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LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE.

Programs run

Sunday thru Friday

\$1,350 PER PERSON

2020 SESSIONS *Ages 10 – Adult*

Session 1* July 5-10

Session 2 July 12-17

Session 3 July 19-24

Session 4 July 26-31

Session 5 August 2-7

Session 6 August 9-14

**Reserved for adult campers (30+ years)*

REGISTRATION:

All applications must be submitted using our easy, secure online system at <http://bit.do/ESEPCampRegister>

Staff are available to assist you with the online process. See contact information below.

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EASTERSEALS CAMP

Growing Green ²⁰²⁰
on the PEEC campus



An environmentally friendly summer camp for campers with special needs



LET'S GO CAMPING!

Easterseals Camp Growing Green is a summer camp for people with disabilities and other special needs with an emphasis on the environment. An Easterseals camp located on the campus of the Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC) in the beautiful Pocono Mountains, we are able to offer the best in environmental resources and staffing coupled with the professional support our campers need to be successful and fully involved in the program.

"I've been going to Camp Growing Green for 5 or 6 years. When I went for the first time, I was scared. I was never away from my mom or away from home ... the camp helps me to grow to not be afraid ... it gives me a chance to enjoy myself and be myself with friends."

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

SOCIAL:

Campers build on communication, flexibility, living and working with others.

INDEPENDENCE:

Living away from family members and with their peers helps all campers find their inner resources.

INCLUSION:

Easterseals Camp Growing Green takes place simultaneously with other PEEC camps, providing many opportunities for all campers to connect including eating together, playing whiffle ball and enjoying campfires and an ice cream social.

BUILD JOB SKILLS:

Working in the garden and cooking what they grow, keeping sleeping areas clean, bussing and wiping their tables give campers the satisfaction of fulfilling their responsibilities.

STAFF AND TRAINING

We recruit college students who are studying physical therapy, therapeutic recreation, special education, psychology, and pre-med and who have a desire to work with people with special needs.

A professional camp director is on site 24/7 to supervise all Easterseals Camp Growing Green activities. Staff attend a mandatory, comprehensive week-long training program. All staff receive CPR, First Aid and AED Training and complete background screening, including FBI clearance.

A camp nurse is on duty to administer medications and provide routine care and first aid to campers.



ACTIVITIES

Established in 2010, Easterseals Camp Growing Green offers organic gardening in a specially-designed adapted garden, cooking, pond and nature studies, sports, arts & crafts, games, music, campfires, hiking, swimming, and field trips to nearby natural wonders.

SAMPLE DAY AT CAMP GROWING GREEN

AM	PM
7:30 Wake up	2:00 Waterfront activity
8:30 Breakfast	4:00 Hike
10:00 Gardening	5:30 Dinner
11:15 Sport activity	6:45 Social activity
12:15 Lunch and rest	9:30 Lights out



FAQ

Who is the typical camper?

Campers range in age from 10 to adult. With a staffing ratio of 1:3, camp is designed for individuals who do well with that level of support. Campers who use wheelchairs need to be able to help with transferring. There is no typical disability – Easterseals Camp Growing Green campers are a diverse group. Easterseals staff is exceptional when it comes to adapting activities so that each participant is involved and successful. The camp director interviews prospective families to ensure that Easterseals Camp Growing Green is a good fit for their loved one.

How does funding work?

Waivers: Speak to your service coordinator/case worker about how to include Easterseals Camp Growing Green in your plan.

Private pay: Many families pay for camp in one or two installments. Tuition must be paid in full by the first day of camp.

Camperships: Easterseals and PEEC request contributions from foundations, companies, and individuals to help provide camperships. These dollars are distributed according to availability and camper need and cannot be guaranteed.

Where do the campers sleep?

Campers sleep in modern, accessible lodging. Visit peec.org for more information on accommodations.

AMENITIES

Easterseals Camp Growing Green is located at the Pocono Environmental Education Center within the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. The recreation area boasts over 70,000 acres of mountain ridges, forests, and floodplains. All Easterseals Camp Growing Green activities are located within the PEEC campus with the exception of trips to Akenac Lake and other local natural wonders.

- Modern, accessible lodges
- Extensive hiking trails
- Ponds, lakes and streams
- Organic garden
- EcoZone
- Sports facilities

Visit www.peec.org for a more comprehensive look at the campus.

“My son has attended camp for the past 15 years. He always arrives with a smile and leaves with a smile. The programming is eventful and the staff is devoted, caring and friendly.”

A PARTNERSHIP

Our 10-year partnership offers many opportunities for inclusion. PEEC and Easterseals Camp Growing Green campers come together for several activities each week, which makes it more fun for everyone.

Easterseals Eastern Pennsylvania annually provides services to over 3,600 children and young adults with disabilities in a 9-county region that encompasses Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Northampton, Pike and Schuylkill Counties. www.easterseals.com/eseep

PEEC is one of the most respected residential environmental education centers in the United States. For over 40 years, PEEC has been the education partner of the National Park Service in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. www.peec.org

CHECK OUT OUR 2020 CAREER EXPERIENCE!

Easterseals offers an optional track for campers eager to explore career opportunities. In this optional track, campers spend part of each of four days exploring different career tracks. Opportunities include job shadowing and working in food service/dining, office and retail settings, as well as assisting counselors in PEEC summer groups.

Campers in the career experience track also participate in our regular camp activities such as talent shows, sports, hiking, nature studies, field trips, swimming, the ice cream social, and the camp-wide whiffle ball tournament.

