

# ACHIEVE 2025 Youth Summer Program

## General Information Sheet

WHEN?	WHERE?
July 7, 2025 – August 14, 2025 Monday – Thursday, 8:30am-2:15pm	Woodrow Wilson Elementary School 289 Prospect St. Binghamton, NY 13905

WHO DO I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?
Please send inquiries and all documents to: <a href="mailto:summerprogram@achieveny.org">summerprogram@achieveny.org</a>

<b>WEEK 1</b> July 7-10 \$150	<b>BLOWING OFF S.T.E.A.M. WEEK</b> The Blowing off S.T.E.A.M. session gives campers the opportunity to become scientists for the week and embark on a series of adventures like no other!
<b>WEEK 2</b> July 14-17 \$150	<b>TAKE IT OUTSIDE WEEK</b> The Take it Outside session will teach campers to respect and appreciate nature through fun adventures such as exploring, learning wilderness survival skills, creating environmentally friendly projects and more!
<b>WEEK 3</b> July 21-24 \$150	<b>PARTY IN THE USA WEEK</b> The Party in the USA session is the ultimate cross country road trip! Campers will get to take part in popular activities from around the USA and end the week with a local favorite: a trip to the Broome County Fair.
<b>WEEK 4</b> July 28-31 \$150	<b>WILD WEST WEEK</b> Yee-Haw! The Wild West session takes us back in time to the days of exploring the open range. Featuring hands-on, fun filled, activities that offer campers the chance to experience the American Frontier.
<b>WEEK 5</b> Aug 4-7 \$150	<b>SPIRIT WEEK</b> The Spirit Week session is the perfect opportunity for campers to engage in both collaborative and competitive activities and games. With a variety of events to choose from, campers will have the chance to showcase their skills and compete against their peers in a fun and supportive environment.
<b>WEEK 6</b> Aug 11-14 \$150	<b>TINSELTOWN TAKEOVER WEEK</b> The Tinseltown Takeover session will introduce campers to new ways to express themselves. Campers can explore the world of acting, performance, set design and back stage functions while preparing for the end of Summer Art Exhibit and Talent Showcase held on 08.14.25.



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### 2025 TUITION

3 WAYS TO PAY		
OPWDD MEDICAID WAIVER	SELF PAY	SCHOLARSHIP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For campers who are currently enrolled in OPWDD Medicaid Waiver Program.</li> <li>Tuition rate is billed to Medicaid as Waiver Respite.</li> <li>Waiver rate is set by OPWDD, not Achieve.</li> <li>No out-of-pocket expense.</li> <li>Contact your Care Manager, as they need to submit additional documentation.</li> <li>All 6 weeks: 576 hours/144 quarter hour units</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>\$150/week</b> or <b>\$800</b> for all 6 weeks.</li> <li>This option is available for campers that are not OPWDD eligible.</li> <li>Ask about payment plan options and Best Buddy (sibling) discounts.</li> <li>Applications completed and payment received by May 31, 2025 will receive a 10% discount.</li> <li>Accepted methods of payment: Visa, Mastercard, Personal Checks (<i>subject to a fee if returned</i>) Cash, &amp; Money Orders.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Families may qualify for tuition assistance.</li> <li>This option is available for campers that are not OPWDD eligible.</li> <li>Additional scholarship application required.</li> <li>Proof of income required.</li> <li>Income restrictions apply.</li> <li>Awarded on a first come, first served basis for those that qualify.</li> </ul>
<b>REGISTRATION PERIOD: MARCH 11- May 31, 2025!</b>		

**FLEXIBLE REGISTRATION OPTIONS:** Families have the option to sign their campers up for individual weeks! Registering for all 6 weeks is still an option as well.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Applications, tuition payment, and all required documentation must be submitted by **May 31, 2025**. \*If Physician's certificate is not obtained due to insurance restrictions, please submit all other documents, and provide a date when it will be available. Space is limited; enrollment will be on a "first come first serve" basis.

#### **BEST BUDDY PROGRAM**

Our Best Buddy program offers an ideal chance for youth siblings (6-12 years of age) to enroll and attend with eligible campers. **This unique experience allows campers to share the joy and adventure of camp with their best buddy**, promoting inclusivity, fostering stronger relationships, and creating cherished memories.

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### ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION

Program acceptance letters and additional program details will be e-mailed the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June 2025 to those that have submitted all necessary paperwork. **All documentation must be submitted prior to acceptance.**

**ALL TOWN OF UNION & CITY OF BINGHAMTON CAMPERS** will be required to complete the *CDBG Funded Public Service Program* form along with a signature and proof of income and residency regardless of whether the camper is applying for tuition assistance. This is for **demographic reporting purposes only**, and all information will be kept confidential.

### LUNCHES

**We may be able to offer free lunches** as in past years, however, we are not able to make that determination yet. **Parents/guardians should be prepared to have a packed lunch each day** for their camper. Notifications will be sent via email as soon as a determination has been made.

### TRANSPORTATION

Transportation may be provided by your home school district. **Pick up and drop off times will be determined later and communicated through the local school districts.** Achieve provides limited transportation to and from the program, depending on distance of camper home in relation to program location. If your school district does not provide transportation and Achieve is unable to transport, you will be responsible. **Please direct transportation questions to your home School District.**

### SUMMER WORK STUDY PROGRAM

The Summer Work Study Program offers campers (14-21 years of age) a unique opportunity to **work one hour each day**, learning valuable vocational skills they will need for future employment. This program works on skills such as following directions, teamwork, communication, responsibility, and much more, all while earning a paycheck! Space is limited. **Working papers are required for participants under 18.**

### INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PLAN (IEP) OR 504

For a camper to attend the Summer Program they must have a **current IEP or 504 plan**. Please have the IEP or 504 plan submitted via email. Campers graduating in 2024 are still eligible to attend the ACHIEVE Summer Program. *\*N/A for Best Buddy (siblings) campers.*

### PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE

Schedule an appointment with your camper's Doctor ASAP to get the Physician's Certificate filled out. **A completed form must be submitted before a camper can be accepted into the Summer Program.**

### COMMUNICATION

Parents can download the **Remind App** on their phone or tablet to get reminders from counselors as well as communicate directly with the Summer Program Leadership Team.

**\* PROGRAM WILL END AT 12:00 PM ON AUGUST 14, 2025. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY. \***