

**ALUMNI CAMP:** A one week day camp is available for individuals who have just graduated from high school. This is held during the week just prior to the start of the six week summer camp for children.

Registration dates are the same dates for all campers.

**GROUNDS & FACILITY USE:** Use of the lodges and grounds may be available to adults and children who are consumers of DDS, accompanied by their family and friends, when summer camp is not in session.



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## State of Connecticut Department of Developmental Services

# DDS



## SUMMER DAY CAMP

### Killingly, Connecticut

A camp for children with developmental disabilities

**Funded and Operated by:**

THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL  
SERVICES and THE FRIENDS OF  
CAMP QUINEBAUG

*In partnership with local schools  
and communities*

## Camp Quinebaug History

**Camp Quinebaug** was established in 1972 to provide a unique summer camp experience for school age children with developmental disabilities in northeastern Connecticut. The camp is located on Wauregan Reservoir In Killingly on 11 acres and its waterfront is the only beach on this beautiful waterway. Swimming, boating, fishing, nature enrichment, arts and crafts, sports and games highlight the busy camp schedule. Approximately 90 campers per season enjoy the benefits of this 6 week fully accessible camp environment.

**The Summer Camp at Camp Quinebaug** is operated by the State of Connecticut Department of Developmental Services (DDS). Each year, the camp is licensed through the Department of Public Health—Division of Youth Camps. Licensed Youth Camps in CT require strict adherence to rules, regulations and requirements around ensuring the health and safety of all campers, at all times, with a high emphasis on the training and certification of staff employed by the Camp and a safe camping environment.

## Who can go to Camp Quinebaug?

**Camp Quinebaug Summer Camp** is open to children ages four to twenty-one who are:

- ▶ eligible for services from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS)\*
- ▶ enrolled in school, register for camp on established registration dates, and meet all requirements to be approved to attend camp
- ▶ planning on attending camp with their own staff supports if they are needed
- ▶ able to spend a considerable amount of time outdoors
- ▶ able to participate in group settings



\* If a child is not eligible for services from the DDS, and has a documented disability, they may be able to attend camp provided they: (1) meet all other above criteria, (2) have their own supervising staff who are with them at all times and who have met Camp Q staff training requirements and , (3) have been approved to attend by Camp Q administrative and managerial staff.

# Information about Camp Quinebaug

*Your questions answered..*

## How long is the summer camp at Camp Q?

Camp runs for six weeks each summer beginning on the last week of June. For registration purposes, it is broken down into three 2-week sessions.

## How much does it cost for my child to go to Camp Q for each session?

There is no cost for eligible children to attend Camp Q.

## How does the camp operate if families do not pay for their children to go to camp?

The overall operation of the camp is funded by the Department of Developmental Services by the taxpayers of the State of CT.

Operational funding of the summer camp includes the salaries of administrative, managerial and maintenance staff. The DDS also funds all camp employees who are in Director or Assistant Director positions, as well as all nursing and life-guard positions. In addition, DDS incurs all costs of facility operations including property upkeep, utilities, maintenance and repairs.

**The Friends of Camp Quinebaug provide** funding for eleven positions each summer. Nine positions function as camp counselors. The other two positions serve as arts & crafts and sports & nature specialty positions. The Friends also provide additional supports to enrich the camp experience when possible.

## What role does a child's school play in regards to their attendance at Camp Q?

The school districts work cooperatively with families and children, as well as DDS staff, to assist in

facilitating a child's attendance at Camp Q. Many children with special needs require enhanced staff when they are in school. Most children require similar staff enhancements while they are at Camp Q. Many schools subsidize this cost, as well as the cost of transportation. Without their assistance, many children would not be able to attend camp.

## How does a person register a child for Camp Quinebaug if they are already eligible for DDS?

Registration for Camp Q is required to be done in person on one of 3 different dates, in 3 different locations at the end of April and beginning of May. Registrations are not accepted via mail, email or faxes.

If a child is eligible for DDS and attended camp the previous year, they will receive a registration packet in the mail from DDS. The packet needs to be completed prior to bringing it to one of the registration locations.

If a child has not attended camp in the past and is eligible for DDS, they should contact the DDS North Region Helpline for a registration packet by calling 1-877-437-4577 or by emailing the Helpline Case Managers at [dds.nr.ifshelpline@ct.gov](mailto:dds.nr.ifshelpline@ct.gov)

## What if a child has a disability, is not eligible for services from DDS, and wants to attend Camp Q?

If a child is not eligible for services from DDS and wishes to attend camp, they should consult with their school district first. Following this, they should contact the DDS Camp Administrator to begin the process of seeking special approval to attend Camp Q. Registration packets would be obtained through the school. The DDS cannot provide supervision for children not eligible for services from the agency..



## Who are The Friends of Camp Quinebaug???

The Friends of Camp Quinebaug are parents and caregivers of children with developmental disabilities and concerned citizens just like you! If you have a child, friend or relative attending camp, or just wish to give back to the community, the "Friends" NEED YOU and YOU NEED the "Friends".

Here's how it works...

The Friends of Camp Quinebaug sponsor and engage in fundraising activities all year long to help to raise funds to pay for staff salaries at Camp Q. They also fund other improvement projects at the camp as well. Without a significant amount of money and donations from you and the community, the cost for a child to attend Camp Q would be very expensive.

Every year, the Friends rely on getting new members to assist with all of their fundraising activities, socials, dances, dinners, races, walks, etc... If new members do not get involved with activities to raise these funds, or assist through donations, the costs will fall solely on the families of the children who go to this special camp. Caring for a child with a disability can be costly, and many children would not be able to attend without assistance.

Please donate your time, your talent, your resources— anything— to keep this valuable resource to families in the Quiet Corner! So much good can come out of just giving a little!

## How do you get involved with the Friends of Camp Quinebaug?

**#1** Complete and sign the new authorization to release information that is included with the Camp Q registration packet. This will allow the State to release only the parent/guardian contact and email information to the Friends of Camp Q so that you can be informed about upcoming fundraisers, dances, meetings and more!

**#2** Encourage those you know to make tax deductible donations to Camp Q through the Friends of Camp Q or DDS.

**#3** Contact the Friends of Camp Q to see how you can help!

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Information on people to contact who are currently affiliated with The Friends of Camp Quinebaug can also be obtained by the Administrator of Camp Q.

