



TOWN OF HUNTINGTON
LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK
Department of Parks and Recreation

March 2024

Dear Parents:

Enclosed is an application for **new children** at Camp Bright Star. The camp will be held Maplewood Intermediate School, Huntington Station NY 11746.

The program will operate from Tuesday, July 3rd to Friday, August 11th. Program hours are 9 AM to 2:30 PM, Monday through Friday. The cost is \$320 with a Recreation ID card, and \$765 without a Recreation ID card. If you previously purchased an ID card, please check its expiration date.

New applicants must contact the Long Island Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) to determine their child's eligibility for camp. The eligibility process is through the Front Door initiative. Contact OPWDD at 631-434-6000 to start the process. If eligibility has already been determined, please submit a letter from OPWDD.

New applicants should still submit the Town's application by Friday May 3, 2024. Applications are processed on a first come first serve basis with preference given to eligible children, Huntington residents, and the child's appropriateness for camp. There is no guarantee that you child will be placed. Placement is based on the number of camp openings.

Interviews will be conducted for new children to determine the camp's appropriateness. Interviews will be conducted in May from 5:00 PM to 8 PM at Town Hall. **You will be contacted in April by email when a schedule is developed. Please make sure you include your email address on the application.**

The application, which includes a section, to be completed by a doctor, and a check (make payable to the Town of Huntington) should be sent as soon as possible. The deadline for applications is Monday May 3, 2024. Send this information to the Town of Huntington, Parks & Recreation Department, 100 Main Street, Huntington, NY 11743. ATT: Camp Bright Star. **If you are missing certain information, send the application and check anyway. Do not wait until the deadline. You can submit the missing information at a later date.**

People can still register if they are only attending for one or two weeks to fit their summer schedule. If your child is on any medications, you must submit a copy of each prescription and give to the Camp Nurse the first day of the program.

If your child will be accompanied by a paraprofessional ("shadow") you must call the Parks and Recreation Department at 351-3094 immediately for specific instructions. All requests must be made no later than May 12, 2024. NO requests will be accepted after this date.

The camp is required to have a permit from the New York State Health Department to operate. The Suffolk County Health Department inspects the camp twice a year. The inspection reports are filed with them at 360 Yaphank Avenue, Suite 2A, Yaphank, NY 11980.

Sincerely,

Michael Ducie
Camp Director

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