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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 2023! 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:

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 DSS. This typically pertains to Therapeutic Foster families, where some maybe providing foster care to children from different counties.

DSS must pay the camp directly. DSS cannot reimburse foster parents for camp fees.

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 after an adoption is finalized.

Foster parents are responsible for registering the child in camp by completing the camp enrollment forms; which typically includes a physical, immunization records and any other documents the camp needs. When registering the child with the camp, please complete the enclosed camp verification form with the camp staff. The foster parent signs in the middle of the form, a camp representative signs at the bottom. This verification form is considered a voucher and is needed for DSS to process payment to the camp.

Return the completed and signed camp verification form to Maureen Dinkelmeyer to process for payment:

Orange County DSS c/o Maureen Dinkelmeyer
PO Box Z
Goshen, New York 10924

Fax# (845) 291-2985

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