



# Massachusetts Easter Seal Society

## EASTER SEAL CAMPING PROGRAM AT AGGASIZ VILLAGE

### RESIDENTIAL SUMMER CAMPING FOR SEVERELY AND MODERATELY PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

The Easter Seal Camping program is geared to meet the needs of severely and moderately physically disabled children for whom there are limited camping opportunities. Our program is conducted in conjunction with Camp Agassiz Village in Oxford, Maine so that the Easter Seal campers are able to participate in all camp activities on an integrated basis with non-handicapped campers.

Campers will be primarily housed in our specially adapted Easter Seal unit at Agassiz. A low staff ratio of one staff member for every two campers is maintained to insure that the camper's special needs are met and that he is able to participate in camp activities to the fullest extent of his ability. The camp's nursing staff maintains 24-hour coverage and is located adjacent to the Easter Seal unit.

Camp activities offer a happy balance between instruction and recreation, activity and relaxation, competition and individual achievement. Water activities, archery, overnight campouts, nature study, cookouts, campfires, arts and crafts, music and drama, and a ropes course are all an integral part of the program. Emphasis is placed on developing a sense of independence and achievement on the part of the camper.

Agassiz Village is accredited by the American Camping Association (ACA).

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE:** The Easter Seal program is open to Massachusetts boys and girls whose primary disability is physical and for whom other camping opportunities are limited. Each applicant will be considered on an individual basis. Age considerations will be flexible and not necessarily restricted to the usual 6-16 years old classification. No child with uncontrolled convulsive disorders or who is bedridden will be considered.

### 1982 SUMMER SCHEDULE

- PERIOD I - Tuesday, June 29 to Tuesday, July 13
- PERIOD II - Tuesday, July 13 to Tuesday, July 27
- PERIOD III - Tuesday, July 27 to Tuesday, August 10
- PERIOD IV - Tuesday, August 10 to Tuesday, August 24

Placements are generally made for one two-week period. Transportation to and from camp at Oxford, Maine will be provided from a central location in eastern Massachusetts. (The Newton Holiday Inn at the crossroads of the Massachusetts Turnpike and Route 128.)

## METHOD OF REFERRING

Referrals to Agassiz Village are accepted from parents, physicians, schools, or any agency or individual engaged in the welfare of the handicapped. A Camper Referral Form must be submitted for each prospective camper. This form is a request that said individual be considered for camp and should be completed by someone who works directly with the individual. CAMPERS WHO ATTENDED AGASSIZ VILLAGE IN 1980 OR 1981 NEED NOT BE REFERRED.

## ACCEPTANCE TO AGASSIZ VILLAGE

Final acceptance to Agassiz Village is predicated upon the approval of the Camper Referral Form and the SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE FORMS ASSOCIATED WITH OUR CAMPER APPLICATION PACKET. These forms will be sent to the applicant after the referral has been processed and accepted.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The tuition fee is \$390 for a two-week session. This fee includes all costs including transportation to and from camp. The Easter Seal Society will provide campership assistance to those who request it. Parents and sponsoring agencies are expected to contribute what they can afford toward the cost.

A \$10.00 non-refundable application fee will be required with the Application, not with the referral form.

THE MASSACHUSETTS EASTER SEAL SOCIETY is prepared to serve physically disabled persons and referral sources as follows:

1. Will provide staff members who are qualified to evaluate camper applicants on a professional basis. Every effort will be made to assist in the application process and to provide a satisfactory camping experience for any child who is accepted into the camping program.
2. Will provide scholarship help to accepted campers who are unable to pay camp fees and for whom no other financial resources appear to exist.
3. Will assist camp with staff training, orientation and sensitivity, and provide such other services as may be needed to help the campers and the camp have a successful experience together.
4. Will continually seek to develop opportunities for all physically handicapped persons to participate in camping and recreation programs on an integrated and year-round basis. Information on adult camping, family camping and other recreational services are available through the Easter Seal Society. Special bulletins on these programs are available upon request from your local Easter Seal office.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

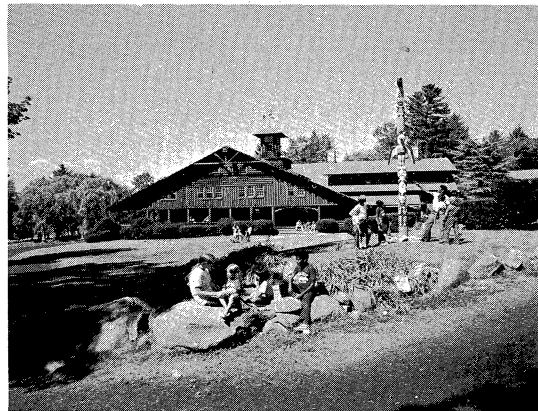
**AGASSIZ VILLAGE:** Located in the midst of 650 acres of fields, hills, streams, and woodland with a three mile waterfront on beautiful Thompson Lake. A mile off shore, the camp owns Burroughs Island, one mile south may be found Pioneer Village, a mile north, Indian Village, and a mile east a look-out tower and camping area with a view of the Presidential Range. Each of these is rich in pioneer lore for boys and girls.

**HEALTH:** Each Villager is required to have a pre-camp medical examination. All drinking, washing, and swimming water is inspected by the Maine State Health Department. The Health Unit is exceptionally well equipped and staffed by three full-time nurses and a local physician is on call. Excellent hospital facilities are available at nearby Lewiston. Campers are provided with insurance covering certain accidents and illnesses while in camp and to and from home.

**FOOD:** Plenty of wholesome, well-cooked food is furnished each meal. Fresh fruits, meats, and vegetables are delivered daily. One of the features of the Village is the largest log cabin in the United States which serves as the dining hall.

**CABINS:** All sections have new cabins in which campers live with their two counselors. Toilets and lavatory facilities are included within the cabins. A large porch on each cabin extends the play and conversation area.

**STAFF:** All top staff members are in the field of education—college, private and public school teachers. The counselors are undergraduate and graduate college students. A limited number of high school seniors serve as junior counselors. The Village thus has a highly qualified staff.



## VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

Girls and boys at AGASSIZ VILLAGE are guided into a program that offers a happy balance between instruction and recreation, activity and relaxation, competition and individual achievement. Campers and staff jointly select the program from varied activities such as:

**WATER ACTIVITIES:** Swimming, diving, boating, canoeing, sailing, life saving, water skiing, motorboating and water games.

**LAND ACTIVITIES:** Archery, softball, baseball, tennis, soccer, wrestling, and ropes course.

**CAMPCRAFT:** Overnight hikes, exploration trips, cookouts, campfires, canoe trips, study of wild life, minerals, and conservation.

**ARTS AND CRAFTS:** Woodworking, ceramics, leatherwork, painting, sketching, metal work and model building.

**DRAMATICS AND MUSIC:** Plays, talent shows, group singing and dance.

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**HANDICAPPED BOYS AND GIRLS:** Through the Massachusetts Easter Seal Society, a limited number of physically handicapped campers enjoy a camping experience through partial participation in the regular Village program.

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**ADVENTURE PROGRAM:** For boys and girls (12 & 13) who would enjoy outward-bound-types of experiences.

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**C.I.T.'s:** Available to selected girls and boys (15 & 16) interested in a counselor-in-training program.

# AGASSIZ VILLAGE

ESTABLISHED 1935

THIS AGENCY IS  
SUPPORTED BY



United Way  
OF MASSACHUSETTS



## MEMBER

American Camping Association  
New England Camping Association  
Maine Camping Association

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Arthur G. Miller, Ed. D.

## CAMP DIRECTOR

Donald L. Welch

## REGISTRATION

Open to girls and boys between the ages of 7 through 12. Villagers may sign up for periods of: 2, 4, 6, or 8 weeks.

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## AGASSIZ VILLAGE

founded by

MR. & MRS. HARRY E. BURROUGHS

For further information please write or call:

AGASSIZ VILLAGE

979 Main Street

Waltham, Massachusetts 02154

Telephone: (617) 894-5200

(during camp season)

AGASSIZ VILLAGE

R.F.D. 2, Oxford, Maine 04270

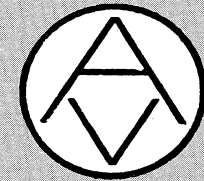
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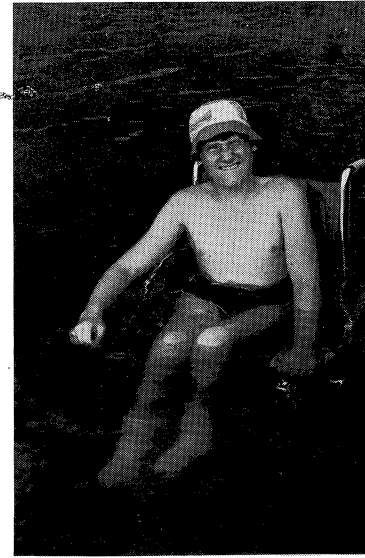
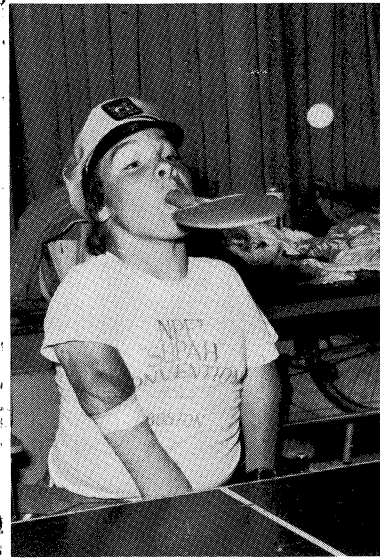
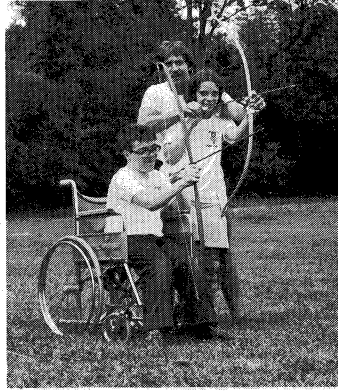
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a summer camp

for

boys and girls



The Easter Seal Society of Massachusetts helps physically handicapped people of all ages enjoy the recreation and social development that camping provides. While the primary emphasis of the camping program is to meet the needs of severely disabled children for whom there are limited camping opportunities, the Society does provide camping information and referral services for all disabled people.

### RESIDENT CAMPING

Mildly disabled children are referred to regular resident or day camps, while severely disabled youngsters, ages 6 through 16, attend two-week sessions at a special Easter Seal unit at resident camp Agassiz Village in West Poland, Maine.

Easter Seal campers are referred by parents, physicians or community health agencies. A member of the Easter Seal Society's professional staff cooperates with the referral source or family and with the camper to make all arrangements.

### PROGRAM AND STAFF

Campers are encouraged to participate in all the activities of a typical summer camp with appropriate assistance from specially trained staff. Living and playing side-by-side with able-bodied campers helps disabled children prepare to take their place in the mainstream of life and provides able-bodied children the opportunity to understand better the problems of disabled people.

Activities include:

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| archery                         | music & singing   |
| arts & crafts                   | nature studies    |
| boating & fishing               | sleep outs        |
| camp crafts                     | swimming          |
| cookouts                        | wheelchair sports |
| evening programs<br>& campfires |                   |

Staff includes experienced camping supervisors and specially trained counselors. Mature, capable counselors are chosen especially for their understanding of needs of handicapped children. A resident registered nurse is on duty 24-hours a day and is assisted by a licensed practical nurse during daytime hours.

Agassiz Village is accredited by the American Camping Association and by the National Easter Seal Society.

### AGASSIZ VILLAGE

Set amid 650 acres on Thompson Lake, Agassiz Village boasts excellent indoor and outdoor recreational facilities. The largest log cabin in the United States serves as the dining hall. Cabins for campers are well equipped and designed to meet the needs of disabled campers.

### SPECIAL FEATURES

To provide for the special needs of disabled campers, buildings are barrier-free so people can move about easily on wheelchairs or crutches. Specially ramped vans transport disabled campers to activities when necessary. A counselor for every two campers gives close guidance for happy camping.

### TRANSPORTATION

Campers attending Agassiz Village are provided transportation from a central location to the camp by bus or van. Parents may choose to drive their children to and from camp.





### **COSTS AND CAMPERSHIPS**

Camping costs are rising the same as are other costs. The camp fee covers room, board, transportation and special staff along with interview, placement and follow-up services. For information about camp fees this year, contact the Easter Seal office nearest you. A complete listing appears in this leaflet.

No camper is denied a camping experience because of an inability to meet the camp fee.

Individuals or organizations wishing to help the Easter Seal Society sponsor campers are invited to call the Easter Seal Regional Service Office for more information.

### **CAMPING FOR YOUNG ADULTS**

Resident camping for physically disabled young adults (ages 17 to 25 years) is available at Camp Hemlocks in Hebron, Connecticut. Located on 166 acres of unspoiled woodland in the heart of Connecticut, Camp Hemlocks offers a modern camping complex, complete with a specially-designed, heated indoor swimming pool. A varied recreational program amid an environment which has been adapted to accommodate the disabled camper is offered.

### **OTHER CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES**

Information is available from Easter Seal Regional Service Offices about facilities in Massachusetts offering recreational day camp programs and camping opportunities for families with a disabled child or adult.

# EASTER SEAL CAMPING



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January 8, 1982

Cambridge City Council  
795 Massachusetts Avenue  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Council Members:

On January 4, 1982, I received a telephone call from Commissioner Elmer Bartels of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, indicating that the Cambridge City Council will discuss and attempt to identify physically disabled children from Cambridge who would be appropriate and benefit from a two-week Easter Seal camping experience this summer.

I am enclosing two brochures: one which describes Easter Seal camping and another which outlines the various services which Easter Seals provide for disabled persons.

Tuition for camp is approximately \$400 for the two weeks, including transportation. Hopefully, we can recruit several businesses and fraternal organizations in Cambridge to fund appropriate campers. Applications for the camping program will be available in March.

Thank you for your interest and consideration. Please don't hesitate to contact me at 482-3370 if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

*Nancy Foster*

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Field Representative  
Boston Regional Office

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Comm. from Nancy Foster, Field Rep. of the  
Mass. Easter Seal Society requesting the City  
Council to identify physically disabled Cam-  
bridge children for the two-week Easter Seals  
summer camping experience this summer.

In City Council,

May 3, 1982

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Referred to the  
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