

Facts About . . .



**Rotary Clubs of Monroe County:** Thirteen Rotary Clubs in Monroe County are founders and operators of Camp Haccamo. Since 1956 they have supported campers with special needs. Volunteer Rotary members from each Rotary Club serve as representatives on the Board of Directors. The Executive Board, Operations, Development and Public Relations Committees meet throughout the year to plan for camp, manage Foundation finances and budgets, fundraise with events and donations, hire counselors, nurses, and support staff, and handle administrative functions. Camp Haccamo is located on the Sunshine Campus in Rush, Monroe County NY and runs independently from the campus owners. There is no cost to the campers or their families to attend Camp Haccamo.

**About Camp Haccamo:** Camp Haccamo is a camp for disabled individuals which is unique in Western New York for the level of service it provides.

- +ALL individuals with mental, emotional, and behavioral disabilities are supported by the Camp.
- +The camp provides a safe, fun-filled camping experience for children and young adults with special needs, provide respite for families, and gives staff personal and professional growth.
- +Camp Haccamo celebrated 67 years in 2023 serving the greater Rochester NY area.
- +The camp is a two-week residential, overnight summer camp with a ratio of one counselor per two campers. The first week is for children ages 7 – 17; the second week is for young adults ages 18 – 30.

**Why Camp Haccamo Matters:** The majority of campers do not have the 'normal' day-to-day experiences that most other individuals have, but when they arrive at camp, they know they are among their friends, and they know no one will look at them differently.

- +There is program staff that provides guidance for them to participate in a number of activities, including a climbing wall, zip line, boating, fishing, swimming, archery, and a playhouse.
- +There are no barriers to having fun for campers from the minute they arrive to the minute that they leave when they are already making plans to come back the next year.

**We Need Help !!!!** There are currently several officer vacancies on the Camp Haccamo Board including President -elect, Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer. In addition there are several directorships open. If you are interested in learning more about the Camp and its volunteer opportunities please contact: Brighton Rotarian Chuck Turner, 585-703-9174, or [chamarturner@rochester.rr.com](mailto:chamarturner@rochester.rr.com).