Welcome to Camp STRIVE

Communities are stronger when everyone is involved

STRIVE 2019 Camp Handbook
Welcome to Summer at STRIVE!

All About Camp

Camp STRIVE provides tweens, teens and young adults, ages 11-24, with a supportive, safe, and active program during school vacations and throughout the summer. We believe that the camp experience is an extremely valuable one, providing an outlet for campers to develop long-lasting friendships, experience new things, and enjoy themselves in a safe and welcoming environment. Camp STRIVE is specifically designed for campers with intellectual and developmental disabilities who:

- Are successful in a 1 to 5 staff-to-camper ratio (can successfully be integrated in a group without 1 on 1 support)
- Do not present any behaviors requiring physical intervention from staff
- Do not have any challenges being safe in the community (i.e. do not elope)
Camp Contacts

Camp Supervisor
Olivia Fraioli, STRIVE Program & Events Coordinator
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If Olivia is unavailable:
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ARRIVAL
Camp begins at 9:00am. Campers need to arrive by 9:30AM to participate in any given camp day (unless they are only attending for a half-day, which must be arranged in advance). Please make sure to check in with a counselor during drop off to let them know your camper has arrived.

DISMISSAL
Camp ends at 5:00pm, but we intend to have the group back from any given activity by 4:00pm each afternoon so parents can begin picking up anytime after 4. Please be sure to contact the Camp Supervisor as soon as possible at 207-774-6278 if you are running late for pick up. Frequent late pick-ups can result in an additional fee.

Early Drop Off
We offer an Early Drop Off Period between 8am and 9am for an additional $10/day. Early Drop Off must be arranged at least 24 hours in advance of the intended day with the Camp Supervisor. STRIVE cannot guarantee a staff person will be present before 9am without prior notice.
Absences & Early Dismissals

If your camper is going to be absent, we ask that you let us know no later than 9:00am on the day of the absence.

If your camper needs to leave camp earlier than 4:00pm, please let the Camp Supervisor know no later than 9:00am on that intended day to accurately schedule the pick up time and location.
We are thrilled to announce a new partnership with Camp Mataponi—a residential summer camp in Naples, Maine. We will be heading to Camp Mataponi for the full day each Tuesday in July. We will be partnering with their Leaders-In-Training (LIT) program, and matching our campers up one to one with an LIT (or as close to it as numbers allow). Our hope is to form genuine friendships between our campers and the LIT’s, and have them participate in typical summer camp activities together. These activities will be swimming, ropes courses, ceramics, and cooking. Separate releases to participate in this partnership will be sent out to parents/guardians that will need to be signed in order to have your camper participate. We are so excited to kick off this partnership and have the opportunity to access all that their facility has to offer.
Camp Checklist

☐ Lunch — Your camper’s lunch will need to be brought from home each day unless specified otherwise on the schedule.

☐ Backpack (to store sunscreen, water bottle, etc.)

☐ Preferred Sunscreen & Bug Spray (best if applied before camp).

☐ Water Bottle—Please provide one for your camper each day.

☐ Sneakers/comfortable shoes depending on the activity. Please refer to the Camp Schedule to see what type of shoes will be best.

☐ Camp STRIVE T-shirts for outings in crowded locations—the Camp schedule will note which days to do so.