



## About Children's Aid



Children's Aid is committed to ensuring that there are no boundaries to the aspirations of young people, no limits to their potential.

After 165 years of serving New York City's children, youth, and their families, we know what it takes to ensure children and youth grow up strong and healthy, and ready to thrive in school and life: excellent education and health care, social-emotional support, and strong stable families.

Today, we serve nearly 50,000 children, youth, and their families in four neighborhoods in New York City.

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## Activities and Programs

- \* Arts & Crafts
- \* Music
- \* Nature
- \* Cooking
- \* Athletics & Winter Sports
- \* Horseback Riding
- \* Swimming
- \* Project Adventure
- \* Special Events
- \* Holiday Parties

WRC is an American Camping Association accredited camp, which operates with permit from the Westchester County DOH, in compliance with all New York State regulations for children camps.



All parents who select Wagon Road Camp have the right and responsibility to:

- Be informed of any incident involving your child, including serious injury, illness, or abuse.
- Review inspection for a camp
- Review the required written camp plans

**Inspection reports concerning our camp are filed at:  
25 Moore Avenue  
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**Camp Director  
Vince Canziani**

**Office Manager  
Clarissa Ayala**



 **Children's Aid**  
Every step of the way



# OVERNIGHT RESPITE CAMP

For children ages 7-17  
at Wagon Road Camp

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# Wagon Road Camp Respite Program

## Overview

We offer a unique overnight program serving children with developmental disabilities on school holidays and weekends. This service provides short-term, temporary care that gives children the opportunity for social interaction and growth and their parents or other caregivers relief from the many demands placed on them.

Wagon Road Camp has been in operation since 1956 and provides a safe, accepting and supervised environment that enables children to have a relaxed, fun-filled experience. The activities are designed for various ability levels. They encourage participation and social interaction. In addition, we weave learning opportunities into the activities to enrich each participant's experience. The camp is dedicated to creating a setting where each child can function as fully as possible.

## Facilities

- 52 beautiful acres of woods, trails and fields located just 35 miles north of New York City
- Spacious, heated cabins
- Specialty areas for arts & crafts, music, athletics and cooking activities
- Wheelchair accessible
- Fully-equipped kitchen where all meals are prepared according to USDA guidelines
- Heated pool and horseback riding corral



## Children Served

Wagon Road Camp serves children ages 7-17 with physical and/or developmental disabilities residing in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Queens.

Disabilities include but are not limited to cerebral palsy, spina bifida, Down syndrome, autism, and neurological impairments. If you have any questions regarding the eligibility of your child, feel free to call us for further information.

## Application Procedure

- Parents or referring agencies can obtain applications by calling the camp office directly or writing to Wagon Road Camp.
- Applications must be completed and signed by a parent or guardian. The medical portion must be completed by a physician who knows the child's medical condition and history.
- Eligibility is dependent upon a documented developmental disability. Documentation consists of a psychological evaluation, Vineland Behavior Scale or equivalent.
- Medicaid waiver or single-use status is required.
- An interview with the parent or guardian and child will be scheduled for new applicants. At that time, all details about the camp and child's care will be addressed.

## Health and Safety

Our camp operates in accordance with New York State Health Laws and is accredited by the American Camping Association. Our swimming program is run according to Progressive Swim Instruction standards.

## Medical Care

Whenever camp is in session, an experienced NYS-licensed nurse is in 24-hour residence. In addition, Children's Aid provides a physician on 24-hour call.



## Grouping and Staffing

While at camp, children are placed in groups of 10-15 children each, according to their disability. The ratio of staff to participant is 1:2. The cabin leaders and counselors are carefully selected, trained, and supervised by the camp's experienced professionals.

## Transportation

Chartered, round-trip bus service will be provided for New York City residents. Parents may also bring their children directly to camp.

