

A Seven Week Day Camp for Children and Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities



**The John J. Nerden RTC Camp
offers:**

**Swimming, Arts and Crafts, Music,
Sports, Dances, Friendships,
Special Events and
Lots of memories!**

How Can You Get Involved

There are many ways you can get involved:

- ◆ Share this information with a family or individual who might benefit from our programs.
- ◆ Let your local service clubs know about a worthy program they might become involved with. (Presentations to clubs are available)
- ◆ Spread the word that student volunteers are always welcome and needed.
- ◆ Make a tax deductible donation by sending back the attached form, or make a donation online on our website
- ◆ Contact us for more information about how you can help by visiting www.campnerden.com.



Our History

The John J. Nerden Regional Training Center Camp is located on 15 acres of prime land in the town of Middlefield. The land was donated in 1965. The Board of Directors of the training center started work immediately planning a Day Camp program for the summer of 1966. Applications were made to the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation for a grant to help establish the new camp, and we were fortunate to receive one of the two grants allocated to the State of Connecticut in the amount of \$3,000. The Foundation also assisted tremendously in the supplying of information, advice, guidance and in sending two key staff members to a one week seminar at Southern Illinois University.



On June 20, 1966 the camp site was a lovely hayfield. On July 6, 1966 the camp opened with a full program of outdoor sports, arts and crafts, nature study, etc. There were two buildings, one 30' x 60' closed building and one 24' x 60' pavilion type shelter. Our own pool was installed the second week of the program, so that all of the activities were then combined around the main building. We had a total enrollment of 144 campers ranging in age from 4 years to 31 years. They came from the areas covered by the local Associations. Daily attendance ran from 75 to 116 campers. Campers were supervised by a paid staff of 10, most of whom were college educated and professionals in their fields.



PURPOSE

**To provide recreational programs
and leisure-time activities for
Children and Adults
with Intellectual and Developmental
Disabilities www.campnerden.com**



Who Do We Serve

Camp is open to children and adults with Intellectual and Development Disabilities from the central Connecticut area.

We presently have enrolled approximately 125 individuals ranging in age from pre-school to adults. Transportation arrangements are currently in place for clients from Meriden and Wallingford; others can be investigated upon request. Applications are available from the address on this brochure as of May 1st, or on our website at www.campnerden.com.

What Programs Do We Offer

For seven weeks each summer full day recreational programming is provided at our Middlefield location. This program includes swimming, arts and crafts, music, outdoor recreation, indoor recreation, cook-outs, and special events. During the winter months a variety of activities are available such as bowling, field trips, dances and holiday events



When Is Camp Open

Our summer program runs through the months of July and August for seven weeks. The camp day is 9AM to 3PM.

Campers are welcome to attend for the full seven weeks, or to attend any portion that suits their needs or schedule. Winter activities are scheduled approximately once per month from October through May.

What Is The Cost

In our attempt to keep costs down requests for funding are made to the communities through their recreation departments based on cost per camper day. These requests reflect the budget and number of campers who attended our programs the previous year.

Funding for program expansion, capital improvements, and special activities depends on the sponsorship of many local service organizations, foundations and individual donations.



How Is The Camp Staffed

The Camp is proud of their dedicated staff and volunteers. With a certified Director, and Assistant Director, each area of the program is supervised by one or two experienced college students or adults who make up our paid staff. We have full-time Nursing Supervision. In addition, we are fortunate to have a large group of middle and high school student volunteers from our surrounding towns. These fine young people play a major role in the camp's total operation. Because of their dedication we are able to provide a high level of supervision while keeping our total camp budget to a minimum.

The operation of our camp is overseen by a committed Board of Directors made up of parents, service club representatives and interested members of our communities. These Board Members volunteer countless hours to insure that our camp grows and continues to provide quality programming for our special population.

Where Is The Camp Located

The JOHN J. NERDEN RTC CAMP is located at 89 Powder Hill Rd. in Middlefield, CT. The 15 landscaped acres, housing our recreational facilities, overlook Lake Beseck and Powder Ridge Ski area.

Yes!

**I would like to support the
John J. Nerden RTC Camp!**

☐ I would like to make a donation

☐ I would like more information

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Phone

E-mail

Amount Enclosed

All Contributions are Tax Deductible



THANK YOU!

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