

SLEEP AWAY CAMPS

CAMP RAMAPO

Rhinebeck, NY

Ramapo for Children believes that all children seek the same things: to learn, to feel valued and to experience success. At Camp Ramapo, located on 250 acres in Rhinebeck, New York, this philosophy is on display every day as we embrace children's challenges, celebrate their strengths, and help them discover that they are capable of more than anyone believed. Our unique camp community is comprised of a diverse mix of children with a broad range of cognitive, social and emotional abilities. Staffed almost entirely by aspiring educators, social workers and youth-service professionals trained in the renowned Ramapo Approach, Camp Ramapo is a safe, nurturing place that promotes independence and self-confidence, teaches social skills, and most importantly, helps children experience friendship and fun. Camp Ramapo accepts children ages 6-16 for sessions that range from one to nine weeks.

Website: <http://ramapoforchildren.org/our-work/camp-ramapo>

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CAMP NORTHWOOD

Remsen, NY

Since 1976, Camp Northwood has provided socially therapeutic residential camp programming for learning challenged, high functioning autistic and socially immature children. Located in the Adirondacks of New York State, we offer children an opportunity to participate in traditional camping activities while receiving the extra professional support and structure necessary to succeed in a social community. A **2:1 camper/counselor ratio**, small groups and a formal social skills training program are integral aspects of our camp program. Campers participate in a daily academics program in order to maintain current skill levels throughout the summer.

Website: <https://nwood.com/>

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RIVERVIEW SCHOOL

Cape Cod, MA

This high-quality arts program is designed for students of differing and special needs who might need additional attention in the classroom. This course offers insight into artistic processes and techniques while promoting self-awareness and self-esteem through projects, fostering critical thinking and creative innovation through adaptive methods. *When registering, please be sure to include a description of your child's specific needs and any learning or behavioral techniques that work best for them. We can accommodate a limited number of parent-provided 1-on-1 aides for students who require one.

Website: <https://riverviewschool.org/programs/summer-program>

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CAMP HORIZON

Windham, CT

Horizons provides residential, recreational opportunities for children and adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Through two week summer camp sessions and weekend offerings, campers experience a variety of carefully crafted activities in a safe and supportive environment that not only foster independence and social interaction but also afford respite to caregivers.

Website: <http://horizonsct.org/camp-horizons>

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CAMP JEWELL

Colebrook, CT

For over 100 years, Camp Jewell YMCA has provided an experience that has built memories and friendships that last a lifetime. We have over 500 acres of woodlands, amazing facilities and new adventures each day. It is why 99.9% of our campers say they made new friends while at camp, and why so many campers return year after year.

Campers become part of a dynamic camp community that fosters independence, skill building, and imparts positive values. Each summer we create an exciting camp culture that has a positive and lifelong impact on our young campers. We intentionally develop a diverse camp community where your camper can meet children and staff from many backgrounds. We teach campers to be independent and challenge them to try new activities—all while having a healthy dose of fun!

Website: <https://campjewell.org/summer-camp/>

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CAMP AKEELA

Thetford Center, VT

Camp Akeela is a 3.5 week sleep-away camp in the beautiful Green Mountains of Vermont. We are a small, nurturing community that supports 120 bright and kind boys and girls who are struggling socially. Within a well-rounded, traditional camp program, Akeela is a small, supportive community that helps campers improve their social skills. Akeela campers are bright, creative boys and girls ages 9 - 17 who have difficulty connecting with their peers. Some of our campers have an ASD or Aspergers diagnosis while many others don't have a formal diagnosis but do best in a more structured and predictable setting. Our campers live in recently renovated cabins with up to 8 other children and 4 counselors.

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FROST VALLEY YMCA

Claryville, NY

Our Mission: Frost Valley YMCA is a values-driven organization that fosters youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility through outdoor educational and recreational programs for all.

We are guided in this pursuit by our eight core values, which serve as pathways for our guests as they bond with nature and each other. They are: Caring, Community, Diversity, Honesty, Inclusiveness, Respect, Responsibility, and Stewardship.

Website: <http://frostvalley.org/camp/>

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SUMMIT CAMP

Honesdale, PA

Summit Camp & Travel is a therapeutically designed sleepaway summer Camp and Travel program organized to meet the social and emotional needs of our special population and their families. Our programs serve children of average to above average intelligence who have a variety of developmental, social, emotional, and learning issues. We serve children ages 8-19 who have diagnoses that often include Asperger syndrome, ADD/ADHD, verbal and non-verbal learning disabilities (NVLD), HFA (including PDD-NOS), speech and language issues, and sensory integration issues. Some of our youngsters may also have issues related to gaps in executive function, Tourette's syndrome and/or Bi-Polar disorder.

What is common to all Summit participants is their difficulty in making and/or maintaining appropriate peer relationships. Our campers and travelers have a desire to make friends and be a part of a peer group but lack the social skills to find this success. In addition, as they lack peer confirmation, they may also have a generally lower level of self esteem.

The mission of all of our programs is to provide our children with a safe, happy and enriching experience while at the same time offering their families a secure respite. We want our young people to learn and retain new skills and experience success. Our trained staff provide opportunities for social skills development and interpersonal growth. We provide supervised social skills groups professionally directed. In addition, our counseling staff provide campers and travelers with consistent feedback about their interactions and model language and techniques needed for appropriate social reciprocity. Our group work model believes that the integrity of each group will serve to enhance self esteem and provide a positive laboratory for learning and generalizing appropriate and successful social skills. These behaviors will move forward with the child as an important component for personal people success.

Website: <https://www.summitcamp.com/campdatesandrates/>

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MAPLEBROOK SCHOOL

Amenia, NY

The Summer Program at Maplebrook offers students a chance at a fun-filled 2-6 weeks of strengthening social skills while maintaining an academic edge throughout the summer break.

Maplebrook's Summer Program has two different tracks: an Academy track for younger students (ages 11-16) and a Postsecondary track for older students (ages 17-21).

Mornings are spent by both groups working on academic skills. Academy students have afternoons set aside for activities—like local hikes, making ice cream, swimming, and educational field trips—while Postsecondary summer students spend their afternoons in work placements. All students have time scheduled in the evenings for Independent Living Skills and Recreation.

Website: <https://www.maplebrookschoo.org/academics/summer/>

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DOUBLE H RANCH

Lake Lucerne, NY

From June until the end of August, the Double H Ranch offers children, age 6-16 during regular session and ages 17-21 during the alumni session, dealing with critical or life-threatening illnesses the chance to experience the magic of the Adirondacks. During each of the 8 Summer Residential Camp sessions, the Double H Ranch comes alive with the sounds of laughter and the joys of childhood. The Double H Ranch provides camp experiences that are medically sound, memorable, exciting, fun and empowering.

Each session lasts 6 days and accommodates approximately 126 campers with a camper to staff ratio of 2:1. The fully equipped medical facility is staffed 24 hours a day by onsite doctors and nurses. Our medical facility allows us to provide a physically safe camp experience for all children.

Website: <https://www.doublehbranch.org/programs/summer-camp/>

SOUTHAMPTON FRESH AIR HOME

Southampton, NY

Now in our 117th year, Southampton Fresh Air Home (SFAH) is a co-ed sleep away camp for physically challenged children located on four beautiful acres in the heart of Southampton, NY.

SFAH provides an environment in which the youngsters can socialize with one another and enjoy playing and competing in games and sports designed for them. Campers mature and develop in the Home's unique and supportive environment of love, understanding, and creative play. Many children who come to the Home enjoy their first experiences of leadership, competition and independence - experiences they carry with them throughout their lives.

Website: <https://www.sfah.org/>