

SILVER BAY YMCA

Foster and Adoptive Family Retreat



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The Foster and Adoptive Family Retreat is a program offered by Silver Bay YMCA to give families who are currently fostering or have recently adopted the opportunity to get to know each other and bond in a safe and friendly environment.

As part of Silver Bay YMCA's mission to have a positive impact on our community, Silver Bay is pleased to offer the Silver Bay YMCA Foster and Adoptive Family Retreat, which provides families who are currently fostering, are between placements, or who have adopted the opportunity to bond with each other and enjoy a local vacation in the Adirondacks.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:
Reservations at reservations@silverbay.org or 518-543-8415

THIS PROGRAM IS FUNDED BY GENEROUS DONORS WHO GIVE TO THE FUND FOR SILVER BAY

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ENJOY ALL SILVER BAY YMCA HAS TO OFFER!

Through the Foster and Adoptive Family Retreat, families can enjoy a stay at Silver Bay at no cost for up to one week anytime throughout the year. Spend quality time with your family, experience the natural beauty and calming effect of Silver Bay, and go home feeling refreshed, renewed and inspired!

Our programming changes with the seasons. In the spring you can enjoy the beauty of nature awakening at the Bay, in the fall you can enjoy a nice campfire and beautiful hikes, and in the winter you can enjoy sledding and snowshoeing on our open trails! Summer is our busiest season, with all kinds of activities available. Check out some of our activities below:

- Archery
- Beaches / Swimming*
- Canoes, Kayaks and Paddleboards*
- Campfires
- Craft Shop*
- Hiking Trails
- Ice Cream Store*
- Spiritual Life
- Tennis
- Sailing*
- Boat Tours*
- Nature Center *
- Children's Programs*
- Watercolor Classes*
- Disc Golf
- Fitness Center
- Library
- Pickleball
- Climbing Wall

*Summer only activities

ABOUT SILVER BAY

Silver Bay YMCA's 700 acre campus, located along one mile of Lake George shoreline in Silver Bay, NY, offers programs for all ages and is consistently ranked one of the top ten family reunion sites in the country. Founded in 1902, Silver Bay YMCA is also on the National Register of Historic Places and boasts several beautiful historic buildings including the Inn, built in 1899. Its new William Boyd Center features 22 modern, air-conditioned rooms, ample conference space, a spacious dining room, and more amenities, all with gorgeous views of Lake George and the surrounding mountains.



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POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Because Silver Bay YMCA's Foster and Adoptive Family Retreat is a 100% donor funded program, we have implemented the following policies and procedures in order to best serve those who are in greatest need of the rest and renewal provided by the Foster and Adoptive Family Retreat.

ELIGIBILITY

To participate in the Foster and Adoptive Family Retreat program, one must meet the following criteria:

- Families who have fostered a child full-time for 6 consecutive months in the past year.
- Families who have adopted domestically or internationally in the past 5 years.
- Families who have had consistent placements for the past 3 years or more and are currently between placements.

PARTICIPATION

1. To participate in the Foster and Adoptive Family Retreat, individuals must provide the following:
 - A completed Foster and Adoptive Family Retreat application.
 - A referral completed by a social worker or a credible organization dedicated to serving foster and adoptive families within a community.
2. All required documentation must be submitted to the Silver Bay YMCA Development Office at least 30 days before the preferred dates of stay.
3. Individuals approved to participate in the Foster and Adoptive Family Retreat may bring immediate family, defined as partners or spouses, parents and/or children.
4. Fostering families are eligible for one visit per foster placement. An application must be submitted for each visit.
5. Adopting families are eligible for one visit per adoption date of one or more children. An application must be submitted for each visit.

MODIFICATION POLICY

Silver Bay YMCA understands that participants may need to cancel or reschedule their reservation to stay at Silver Bay YMCA. The following cancellation policy applies for participants in Silver Bay YMCA's outreach programs.

1. Changes to the reservation must be done no less than 14 days prior to check-in date.
2. Silver Bay YMCA cannot guarantee any requested changes.
3. Any cancellation less than 14 days prior to check-in date will require a 3 month wait before rebooking.
4. Exceptions may apply to this policy in extraordinary circumstances.

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ACCOMMODATIONS AND RESERVATIONS

1. Once approved to participate in the Foster and Adoptive Family Retreat, participants are provided with a free stay at Silver Bay YMCA, which covers all reservation costs, meals served in the Dining Hall, and access to Silver Bay YMCA activities and programs available to guests.
2. Each visit may last from a minimum of 2 nights to a maximum of 6 nights.
3. Accommodations are based on availability and on a first-come, first-served basis. Silver Bay YMCA will assign accommodations for the participant's preferred dates of stay based on availability. Should no accommodations be available during the preferred dates, Silver Bay YMCA will work with the participant to find dates and accommodations that are agreeable to both parties.
4. Participants may book up to 6 months in advance. If a participant chooses not to book a reservation upon approval, their application will be valid for up to 6 months. A new application will be required to participate after 6 months of submitting the original application.
5. Participant will be responsible for any additional charges that are not covered by their reservation, including but not limited to: Silver Spirit tours, gift shop purchases, additional meals, craft shop purchases, and purchases made at The Store.
6. Stays through the Foster and Adoptive Family Retreat may not be used in conjunction with a conference or group stay.
7. Children of families who participate in the Foster and Adoptive Family Retreat during the summer are allowed to enroll in Silver Camp (for more information visit <https://silverbay.org/youth-teen/>) depending on availability. All program participants are eligible to use the Open Pathways financial assistance program for Silver Camp, but may be asked to pay a small fee.

OTHER POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1. Participants must arrange their own transportation to and from Silver Bay YMCA.
2. If the participant will be arriving early or late on the day of check-in, they must notify the front desk at 518-543-8833 ext. 219.
3. Outreach program stays are non-transferrable. There is no cash value and unused portions of the credit revert back to Silver Bay YMCA.
4. Participants must adhere to all Silver Bay YMCA policies and guidelines throughout their stay, a copy of which is available upon check-in. Failure to do so may result in termination of their stay. Other restrictions may apply. Terms and conditions may change with or without notice.



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FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE FAMILY RETREAT APPLICATION

Family Contact Information

Please provide the contact information for the family member responsible for communication with Silver Bay.

Title: _____ First Name: _____ M.I.: _____ Last Name: _____

Street Address/P.O. Box: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Age: _____

Name of the person who referred you to the Foster and Adoptive Family Retreat: _____

The referring individual is associated with the following organization: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Family Members

Please list all family members participating in the Foster and Adoptive Family Retreat. Per the terms and conditions of this program, approved participants may bring their immediate family. Single persons may bring one guest or immediate family member.

First Name	Last Name	Relationship	Age
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Please indicate your preferred dates. Preferred dates are not guaranteed.
Check in is 4:00 p.m., check out is 10:00 a.m.

Check In Date: _____ Check Out Date: _____

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Please complete the sections below as they apply to you. It is important for Silver Bay YMCA to know in advance how to accommodate our guests so that we can give you the best experience possible during your stay with us.

Please list the name of your agency and primary case manager:

Please check the box that best describes your family: ☐Fostering ☐Domestic Adoption ☐International Adoption ☐Between Placements

What was the official date of adoption or the prospective date of adoption (if applicable)?

Would you like your child(ren) to participate in Silver Camp during your stay (summer only)?

☐Yes ☐No

If yes, what are the names and ages of children who will be attending Silver Camp?

Do you or anyone in your family require any accessibility accommodations, such as walk/roll-in shower, ramp and elevator use, and/or assistance when walking longer distances?

☐Yes ☐No

If yes, please explain what you will require when staying with us:

Do you or anyone in your family have additional things that should be considered for you or anyone in your family when making your reservation? This can include certain accommodations for differently abled individuals, those with PTSD, individuals using oxygen tanks, or those with sleep disorders.

☐Yes ☐No

If yes, please explain what you will require when staying with us:

Do you or anyone in your family have any dietary restrictions? All food allergies and vegetarian/vegan preferences should be noted in this section.

☐Yes ☐No

If yes, please explain what you will require when staying with us:

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By signing below, you agree to the policies and procedures of this program and that you have provided Silver Bay YMCA with up to date and accurate information on your application.

Signature:_____ Date:_____

Application Process

Please mail or email your application to Silver Bay YMCA at reservations@silverbay.org or
Attn: Reservations - Silver Bay YMCA - 87 Silver Bay Road - Silver Bay, NY 12874

**If you have any questions about the application or the reservation process,
please contact the Reservations at 518-543-8415.**

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REFERRAL FORM FOR THE FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE FAMILY RETREAT

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This form is to be filled out by one of the following: social worker or a credible organization dedicated to serving foster and adoptive families within a community.

I, _____ recommend _____ to participate in the Silver Bay YMCA Foster Family Retreat Program.

Signed, _____ Title _____ Date: _____

Contact Information of referred individual

Name _____

Address _____

City _____, ST _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____ Phone _____

Organization _____