

VOLUNTEERS

bring a diversity of interests and skills to Easter Seals through both individual and group participation. Among clubs and organizations involved with Easter Seal Societies across the country are:

FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES:

Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Delta Phi, Alpha Gamma Delta, Beta Sigma Phi, Chi Omega, Delta Epsilon Delta, Delta Theta Tau, Epsilon Sigma Alpha, Gamma Delta, Gamma Sigma Gamma, Kappa Alpha, Kappa Delta Phi, Kappa Sigma, Lambda Chi Alpha, Omega Phi Alpha, Phi Beta Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Pi Lambda Phi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Sigma Nu, Zeta Tau Alpha, and Panhellenic Councils.



CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS:

Altrusa, American Business, American Legion, AMVETS, Business and Professional Women's, Civitan, Cosmopolitan, Eagles and Eagles Auxiliary, Elks, Exchange, Fraternal Order of Police, Grange, Jaycees and Jaycettes, Junior Women's, Junior Service, Kiwanis, Knights of Columbus, Lions, Loyal Order and Women of Moose, National Charity League, National Guard, Newcomers, Pilot, Optimist, Quota, Rotary and Rotary Anns, Sertoma, Shriners, Soroptimist, Telephone Pioneers, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Women of the Grand Army of the Republic, Zonta.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS:

Beta Club, Campfire Girls, Christian Youth, Circle K, Civinette, Decca, DeMolay, Future Nurses of America, Future Homemakers of America, 4-H, Health Clubs, Junior and National Honor Societies, Interact, Job's Daughters, Junior Catholic Daughters, Junior Kiwanis, Key Clubs, Rainbow Girls, High School ROTC, Scouts, Student Councils, YES Groups, Y-Teens, Young Life, Z Club.

**VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT CONTINUES TO BE NEEDED -- AND APPRECIATED.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT YOUR STATE OR LOCAL EASTER SEAL SOCIETY**

or

National Easter Seal Society
2023 West Ogden Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60612
312/243-8400

EASTER SEALS...

The Organization That Can't Be Classified.



EASTER SEALS -- the all-inclusive service organization for persons with disabilities caused by:

Cerebral Palsy, Stroke, Aging Problems, Hearing Loss, Arthritis, Speech Disorders, Spina Bifida, Postural Disorders, Muscular Dystrophy, Multiple Sclerosis, Mental Retardation, Learning and Developmental Disorders, Burns, Respiratory Diseases, Epilepsy, Visual Problems, Fractures, Down's Syndrome, Amputation, Heart Diseases, Poliomyelitis, Diabetes, Parkinsonism, Rheumatic Diseases, Strains and Sprains, Aphasia, Accidental Injury, Spinal Paralysis, and Many Other Conditions.

Offering a wide range of services,* including:

Physical Therapy; Occupational Therapy; Speech-Language Therapy; Hearing and Vision Screening and Evaluation; Transportation; Medical Evaluation; Camping and Recreation; Stroke Clubs; Psychological Testing and Counseling; Skilled Nursing; Education; Home and Sheltered Employment; Vocational Evaluation, Training and Placement; Dental Care; Adapted Housing; Infant Development; Prosthetic Fitting; Special Social Events; Equipment Loan.

**Easter Seal services are tailored to meet community needs and thus vary from place to place.*



Supporting these services are volunteers who:

Take persons with disabilities shopping, answer telethon phones, inform the public about disabling conditions, sponsor a concert or movie outing, give holiday parties, solicit advance gifts, lobby for legislation and monitor existing legislation, serve as therapy aides, rake leaves/mow lawns for persons who can't, babysit, make friendly phone calls, man exhibits, assist with stroke clubs, share hobbies, survey community buildings for accessibility, adapt clothing to meet special needs, help someone write a letter, serve as friendly visitors, type/file, drive clients to treatment, raise money through a variety of different special events, create wheelabout gardens, serve as receptionists, distribute literature on preventing disabilities, develop community access guides to barrier-free places, and pursue other activities as needed.



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



Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children & Adults of
Massachusetts, Inc., 37 Harvard Street, Worcester MA
01608 Tel. (617) 757-2756

Field Offices:

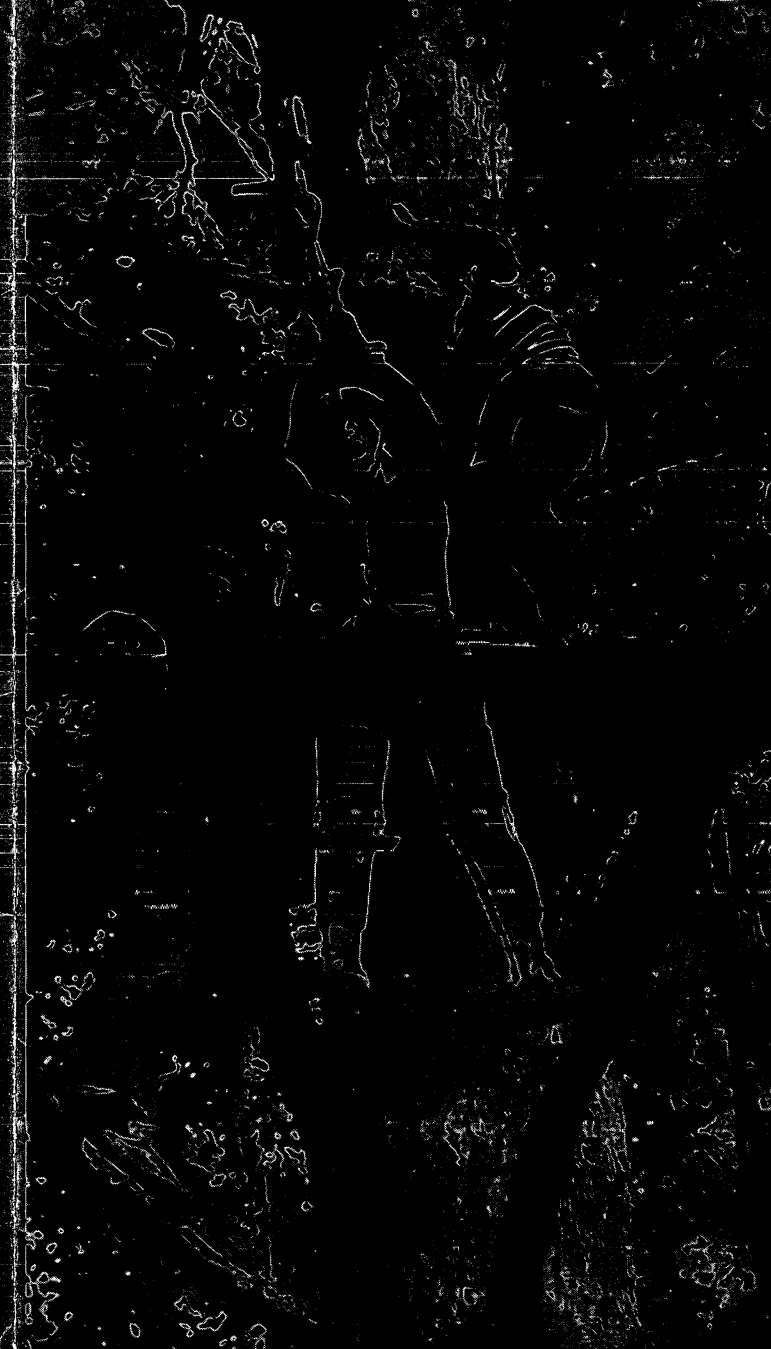
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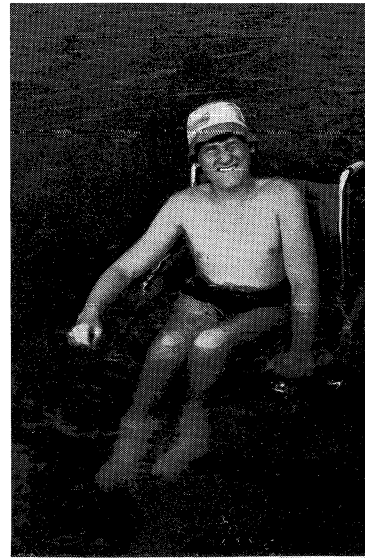
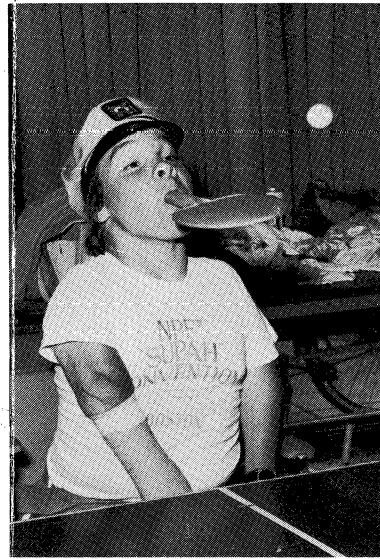


The Easter Seal Society of Massachusetts helps physically handicapped people of all ages enjoy the recreation and social development that camping provides. While the primary emphasis of the camping program is to meet the needs of severely disabled children for whom there are limited camping opportunities,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





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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

Nancy Foster
Field Representative
Boston Regional Office

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Comm. from Nancy Foster, Boston Regional Office of the Mass. Easter Seals Society Re: the selection of disabled children to attend the Easter Seals Camp for a period of two weeks this summer.

In City Council,

January 18, 1982

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