher or non custodial adult, will help us prepare for each camper's needs. This will also help us determine the best placement for your camper. Please call us to schedule a visit to camp so we may be aquatinted with your camper.

# 2022 Camping Season

## Adult Camp (Ages 18-35)

This camping session is designed for adults ages 18 -35 who have physical challenges and/or developmental delays. Adults in this session will have the opportunity to socialize with their peers through a variety of activities designed to meet each camper's individual needs. Campers will have some choice in their schedule to attend their favorite activities whether it is sports, swimming, hiking, music or enjoying our evening campfires.

### Session A - Adult Challengers– July 17th - 23rd

\$100 Non refundable deposit

\$1700 camp tuition

Rapid or PCR test take within 72 hours of arrival to camp - Paid for by Camper

### Session B - Adult Challengers July 24th - July 30th

\$100 Non refundable deposit

\$1700 camp tuition

Rapid or PCR test take within 72 hours of arrival to camp - Paid for by Camper

### Session A/B- Adult Challengers July 17th - 30th (Two Week Session)

\$200 Non refundable deposit

\$2400 camp tuition

Rapid or PCR test take within 72 hours of arrival to camp - Paid for by Camper

There is NO CHARGE to remain at Camp Marcella for the change over weekend from July 23rd - 24th when you register for Session A/B



## Youth & Teen Camps

(Ages 7-17)

### Challengers

Camp Activities are designed to meet the individual needs of campers. Small group activities are planned to engage teens while working on fine and gross motor skills, socialization, traditional life skills, and providing a traditional camping experience. Children will have the opportunity to explore camp's natural setting with hands on activities.

#### **Session C- Challengers July 31st - August 6th**

\$100 Non refundable deposit

\$1700 camp tuition

Rapid or PCR test take within 72 hours of arrival to camp - Paid for by Camper

#### **Session D- Challengers August 7th - 13th**

\$100 Non refundable deposit

\$1700 camp tuition

Rapid or PCR test take within 72 hours of arrival to camp - Paid for by Camper

#### **Session C/D- Challengers July 31st - August 13th (Two Weeks)**

\$200 Non refundable deposit

\$2400 camp tuition

Rapid or PCR test take within 72 hours of arrival to camp - Paid for by Camper

There is NO CHARGE to remain at Camp Marcella for the change over weekend from August 6th - 7th when you register for Session C/D

## Financial Assistance

"Financial Assistance" A Limited Amount of Partial Scholarships are available for the 2022 Camping Sessions, for qualified campers that reside in the State of New Jersey, based upon financial need and/or hardship. No scholarships are available for Out of State campers. If you need financial assistance, please request a financial aid application from the Camp Director." Fees are non-refundable.

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