





Camp Placid is designed to provide a fun, safe and educational experience to its campers. As a children's camp in New York State the Town camp is permitted and regulated by the Department of Health.

Governed by Subpart 7-2 Children's Camps

Highlights -

- Pre-Camp Inspection followed by two unannounced spot inspections while camp is in session.
- Camper to Counselor Ratios – Depends on type of activities & camper age
- Medical Staff with appropriate certifications and Training
- Trips and Activities off grounds are individually reviewed and approved by the DOH and require increased supervision ratios depending on activity



2025 Review

POSITIVES:

- 120 Campers
- 12 Counselors
- Increased Activities and Educational Opportunities:
 - Golf Clinic/Lessons
 - Rail Trail Bike Rides
 - Mountain Bike Education & Training w/ORDA
 - LPCA Activities
 - Wild Center Field Trip
 - Local Business Education Visits
 - Hiking Trips

CHALLENGES:

- Waitlist 50+ campers
- Not able to hire enough counselors to increase attendance
- Daily Attendance Issues
- Late Arrivals & Early Pickups
- Canceling for week(s) with little or no advanced notice after registering and taking a spot
- We took as many no or low fee activities as we could
- Young counselors with fewer older/adult counselors to help supervise and guide them
- Last week saw a no-show or cancel rate of over 65%



Challenges from 2025:

Waitlist



Grow Activities



Manage Attendance



Experienced Counselors



7th Week Attendance



Solutions for 2026:

*Increase # of Counselors by increase in hourly wage

*Increase funds available to pay for activities

*With a modest fee associated per week less likely to cancel or no-show

*4 head counselor positions at a higher hourly wage

6 Week Program

Challenge: *4 out of 5 Challenges require additional financial support

Solution: Fee of \$100 per camper with a \$25.00 reduction for siblings attending the same week and an additional \$25.00 off if a third sibling attended the same week of camp



Waitlist:

Because campers are registered by week this year we will manage six separate waitlists. One for each week of the camp.

Scholarship Program:

Families that meet the following criteria through a self-attestation form will be granted a fee waiver.

No additional family financial information requested or required

Scholarship Criteria -

125% Area Median Income

Household Size	Income Limit
2	\$91,875
3	\$103,360
4	\$114,844
5	\$124,062
6	\$133,281
7	\$142,422
8	\$151,641



Potential new Programming/Activities for 2026:

Canoe/Kayak Trips

Fishing Trips

Stroke Development Swim Lessons



Cost to Operate in 2025

\$111,519.94 or \$132.76 per camper per week or \$26.55 per day based on the 7 week program

7th week with no-shows or cancelations cost the Town - \$11,284.60 alone.

Projected Cost to Operate in 2026

15 Counselors x \$20.50 x 40 hours x 6 weeks = \$73,800.00

4 Head Counselor x \$30.00 x 40 x 6 weeks = \$28,800.00

1 Camp Director x \$35.00 x 40 x 6 weeks = \$8,400.00

Medical Staff = \$3,500.00

Total Projected Staff Cost = \$114,500.00



Fee Impact – No Scholarships

75 Campers X \$100 per week x 6 weeks = \$45,000.00

75 Campers w/ sib discount x \$75.00 x 6 weeks = \$33,750.00

Total = \$78,750.00 - Would not cover the staff cost to operate Camp Placid

Fee Impact – 70% of Campers on Scholarship

Total = \$23,625.00

\$12,500 goes to cover Staff

\$11,125.00 goes to cover increase in consumable supplies, new programming and increased fees associated with more campers for programs already planned



Next steps:

Run a safe, fun and educational Camp Placid session!

Camper/Parent Survey at Conclusion of Camp Placid 2026

Convene a group of parents/guardians volunteers for a "Camp Placid Committee" to process feedback and work towards an even more improved Camp Placid 2027