

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:
respite@silverbay.org or 518-543-8833 Ext.200

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

*Summer only activities

ABOUT SILVER BAY

Silver Bay YMCA's 700-acre campus, located along one mile of Lake George shoreline in Silver Bay, N.Y., 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 around campus, 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.

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. (See attached form.)
2. All required documentation must be submitted to Silver Bay YMCA to begin the reservation process.
3. Individuals approved to participate in the Foster and Adoptive Family Retreat Program may bring immediate family, defined as partners or spouses and/or children up to the age of 26 living within your household as their primary residence. Single people may bring one guest or immediate family member.
4. Fostering families are eligible for one visit per foster placement date of one or more children. 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.
6. Priority is given to families who have not stayed through the Foster and Adoptive Family Retreat in the past.

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. Silver Bay YMCA cannot guarantee any requested changes.
2. Changes to a reservation must be done no less than 14 days prior to the check-in date.
3. 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 Program, 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. This respite program books one reservation per month of the year.
3. Participants may book up to 6 months in advance of their requested arrival date.
4. Accommodation is based on availability and on a first-come, first-served basis. Summer months have limited availability. Silver Bay YMCA will assign accommodations for the participants' 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.
5. In the non-summer months, each visit may last a minimum of 2 nights to a maximum of 6 nights, any days of the week.
6. During the summer season, reservations can be booked for 2 to 4 nights only, Sunday through Thursday (departure day). Two weeks before your arrival, if the two days on either side of your stay in your booked room are available, you can request to add 1 to 2 nights for a discounted rate.
7. Please provide up to 3 preferred date options.
8. Participants 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.
9. Stays with the Foster and Adoptive Family Retreat Program may not be used in conjunction with a conference or group stay.
10. Check-in begins at 4:00pm. Check-out is by 10:00am.

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, we ask that they notify the front desk at 518-543-8833 ext. 219.
3. Outreach program stays are non-transferable. Unused portions of the stay may not be redeemed at another time. There is no cash value.
4. Participants must adhere to all Silver Bay YMCA policies and guidelines throughout their stay. Failure to do so may result in the termination of their stay.
5. 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.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Family Members - Please list all guests joining the applicant during the stay.

First & Last Name/Relationship/Age

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RESERVATION DATES – Please indicate your preferred dates. Preferred dates are not guaranteed. Check in begins at 4:00 p.m., check out is by 10:00 a.m.

Choice 1: Arrival: _____ **Departure:** _____

Choice 2: Arrival: _____ Departure: _____

Choice 3: Arrival: Departure:

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Please complete the sections below as they apply to your family. 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

What was the official date of adoption, foster placement, or the prospective date of adoption?

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

No Yes (Please explain what you will require when staying with us.)

Do you or anyone in your family have additional needs that should be considered when making your reservation? This can include needed equipment such as a refrigerator or microwave and certain accommodations for differently abled individuals, those with PTSD, individuals using oxygen tanks, or those with sleep disorders.

No Yes (Please explain what you will require when staying with us.)

Will you need a pack-n-play, cot, separate beds for couples, or any other helpful items to consider? Can children share a double or queen bed?

No Yes (Please explain what you will require when staying with us.)

Will you be bringing an ADA certified service animal with you for your stay at Silver Bay?

No Yes

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Would you like to meet with staff from the Spiritual Life Department during your stay for Spiritual Direction or counseling? No Yes

Have you applied to this program in the past? No Yes

How did you hear about the respite program?

Please remember to include all required documentation with this completed application to begin the reservation process.

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 email or mail your application to respite@silverbay.org or
Silver Bay YMCA - Attn: Respite - 87 Silver Bay Road - Silver Bay, NY 12874

If you have any questions about the application or the reservation process, please contact
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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. Please have the professional send in this referral page.

I, _____ recommend _____
(print name) (print name)

and family to participate in the Silver Bay YMCA Foster and Adoptive Family Retreat Program.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Contact Information of the Professional Referring the Individual

Name\Title: _____

Organization: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

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