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- ✓ PLAYING OUTDOORS
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SUMMER FUN CHECKLIST

Is your child ready for summer?

Every year, nearly 7,000 New York City children have an opportunity to experience The Fresh Air Fund's safe, free and fun summer sleepaway programs.

Visit www.freshair.org or call 800.367.0003 to learn more.

the *Fresh Air* fund
serving children since 1877

THE FRESH AIR FUND has unlocked the limitless potential of more than 1.8 million New York City children from low-income communities since 1877. Each year, nearly 7,000 New York City children enjoy outdoor summer experiences through visits with volunteer host families along the East Coast and Southern Canada and at The Fund's five overnight camps in Fishkill, NY. Fresh Air children also participate in year-round leadership and educational programs. All programs are **FREE** for eligible children.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR A FREE, SAFE & FUN SUMMER SLEEPAWAY PROGRAM!

FRESH AIR CAMP: The Fresh Air Fund's five sleepaway camps are located on The Fund's over 2,000-acre Sharpe Reservation in Fishkill, NY. With nature trails, lakes and streams, a high and low ropes course, model farm and planetarium, Sharpe Reservation is just a two-hour bus ride from New York City. Each summer, 3,000 children participate in the following camping programs:

Camp Anita Bliss Coler (ABC): girls, ages 9 to 12

Camp Hayden-Marks Memorial: boys, ages 9 to 12

Camp Hidden Valley: girls and boys, ages 8 to 12, with and without special needs

Camp Tommy: boys, ages 12 to 15

Career Awareness Program (Camp Mariah): girls and boys in grades 7 to 9. Children apply for this year-round program while in 6th grade (children must be 11-12 years-old to apply), and make a three year commitment to participate in activities that will teach them about the relationship between education and career opportunities, and how to make positive choices that will impact their futures.

Camp Activities: Camp is a special and safe place for children to play, learn, and explore with new friends. Children experience exciting challenges and activities that teach new skills, develop independence, and are fun! Activities include camp favorites like swimming and nature hikes, as well as activities that focus on a STEAM curriculum and developing leadership skills.

Camp Staff: The day-to-day operations of each camp are managed by an experienced director, and children are supervised by counselors who are screened, interviewed and participate in a comprehensive orientation.

FRIENDLY TOWNS: Each summer, we receive nearly 4,000 invitations from host families along the East Coast and Southern Canada. Volunteer host families welcome children into their homes for one-to two-week visits and encourage them to experience new adventures like swimming, hiking, catching frogs, and simply having fun playing outside. Children need to be 7-12 years old to register for the first time. Many children return to visit the same family year after year.

Host Families: All host families complete a rigorous screening process including: a home visit and interview, background checks for every adult in the home, and reference checks.

TO APPLY: children need to: live in and go to school in one of NYC's five boroughs, be eligible for free or reduced lunch under the USDA income guidelines and meet the following age requirements:

New applicants for Camp: Girls: 8 - 12 years old; Boys: 8 - 15 years old

New applicants for Friendly Towns: Boys and girls: 7 - 12 years old

- ➡ Download an application from our website: <http://www.freshair.org/get-an-application>
- ➡ Visit our office from 10am–4pm, M – F at 633 Third Avenue, 14th Floor (btw. 40th & 41st Streets in Manhattan)
- ➡ Call 1-800-367-0003 to request an application by email or mail, or to find an agency partner close to you.