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## *Friendship Home, Inc.*

Dear Friendship Home Families,

This summer we are pleased to offer our seventh Camp YMCA/Friendship in partnership with the South Shore YMCA at Camp Hayward in Sandwich, MA from Sunday, August 27th to Thursday, August 31st. Camp Hayward is a great camp facility that is welcoming, open, enthusiastic and capable. Campers will enjoy outdoor activities, develop new skills, make and deepen friendships, develop self-confidence and have fun. The men's and women's cabins are each equipped with 5 bunk beds. Men's and women's bathing/restroom cabins are located a short distance away from the cabins. We have a core group of staff members who will be supervising campers along with several committed volunteers.

Because of the popularity of the program, we will accept camp forms on a first-come, first-served basis for the first 40 campers. Your spot is reserved when we receive the completed forms and payment in full. **An application is complete when you return EVERY form, including the camper's current (within 12 months) physical examination form that is SIGNED by the camper's physician and includes immunizations, allergies and current medications.** This form should be available from your physician's office. If not, please use the attached form. If an appointment is scheduled prior to camp, please give us the most current physical examination form and we will update once the annual physical is completed. Important information

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| Number of campers: | 40  |
| Age of campers:    | 22 and older at the start of camp   |
| Fee:               | \$630* (partial scholarships are available upon request. Forms are available.)  |
| Check –in:         | Sunday, August 27th from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE before 1:00 p.m.  |
| Check-out          | Thursday, August 31st at 1:00. Campers MUST check out with staff and collect any unused medication from the nurse.  |
| Medications/Health | A registered nurse is always present to administer medications and address health concerns.   |
| Meals              | Nutritious meals, which will accommodate dietary restrictions, are provided by the YMCA staff. If your camper has any dietary restrictions, please notify us so that the dining staff can plan accordingly.   |
| Qualifications:    | All campers must meet the following qualifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide personal care for themselves with minimal supervision – i.e. eating, bathing, toileting and dressing</li> <li>• Follow the guidance of the counselors/staff in a cooperative, well-behaved manner (eating meals, drinking enough fluids, taking medications as directed)</li> <li>• Follow the YMCA camp safety rules</li> <li>• Generally sleep through the night</li> <li>• Move around camp with minimal assistance unless special provisions are agreed upon in advance</li> </ul> |

Behavior plans        If your loved one has a behavior plan that would be helpful to implement during camp, please contact us as soon as possible so that we can prepare for implementing the plan. If you are concerned that your loved one will not meet one or more of the criteria without assistance, please contact us directly to discuss.

Unacceptable behavior    **The following behaviors are not acceptable and may result in the camper's dismissal**

- Verbal or Physical aggression
- Repeated refusal to cooperate with staff requests
- Follow ALL YMCA Camp Rules
- Unwillingness to remain with the group
- Adhere to and follow ALL YMCA water safety rules which are discussed on opening day with all participants
- Medical procedures and administration adhered to

Camp registration forms are attached and will soon be posted to our website under the Camp Friendship tab under our Programs heading. **Your spot is reserved when we receive the completed forms and payment in FULL including the camper's current (within 12 months) physical examination form that is SIGNED by the camper's physician and includes immunizations, allergies and current medications.**

Once all information and payment is complete, you will receive a confirmation verifying your loved ones spot at Camp YMCA/Friendship 2017. We will also have MANDATORY camper/family meeting with YMCA and Friendship Home staff to discuss any questions you might have as well as review current requirements for ANY/ALL medicines needed during camp. A date will be provided after all campers have been registered.

As always, we welcome your suggestions and if you have any questions, please contact Gina Froio 781-659-8202.

Sincerely,

Gina Froio