



Information Sheet

Dear Camper Parent/Guardian:

Camp Happiness is a **one-week day camp experience** for people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities, to be offered at the Camp Kenan on Lake Ontario from June 22-26, 2009. This undertaking is collaborative effort of the Lockport Elks Lodge #41, the Lockport Family YMCA and Opportunities Unlimited of Niagara. Through a grant secured from the Elks National Foundation campers will participate free of charge.

We know how important it is to provide a quality camp experience for all participants and to continue to provide the care and support from the dedicated employees from Opportunities Unlimited of Niagara.

During the five days of camp, participants will experience activities such as hiking, basketball, fishing, music, campfire time and arts and crafts. Additionally, a swimming pool and Lake Ontario waterfront will enable campers to enjoy swimming, boating and other aquatic activities. Lunch, snacks, prizes, a camp t-shirt will be provided to all campers. Round-trip transportation between Opportunities Unlimited of Niagara's Lockport location and Camp Kenan will also be provided. A limited number of pick-ups/drop-offs from home are available to individuals who participate in the agency's recreation program on a first come-first served basis

Camp activities will be available and accessible to all participants, and campers will be divided into age and/or ability-appropriate groups. Programming will be conducted by specially-trained YMCA staff and experienced Opportunities Unlimited of Niagara employees. Elks Club and community volunteers will also be on hand to assist with camp operation and activities.

In order to provide for a successful week at camp, we need your help preparing the participants.

- Please remember that the temperature is consistently 10 degrees cooler at Camp Kenan than in Lockport. Please dress campers accordingly.
- Please do not send any walkmans, gameboys, electronics or other valuables. We cannot ensure their safety and they disagree with camp's philosophy of all being equal.
- Please label all belongings with the camper's name.
- Packing List:
 - Backpack or bag to carry belongings
 - Water bottle – this is essential
 - Sunscreen
 - Bug Spray (no aerosol cans please)
 - Swim Suit (one piece for girls)
 - Towel
 - Sneakers
 - Sweatshirt, raingear, hat, boots, or any other clothing appropriate for the day's weather
 - Complete change of clothes (just in case!)

We look forward to great week of fun, learning and excitement at Camp Kenan. If you would like to get a sneak peak of Camp Kenan, they are hosting an open house on Sunday, June 7 from 1-4 p.m. at 8571 Lower Lake Road, Barker.

Please return the attached registration and consent form by May 29 to: James Bronstein, Director of Vocational and Clinical Services at Opportunities Unlimited of Niagara 107 Heath Street, Lockport NY 14094. If you have any questions, please contact him at (716) 434-4050.