

ACHIEVE 2026 Youth Summer Program

General Information Sheet

WHEN?	WHERE?
July 6, 2026 – August 13, 2026 Monday – Thursday, 8:30am-2:15pm	Thomas Jefferson Elementary School 151 Helen St. Binghamton, NY 13905

WHO DO I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?
Please send inquiries and all documents to: summerprogram@achieveny.org

WEEK 1 July 6-9 \$150	FULL S.T.E.A.M. AHEAD WEEK	Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead launches campers into a journey of innovation and discovery, featuring exciting experiments, creative projects, and team challenges that put curiosity and imagination in the driver’s seat.
WEEK 2 July 13-16 \$150	MAY THE FOREST BE WITH YOU WEEK	May the Forest Be With You blends outdoor exploration with a fun Star Wars twist. Campers will train like eco-Jedi as they explore environments, complete nature-based challenges, and learn skills that promote environmental stewardship—discovering that the power of the forest is strong with them!
WEEK 3 July 20-23 \$150	ROOTIN’ TOOTIN’ RODEO WEEK	Grab your hats and boots—it’s Rootin’ Tootin’ Rodeo Week! Campers will giddy up for a week of lively rodeo-style games, boot-stompin’ fun, and western-themed activities. With friendly competition, teamwork, and plenty of frontier flair, this week is sure to be a real barn-burner!
WEEK 4 July 27-30 \$150	PASSPORT TO FUN WEEK	Passport to Fun is packed with adventure as campers explore new games, cultures, and activities designed to spark excitement and imagination, making every day feel like a new worldly destination. We'll wrap up the fun with a local favorite, a trip to the Broome County Fair.
WEEK 5 Aug 3-6 \$150	SPIRIT WEEK	Spirit Week is packed with high-energy games, team challenges, and fun theme days that build camp pride and excitement all week long. The session wraps up with an Olympic-style Color Wars competition, where campers represent their team colors in action-packed events full of teamwork, friendly competition, and big fun!
WEEK 6 Aug 10-13 \$150	ACHIEVE’S GOT TALENT WEEK	Lights, camera, action! ACHIEVE’s Got Talent celebrates creativity, confidence, and individuality as campers take center stage to showcase their unique talents. This session encourages campers to express themselves and shine in the spotlight. The week leads up to the End-of-Summer Art Exhibit and Talent Showcase on 08.13.26.



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3 WAYS TO PAY		
OPWDD MEDICAID WAIVER	SELF PAY	SCHOLARSHIP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For campers who are currently enrolled in OPWDD Medicaid Waiver Program. Tuition rate is billed to Medicaid as Waiver Respite. Waiver rate is set by OPWDD, not Achieve. No out-of-pocket expense. Contact your Care Manager, as they need to submit additional documentation. All 6 weeks: 576 hours/144 quarter hour units 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$150/week or \$800 for all 6 weeks. This option is available for campers that are not OPWDD eligible. Ask about payment plan options and Best Buddy (sibling) discounts. Applications completed and payment received by May 31, 2026 will receive a 10% discount. Accepted methods of payment: Visa, Mastercard, Personal Checks (<i>subject to a fee if returned</i>) Cash, & Money Orders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families may qualify for tuition assistance. This option is available for campers that are not OPWDD eligible. Additional scholarship application required. Proof of income required. Income restrictions apply. Awarded on a first come, first served basis for those that qualify.
REGISTRATION PERIOD: APRIL 1- May 31, 2026!		

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, 2026**. *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.

ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION

Program acceptance letters and additional program details will be **e-mailed the 1st week of June 2026** to those that have submitted all necessary paperwork. **All documentation must be submitted prior to acceptance.**



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ALL TOWN OF UNION & TOWN OF KIRKWOOD 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 13, 2026. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY. ***

