

## OUR FACILITIES

Located on 6.5 acres of beautiful Owasco Lake frontage, Camp Columbus is truly a gem! The Incline Lift System and supporting ramp and dock provide waterfront access to everyone, regardless of ability.

The upper campground is set 400 feet from the road and features a cafeteria, an Arts and Crafts building, two sports fields, and a playground with a fully accessible swing chair.

Music and Drama classes are held in the former Chapel, which has been renovated.

Campers' medical needs are met in the Nurse's Cottage. The bathroom facilities are large and accommodating.



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# CAMP COLUMBUS

*...building friendships,  
creating memories.*



**Summer Day Camp  
on Owasco Lake  
for Children and Adults with  
Developmental Disabilities**

*Owned and operated by*



## A RICH HISTORY

Camp Columbus was originated in the late 1930s by St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Auburn when four small lots on Owasco Lake were purchased. Volunteers cut the trees, cleared the land and erected three sleep units and a recreation hall to accommodate 36 youngsters. The site was officially named Camp Columbus and the three sleeping buildings were christened Nina, Pinta, and Santa Maria.

Gradually, additional property was obtained and buildings were added. The Camp became a summer tradition for over 600 boys and girls each summer from the 1940s through the 1960s.

In 1970, the property was purchased by the Cayuga County chapter of NYSARC, Inc., and for several years was run as an overnight camp for people with disabilities.

Today Camp Columbus is proudly owned and operated as a day camp by Seneca Cayuga ARC. While physical changes are obvious, one thing remains the same: *Camp Columbus is a summertime favorite!*

## OUR STAFF

Our highly-qualified and professionally-trained staff provide a safe and nurturing environment where campers experience fun and enriching activities. Each week-long session is staffed with a director, registered nurse, certified lifeguard and dedicated counselors.



*"My fondest childhood memories were made right here at Camp Columbus."*  
~ Mark Covich

## OUR CAMPERS

Children and adults (ages 5 and older) enjoy a variety of traditional summer activities. Campers are encouraged to participate in new and innovative programs.

All activities are adapted to the age and ability of each person in order to ensure maximum participation by all campers.



*"I love Camp Columbus! I get to meet lots of new friends and the staff are fun!"*

~Camper



## PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Waterfront swimming with a certified lifeguard
- ◆ Physical education: *Field sports, games, adaptive equipment*
- ◆ Story & Drama: *Skits and verbal skill development*
- ◆ Dance & Music: *Aerobics, Dancercise*
- ◆ Fishing
- ◆ Arts & Crafts



*"Thank you for working so hard to create a special experience for everyone. My son talks about Camp Columbus all year long."*

~ Parent

## OUR MISSION

Seneca Cayuga ARC is a not-for-profit agency comprised of people dedicated to assisting and supporting individuals with disabilities, their families and the community.

We provide opportunities and choices for treatment, employment, education, recreation and community living to assist individuals with disabilities in realizing a productive and fulfilling life.