



February 6, 2026

Dear Families,

We hope you are having a wonderful school year. We can't wait to get back into the swing of things!

Enclosed, please find the 2026 application for Camp Colonie. (**Camp dates are July 6 - August 14 and Camp is in session from 9am-3pm**). Please take the time to fill out the application thoughtfully, as the more information we have about your child, the more prepared we will be to meet his or her needs. Below is a checklist to ensure your application is complete. **ALL MEDICAL PAPERWORK MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JUNE 1.**

For those of you who are sending your children through the school districts, please communicate with them. We are also gathering lists from the schools to plan our summer. If in doubt, send in the application! Children who are not approved for ESY are still eligible to come to camp. We look forward to seeing you all!

Sincerely,

Mary Moran Ph.D.

Easter Seals NY, Inc.
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- ☐ **ANY MEDICATIONS GIVEN AT CAMP MUST HAVE A PRESCRIPTION ON FILE WITH THE NURSE.**
- ☐ **YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNIZATION RECORDS AND LATEST PHYSICAL MUST BE SENT OR EMAILED TO CAMP COLONIE BY JUNE 1st.**
- ☐ **PLEASE PROVIDE MULTIPLE PHONE NUMBERS FOR US TO CONTACT YOU.**
- ☐ **PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILED EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION.**
- ☐ **THERE IS NO REGISTRATION FEE.**
- ☐ **PLEASE SIGN THE MEDICAL, SWIMMING, AND SUNSCREEN RELEASE.**
- ☐ **PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX AND SIGN THE PHOTOGRAPHIC RELEASE FORM.**

ITEMS TO NOTE:

- ☐ **School districts will be able to advise you whether transportation will be available for their students. We do not provide transportation otherwise.**
- ☐ **We do not have refrigeration at camp. Please consider this when you pack lunch for your child.**
- ☐ **Our slots fill up very quickly. We cannot guarantee a slot at camp without an application.**
- ☐ **Please write clearly and do not leave any part of the application blank as it will delay registration for your child.**
- ☐ **If you expect to use OPWDD or self-determination funds, Camp Colonie must be in your plan. Please talk to your OPWDD contact.**

Easter Seals Camp Colonie is a unique educational and recreational summer experience for children with special needs at Colonie Mohawk River Park, Cohoes, NY. We have a long history of academic and social success with children ages 5-21, and we look forward to providing your child with a rewarding summer. When your application is complete, please mail it to our address: Easter Seals NY ATTN: Michele Nieves, 97 Old Route 6 Suite 7, Carmel NY, 10512 or scan and email to mnieves@eastersealsny.org. **Email is faster and perhaps more reliable.**



Attach photo of camper here

2026 SUMMER CAMP APPLICATION
MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED BEFORE CAMPER IS CONFIRMED

Phone: Mary Moran at 978-807-9260 **with questions**

Email: mnieves@eastersealsny.org **applications**

Mail to: Easter Seals NY ATTN: Michele Nieves, 97 Old Route 6 Suite 7, Carmel NY, 10512

Camp Colonie is a program of Easter Seals New York. This information is required for Camp Colonie's use only in helping to make the applicant's camp experience positive and enjoyable and will be held in the strictest confidence.

Please indicate program choice:

- ☐ **Day Camp/Private Pay**
- ☐ **School/ESY (CSE Approved School Placement ONLY)**
- ☐ **Self-direction/OPWDD-ID number _____ (Please forward your plan/budget)**

Last Name	First Name	Sex	DOB	Grade entering in Sept 2026
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Camper's Address	City	State	Zip
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Custody Status (Please check one) **Joint** ____ **Mother** ____ **Father** ____ **Other** ____

Guardian(s) (and relationship to camper) _____

Guardian's address (if different from camper's) _____

Guardian's primary phone number _____ **Secondary phone number** _____

Primary email address _____

Emergency contact and relationship _____ **Phone 1** _____ **Phone 2** _____

Parent/guardian place of employment _____

Camper's school and district _____

A one-on-one aide is needed for this camper and is listed on the IEP for Extended School Year Yes ____ No ____
We do not provide 1:1 aides for any other campers.

Please note only related services listed on your child's ESY IEP will be provided if Camp is your child's approved summer school placement. We do not provide therapies for day campers.

Please indicate which sessions you request for your child to attend Camp Colonie:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Session 1 - July 6-10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Session 4 - July 27-31 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Session 2 - July 13-17 | <input type="checkbox"/> Session 5 - August 3-7 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Session 3 - July 20-24 | <input type="checkbox"/> Session 6 - August 10-14 |

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION AND REQUEST FORM

School students will be transported by the district. You will be contacted by the bus company a few days before your child begins camp.

_____ **Yes, I would like to use the transportation provided by my school district.**

_____ **No, I do not need to use transportation.**

ONLY THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE HAVE PERMISSION TO PICK MY CHILD UP FROM CAMP. (Those picking up your child from camp must have ID to be checked by staff) and know a password you have determined. If someone else will be picking up your child, please call us!

*****Camp Colonie is permitted and inspected twice annually by Albany County Department of Health. Copies of these inspections are maintained at Albany County Dept. Of Health 175 Green St. Albany NY 12201**

CAMPER INFORMATION

Please list any and all disabilities with which your child is diagnosed, including developmental, emotional/behavioral and physical.

PERSONAL HISTORY :

Height _____ Weight _____

EATING: No assist _____ Partial assist _____ Total assist _____

Special diet or food restrictions (diabetic, low salt, blended, etc). _____

Does camper have any difficulty swallowing? Yes _____ No _____

HEARING: Normal _____ Hard of hearing _____ Total loss _____

SPEECH: Normal _____ Mildly affected _____ Severely affected _____ Nonverbal _____

COMMUNICATION: Verbal _____ Sign language _____ Communication board or augmentative device _____
Other (please explain) _____

VISION: Normal _____ Partial loss _____ Legally blind _____

MOBILITY: Walks _____ Crutches _____ Walker _____ Wheelchair-manual _____ Electric _____ Other _____

Does camper independently operate wheelchair? Yes _____ No _____

ADAPTIVE DEVICES: None _____ If any, please explain _____

TOILETING: Bladder Control: Normal/No assist _____ Occasional Incontinence _____

Partial assist _____ Total assist _____

Bowel Control: Normal/No assist _____ Partial assist _____ Total assist _____

Please specify any toileting needs: _____

DRESSING: No assist _____ Partial assist _____ Total assist _____

BEHAVIOR PLAN: Yes _____ No _____

***IF YOUR CHILD IS ON A BEHAVIOR PLAN AT SCHOOL OR AT HOME, PLEASE INCLUDE IT WITH THIS APPLICATION SO WE CAN ENSURE CONSISTENCY WITH THE HOME OR SCHOOL'S PLAN.**

CAMP FEE

\$566.00 for one week of Day Camp.

Students with 12 month IEPs enrolled in summer school are paid for by the child's school district.

PHOTOGRAPHIC RELEASE

____ I hereby grant permission for said camper to be photographed, with such pictures and names to be used in public relations and fund-raising efforts to promote programs of Camp Colonie and Easter Seals New York, Inc.

____ I do **NOT** grant permission for said camper to be photographed, with such pictures and names to be used in public relations and fund-raising efforts to promote programs of Camp Colonie and Easter Seals New York, Inc.

Guardian's signature _____ Date _____

SWIMMING RELEASE

____ I hereby grant permission for camper to swim/be in the water in the Colonie Mohawk River Park pool during the time allotted for Camp Colonie.

Guardian's signature _____ Date _____

MEDICAL RELEASE

____ I hereby grant permission to the Camp Colonie and/or authorized representatives to furnish or arrange for the furnishing of such hospital and/or medical care as _____ (camper name) may require during such time as he/she is at Easter Seals' Camp Colonie. This medical care shall include, but not be limited to, examinations, treatments, immunizations, injections, anesthesia, surgery, and other procedures, etc. This permission is conditioned upon the understanding that in an event of serious illness or accident, or in the event of a need for hospital services and/or major surgery, said person will use all reasonable efforts to contact the undersigned. Failure in such efforts, however, shall not prevent the provision of emergency treatment necessary for the best interest of the life and health of the said camper. For and in consideration of said covenants, the camper and the undersigned hereby release, acquit, and covenant to hold harmless the said Camp Physician/Camp Nurse / Camp Medical Director and all other persons, firms, and corporations from all claims, damages, and causes of action of whatever nature which may accrue to the said camper or the undersigned, their heirs, executors, administrators and legal representatives and assigns, arising out of any of the above procedures.

Signature	(Parent or guardian)	Print Name	Date
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SUNSCREEN APPLICATION PERMISSION

____ I hereby grant permission to the staff at Camp Colonie to apply sunscreen, as needed, to my child if they need help doing so or are unable to apply it by themselves.

Signature	(Parent or guardian)	Print Name	Date
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Insurance Coverage for accidents or illnesses while at Camp Colonie is the responsibility of the camper and/or their family.

Please list your family health, accident, medical, or hospital insurance coverage:

CARRIER _____ **POLICY OR GROUP NO.** _____
MEDICARE NO. _____ **MEDICAID NO.** _____
Child's Physician's Name _____ **Physician's Phone Number** _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION- EVERY BLANK MUST BE COMPLETED!!

Please enclose with this application:

IMMUNIZATION RECORDS AND LATEST PHYSICAL.

A copy of the physician prescriptions along with detailed and complete written instructions for any medication given at camp.

The camper's physician MUST sign this form for any medications given at camp even if there is a prescription!

Allergies to medications or food? _____

Medical or behavioral issues (actions when upset, aggression, withdrawing, etc). _____

Recent illness or hospitalizations? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, please explain: _____

MEDICATIONS: Please list all medication, dosages, and times medication is to be taken, **including medication given only at home.** Please be accurate and complete. Use an additional sheet if necessary.

Name of medication	Dosage (mg)	# of pills	Times to be taken (or please write "home")
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

***IF NO MEDICATIONS TAKEN, PLEASE WRITE "NONE".**
***PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST GIVE MEDICATION DIRECTLY TO THE NURSE. DO NOT GIVE MEDICATION TO YOUR CHILD OR SEND IT ON THE BUS.**
***ALL MEDICATIONS GIVEN AT CAMP MUST HAVE A DOCTOR SIGNED PRESCRIPTION ON FILE WITH THE CAMP NURSE.**
***PLEASE NOTE:** Camp nurse **MUST** be notified if the above medications change between the time application is submitted and the actual camp date. Camp Colonie Staff provides routine health care to all campers, staff, volunteers, and visitors as necessary. Registered nurse delivers routine prescription medications. Beginning June 1st, the Camp's Director of Health Services will be available for consultation on any special considerations or concerns. By signing this I agree to allow Camp Colonie to administer the above prescribed medications and any necessary over-the-counter medications to _____(camper name). I am waiving all claims that might arise from the administration of said medication(s).

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

***IF THERE IS ANY OTHER INFORMATION WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT YOUR CHILD, PLEASE ATTACH A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER WITH THIS APPLICATION.**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Due to a change in New York State Education Department regulations, the following medications will only be administered at Easter Seals Camp Colonie with your health care provider's written order and your written permission. Some of the medications available at camp are listed below.

Please have your health care provider check the medications appropriate for your child. Only one camper per form. Each camper must have this individual medication order on file.

	<u>Comments</u>
___ Acetaminophen – 325 mg – pain relief	_____
___ Acetaminophen – 80 mg – liquid/chewable – pain	_____
___ Antacid – liquid – relief of upset stomach	_____
___ Bacitracin topical ointment	_____
___ Benadryl topical cream	_____
___ Benzalkonium – antiseptic solution	_____
___ Calamine – relieves itching	_____
___ Chloraseptic Spray	_____
___ Hydrocortisone topical cream 1%	_____
___ Orajel – oral pain relief	_____
___ Vaseline Lotion and Ointment	_____

Camper Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Date _____ Health Care Provider's signature _____ Telephone # _____

* Please print or stamp Health Provider name _____

Date _____ Parent/Guardian's signature _____ Telephone # _____

Please send all your materials to Michele Nieves mnieves@eastersealsny.org.