



Mission Statement

The Southampton Fresh Air Home is a not-for-profit residential camp for physically challenged youth. Our mission is to provide an enriching, recreational camping experience. We are committed to helping our campers develop physically, emotionally and educationally with the goal of fostering self-esteem, maturity and independence, through a broadly balanced program, while providing their families with a well-deserved respite.

The organization is dedicated to improving and expanding its programs and facilities as new opportunities, technology and financial support become available.



The butterfly is the symbol of the Home, chosen by our children.

Southampton Fresh Air Home

A Camp For  
Physically Challenged  
Children

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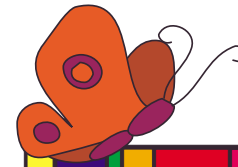
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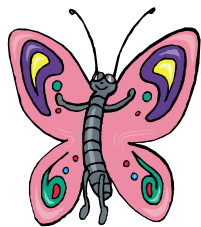
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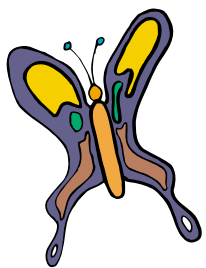
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# Southampton Fresh Air Home

The Home provides a unique vacation experience for physically challenged youth. Children between the ages of 8 and 16 participate in three-week or one-week sessions. The Home's unique, adapted programs are similar to those of other sleep-away camps: swimming, tennis, sailing, basketball, and hockey for sunny days, and arts and crafts, music, drama and games in the evenings and on rainy days. A professionally staffed, state-of-the-art computer center provides opportunities for web surfing, e-mailing, desktop publishing, graphic arts and use of traditional computer software programs. In our arts studio campers can explore traditional avenues of creativity, including drawing, painting and clay work.



The Fresh Air Home is one of the few residential camp facilities for physically challenged children in the eastern United States. It is barrier-free, with paved walks and ramps. Nestled in our pristine setting are swimming pools, tennis and basketball courts, and an activities building. Children live in fully equipped dorms with 24-hour staff. Registered nurses provide 24-hour medical coverage, and a doctor is on call at all times. Southampton Hospital is a five-minute drive from the Home.



The Home maintains a counselor-to-camper ratio of 1:2. Our counselors receive extensive on-site training, and most study and work with special needs children throughout the year. Waterfront personnel are fully certified, including CPR. The senior professional staff of the Home have worked with special needs children for years, and provide expert care for all children who come to the Home.

The Southampton Fresh Air Home provides an environment in which physically challenged children can socialize with one another and enjoy playing and competing in games and sports designed for them. Campers mature and develop in the Home's unique and supportive environment of love, understanding, and creative play. Many children who come to the Home enjoy their first experiences of leadership, competition and independence, experiences they carry with them throughout their lives.



During the camp season, parents and siblings of campers take advantage of time

together, away from the tasks associated with caring for a physically challenged child. They relax, go on vacation, and prepare for the next school year. There is an optional visitors' day each session, when campers can host their families and friends. Traditional mail and e-mail are favorite ways for campers to keep in touch with friends and family back home.



## Admission and Funding for the Southampton Fresh Air Home

The Home is a not-for-profit corporation, tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Many campers receive financial aid, and donations from individuals and foundations make this possible. No child is denied an opportunity to be a camper because of their inability to pay, or their race, creed, religion, national origin, sex or handicap. Whenever possible, children are visited in their schools in the winter months, to ensure that the Home is prepared for their special, individual needs.