

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CAMP

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Directors Welcome,

St. Vincent de Paul Camp dedicates itself to providing a positive learning experience for youth. We provide a safe and fun environment with hands-on, outdoor experiences that foster respect, independence and positive self-esteem. New programs and activities are being introduced as we move forward to develop a location for children to come and enjoy the summer. This is an exciting time for the staff as we increase our commitment to the children of Western New York. Please join us this summer!!

OPEN HOUSE

Camp will have an Open House on **Saturday, June 5**, and **Sunday, June 6**, from Noon to 5 pm. Camp staff will be leading tours, and administrative staff will be available to answer questions.

Note: Tours of camp can be arranged at other times as our schedule allows.

STAFF

St. Vincent de Paul Camp is under the direction of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The camp director resides at the camp throughout the summer. Additional administrative staff include: Assistant Director, Program Director, Arts & Crafts, Head Lifeguard, Lifeguards, Camp Medical Director, Dining Facility Manager, Head Cook, Night Watchman, and Secretary.

Cabin Counselors' qualifications include: High School graduate (many of our counselors are college students), 18 years of age or older, and show a commitment to camp, its philosophies, and ideals.

Counselors are interviewed by the Director and a minimum of three references are required. Counselors must possess an appropriate level of maturity and ability to work with campers. All staff undergo a background check. Many of our counselors are former campers who have taken their "camp spirit" to another level.

A mandatory training session is required for all our staff. Covered in these sessions are program goals, safety procedures, techniques for working with children, and camp policy and procedures.

ABOUT OUR CAMP

The camp is a co-educational sleep-away and day camp for youth 8 - 13 years of age. The camp is operated by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The camp is licensed and inspected by the Erie County Health Department.

Camp is located on the shores of Lake Erie, approximately 22 miles southwest of Buffalo. Camp occupies 15 acres of mixed woods, and 1,200 feet of beach. Camp facilities include 8 cabins, dining hall and kitchen, outdoor activity areas, clinic, two shower rooms, craft building, chapel, campfire circle, and heated pool. Our playfield provides space for sports, activities, assembly areas, and is complemented with playground equipment.

CAMP PHILOSOPHY

Camping offers young people many opportunities for growth and continued learning, including the development of:

Social Skills - Leadership, Communication, Participation

Self Respect and Character Building - Responsibility, Respect, Resilience

Growth - Learning to do things, improving skills, independence, interdependence

Community Living - Caring, fairness, trustworthiness, new and lasting friendships

Values Growth - Moral and Ethical decisions