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## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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Dear Foster Parent,

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The Orange County Department of Social Services is pleased to again offer the exciting opportunity for foster children to attend summer camp for the Summer of 2017. OCDSS can pay the camper fee up to five hundred dollars (\$500) for a summer camp experience. You and your foster child can choose the summer camp. This letter and camp verification form (on reverse side) detail the camp enrollment process.

Please note the following exceptions regarding camperships:

*If a youth is in the process of being adopted, please consult with your caseworker regarding the anticipated time frame for finalization of the adoption. DSS camperships may not be paid once an adoption is finalized.*

*This camp program only provides funding for children in the custody of Orange County DSS. Orange County DSS cannot pay for a child who is in the custody of another county or state. Verify with your caseworker that the foster child is in the legal custody of Orange County, NY. This typically pertains to Therapeutic Foster families, where some maybe providing foster care to children from different counties.*

Foster parents are responsible for registering the child in camp by completing the camp enrollment packet; which typically includes a physical, immunization records and any other forms the camp needs. Once a child is registered at the camp of your choice, please complete the enclosed camp verification form with the camp staff. The camp representative signs the bottom of the form and the foster parent signs this form in the designated area. This verification form is considered a voucher in order for DSS to make payments to the camp.

The completed camp verification form (reverse side of this letter) is returned to Maureen Dinkelmeyer to process for payment:

Orange County DSS c/o Maureen Dinkelmeyer (Fax#291-2985)  
23 Hatfield Lane  
Goshen, New York 10924

We wish you and your family an enjoyable summer and encourage you to take advantage of this campership opportunity for youth in your care!

Sincerely,

Debbie Pesola  
Senior Case Supervisor