



Camp Felix Parent/Guardian Handbook

Hello and Welcome to Camp Felix!

In this handbook, you will find all the information you need to prepare your child for Camp Felix, including the following:

- Camp Felix mission & values, activities, schedule, food
- Facilities and Safety
- Bus pick up and drop off location information
- What to bring to camp and what not to bring to camp
- Camp Felix Code of Conduct, Camper attendance policy, Sick camper policy, and more!

For additional information, visit www.nyfoundling.org/what-we-do/our-programs/education/camp-felix or call 212-660-1321.

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CAMP FELIX MISSION AND VISION

Camp Felix's Mission is to provide a positive and enriching overnight camp experience for children in need. To that end, Camp Felix aims to be a supportive camp community that enables each child to feel a sense of belonging in the world and to begin to gain the tools necessary to reach their physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual potential. Camp Felix's Vision is that each child in need who attends Camp Felix will have a positive camp experience resulting in memories, achievements, and personal growth that will positively impact his or her life.



CAMP FELIX LOCATION

Camp Felix is located at a beautiful campsite at **Club Getaway in Kent, CT**. The site provides 300 acres of breathtaking landscapes, a pristine lake, sports fields, indoor and outdoor activity areas and dorm-style lodging facilities. With activities such as ziplining, archery, and an aerial ropes course, plus endless entertainment and healthy meals, this campsite truly has something for everyone.

CAMP ACTIVITIES & DAILY SCHEDULE

Each summer, a great deal of preparation goes into finding and scheduling the most interesting, exciting, educational, and valuable activities for our campers. Below is just a sample of the activities and programs offered at camp:

- Adventure games
- Arts & Crafts
- Archery
- Basketball
- Board games
- Boating
- Campfires
- Climbing Wall
- Cooking/Baking
- Dance
- Double-dutch
- Drama/Theater
- Football
- Fishing
- Kickball
- Music
- Nature activities
- Olympic Games
- Photography
- Poetry/Creative writing
- Ropes Course
- Scavenger Hunts
- Soccer
- Softball/baseball
- Swimming
- Talent Show
- Tennis
- Team-Building games
- Volleyball
- Yoga
- Zip Line

As you can see, Camp Felix days are jam packed with excitement! The daily schedule at Camp Felix generally follows this format:

7:15 AM	Wake up
8:00 AM	Morning Circle & Breakfast
9:00 AM	Cabin Cleanup
9:30 AM	First Activity
10:45 AM	Second Activity
12:00 PM	Lunch/Announcements/Cheers
1:00 PM	Rest Hour
2:00 PM	Third Activity: Electives
3:30 PM	Fourth Activity
4:30 PM	Afternoon Snack/Water Break
4:45 PM	Fifth Activity
5:45 PM	Cabin Cleanup/Ready for Dinner
6:00 PM	Dinner
7:30 PM	Evening Program
9:00 PM	Ready for Bed & Devotions
9:45 PM	Lights out



CAMPER ATTENDANCE POLICY

Camp Felix 2025 Sessions are as follows:

Session 1: July 28-August 1

Session 2: August 4th – August 8th

At the time of registration, campers can request **their preferred session (1 session only)**. All campers are assigned to their sessions based on availability (first come first serve basis). Camper families will be notified of their session assignment once their application is completed. Once sessions are confirmed, campers must arrive at the designated bus location on Monday morning at 8am on the day that the assigned session begins.

If the camper is no longer able to attend the assigned session, please notify Jane Feyder-Siegel by phone or text at **646-660-4849 as early as possible**. All efforts will be made to reschedule the camper, but this is based on availability and not guaranteed.

Campers who are do not show up for the bus and do not notify Jane Feyder-Siegel at all will forfeit registration for any future sessions.

CAMP FELIX MEAL SERVICE

Camp Felix aims to ensure that all campers receive nutritious and tasty meals during their time at camp. A total of 3 meals are served per day – breakfast, lunch and dinner. In addition, one snack is provided each day which consists of fruit, cookies, ice cream, Jell-O, pudding, or something similar. Camp Felix menus meet all nutritional requirements. Vegetarian, dairy-free, and gluten-free options are available at each meal and during snack time. Camp staff remains vigilant of those children who have food allergies to make sure that they do not come in contact with any allergy-inducing foods.

ELECTRONICS AND PHONE POLICY

Camp provides children a chance to live without electronic devices and daily social media. For security, safety, and a number of other reasons, **we do not permit cell phones**, iPads, tablets, computers, electronic games or similar devices. If these items are brought to camp, they will be stored in a secure place and returned to campers to take home at the conclusion of the session. *Camp Felix is not responsible for damage or loss of any electronics brought to camp.*

If you need to get in contact with your child during camp, please call the Camp Director's cell phone number (will be provided to parents prior to camp start). In order to prevent homesickness and fully engage campers in camp activities, we do not allow them to call home while in camp. Campers will be allowed to speak on the phone only in case of an emergency only. Camp staff will be sure to contact parents/guardians immediately if any issues arise with their child while at camp. Special circumstances will be taken into consideration and can be discussed further with the Camp Director.

SAFETY AT CAMP

Camp Felix maintains well-planned safety guidelines and emergency procedures which are reviewed and revised each year. A detailed safety plan is submitted to the Department of Health on an annual basis. A copy of this safety plan can be requested by contacting Camp Felix admin staff. All camp staff members are trained in these safety procedures and are regularly reminded that they are all "Injury Prevention Specialists" at camp. At the beginning of each session, all campers go through orientation to learn about all necessary safety

precautions and emergency procedures. The Camp Felix Director, all Aquatics Staff, Program Staff, and other select staff members at camp are certified in First Aid and responding to emergencies, as well as CPR.

CAMP FELIX CLEANLINESS AND MAINTENANCE

Camp Felix staff work very hard to ensure that the camp grounds, including all cabins, dining hall, showers, bathrooms, and pool, are in the best condition possible. The campsite operator ensures that the campsite is clean and well maintained. Regular inspections are conducted by the Department of Health to ensure that the camp grounds are safe, clean, and in good working order. During camp, there are a number of strategies that are employed to ensure that everything remains clean. For example, each morning, campers clean up their own cabin as they compete for the “Golden Dustpan” award. This helps campers learn essential cleaning and self-care skills that we hope they will employ at home too.

CAMPER BEHAVIOR

Camp Felix is committed to maintaining the physical and emotional safety and well-being of our campers as well as the community feeling of acceptance and understanding that pervades camp. The following behavior code of conduct is an important part of that commitment.

HEALTH & SAFETY OF CAMPERS AND STAFF

The safety and health of our campers and staff is our highest priority. Any action or activity that jeopardizes this concern will not be tolerated. Campers are expected to stay safe while having fun, always following directions of the Camp Felix staff. Shoes must be worn at all times. We encourage the use of hats and sunscreen for protection from the sun. If no hat or sunscreen is brought to camp, Camp Felix will provide it.

Campers may never leave/separate from their group unless supervised by a staff member. Campers are required to stay within the boundaries of the campsite (basketball courts to rock climbing wall) and may never leave the camp site unless they are being picked up by parent/guardian. If a parent/guardian wishes to pick up the camper from the camp site at any time, they must notify Jane Feyder-Siegel, Program Director, at 646-660-4849 in advance.

RESPECT FOR THE INDIVIDUAL

Campers must respect other campers and staff at all times. Being respectful includes recognizing the uniqueness of each person's individual needs, concerns, and moods. Teasing, bullying, cyber-bullying, harassing, or other emotional or physical abuse, pranks, ethnic, gender, or sexual discrimination, or sexual harassment is not tolerated at Camp Felix.

MEDICATIONS/DRUG/ALCOHOL/TOBACCO/WEAPONS

All medications must be held at the Nurse's Office. Camp Staff will collect prescribed medications from the parent/guardian when they drop off their campers at the bus location. These medications will be handled by the Camp Nurse only who will administer the medication as prescribed.

Use of illegal or legal drugs for non-medicinal purposes without a doctor's prescription is prohibited at Camp Felix. Campers are strictly prohibited from processing or drinking alcoholic beverages of any kind. The possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, vapes, weapons, and/or drugs is grounds for **immediate dismissal**.

CARE OF PROPERTY AND FACILITIES

Camper must respect other people's personal property as well as the Camp Felix facilities and any camp supplies/materials. The camp environment should be protected and kept clean at all times. Any destructive behavior must be immediately brought to the attention of Camp Felix staff. Any misconduct or purposeful destruction of Camp Felix property will result in the **offender's family absorbing the financial responsibility of repair and replacement.**

Camp should be a fun and enriching experience. Parents/guardians should review this Code of Conduct prior to the start of the program. Camp administration will review the Code of Conduct with the staff at staff training, and the staff will review the Code of Conduct with the campers on the first day of each camp session.

CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATION CONSEQUENCES

Should any of the above Code of Conduct policies be violated, the following steps will be taken:

1. First offense: A quiet, verbal reprimand and conversation with Camp Felix staff member and Director.
2. Second offense: A verbal warning will be given to the camper and a phone call and/or email will be sent to the parent/guardian.
3. Third offense: The camper will be dismissed from camp. Parent/guardian and case planner/supervisor (if applicable) will be notified to arrange for camper's transport back home. A discussion will be held regarding camper's ability to return to camp in future camp seasons.

If the offense is severe (including, but not limited to fighting, theft, vandalism, possession of weapons, alcohol, cigarettes/vapes, or illegal substances, inappropriate language, severe verbal threats, physical aggression, leaving the designated area without permission, bullying, or sexual misconduct), the camper will be ***IMMEDIATELY DISMISSED*** from the camp session and any other camp session he/she is registered to attend in the future, bypassing all the steps above. The actions taken will be at the discretion of the Camp Felix director.

MISSING HOME

Going away to camp can sometimes be a challenging event for children. We understand parent/guardian concerns and will work with you to ensure that your child has a positive experience. Our #1 strategy is very simple - PREVENTION. We find that keeping campers busy is the best anti-homesickness remedy. Sometimes, however, children still experience varying degrees of anxiety. We work hard to ensure that children can overcome these difficulties. Most of the time we are successful. If your child is not adjusting well, we will call you to report and discuss possible courses of action.

CAMP FELIX COVID-19 POLICIES

COVID-19 VACCINE

Camp Felix strongly recommends, although does not mandate, that all campers and staff get fully vaccinated for COVID-19 before coming to camp. Fully vaccinated against COVID-19 is defined as 14 days after completion of the 2nd shot.

MINIMIZING ILLNESS BEFORE CAMP

To minimize potential exposure to COVID-19 and other contagious viruses, we recommend that parents/guardians of all campers avoid exposure to people who might be sick and monitor their campers for symptoms of COVID-19 and other illness.

According to the CDC, COVID-19 symptoms range from mild to severe illness and may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. They include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Testing for COVID-19 is no longer required to attend Camp Felix. If needed, Camp Felix medical staff will administer COVID-19 tests to children who show symptoms while at camp.

SICK CAMPER POLICY

If child has a **fever, runny nose, cough, rash, red eyes**, or any other symptoms of illness, especially symptoms of COVID-19, please DO NOT send the child to camp!

If a camper is sick upon arrival at camp or becomes sick during camp and cannot stay a camp due to inability to participate in activities or being contagious (or testing positive for COVID-19), they will be sent home. Parent/guardian will be notified to pick up the camper at camp and bring them back home. If the parent/guardian is unable to pick up the camper at camp, an alternative plan will be discussed to get the camper home safely.

Child will be allowed to return to camp for subsequent weeks that they are registered for ONLY if child is 100% recovered (assuming COVID test is negative). A doctor's note might be required in cases of contagious illness, as well as proof of negative COVID test.

CAMPER MEDICATIONS

Many campers are prescribed medications that they must take while attending Camp Felix and our Camp Nurse will be able to accommodate this without a problem. However, it is essential that the following policies be followed when bringing medications to camp:

- 1) All medications needed during camp must be indicated on the camper's **Medical Evaluation Form** which is completed by the doctor during the camper application process. Camp Staff will follow this form when

taking medications to camp and when administering medications while the child is at camp. Camp Felix staff cannot take medications to camp that are NOT written on the camper's Medical Evaluation Form. Also, campers cannot come to camp WITHOUT the prescribed medications that their doctor has written on the form. So ALL medications brought to camp must match 100% with what is indicated by the doctor on the Medical Evaluation Form.

- 2) All medications prescribed by the doctor must be given to Camp Felix staff upon check-in at the bus location. Medications must be in their original **prescription container**, multiple medications should be in a Ziplock bag with child's name on it. Camp Staff will NOT accept medications if they are not in their original prescription bottle/package (i.e. pill boxes will not be accepted). Medications will be handled by Camp Felix staff ONLY and administered by the Camp Nurse as prescribed during camp.
- 3) Campers MAY NOT hold onto their own medications at camp and are not allowed to have any medications (prescription or over-the-counter) in their bag or cabin at camp.

TRANSPORTATION

Camp Felix provides bus transportation for all campers from NYC to the campsite on the first day of every session (Monday) and back to NYC on the last day of every session (Friday). Camper families have the option of 2 bus pick up/drop off locations which they select during the camper application process. All campers must arrive at the designated bus location **at 8:00am**.

- 1) **MANHATTAN BUS LOCATION:** 590 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10011 (6th Avenue between 16th and 17th street). Subway: Take the F, V, or L train to 14th street and 6th Ave.
- 2) **BRONX BUS LOCATION:** 501 Southern Blvd, Bronx, NY 10455 (between Union Ave and Prospect Ave, across from Ortiz Funeral Home). Subway: Take the 6 train to E 149th Street.

On Mondays, the buses will leave promptly at 9am and will not wait for late arrivals. Upon arrival at the bus location, the camper and parent/guardian will be asked to check in with Camp Felix staff. A Camp Felix staff member will collect the camper's belongings, including medications. A nurse will ensure that all appropriate **medications** have been brought to camp, as per the camper's medical form.

On Fridays, the buses will return back to NYC around 3:30pm (depending on traffic). Parents/guardians must arrive on time at the same location where they dropped off their campers on Monday and wait at this location until the bus arrives. Once children exit the bus, they will collect their belongings, get medications from Camp Felix staff, and will be dismissed to go home with their parent/guardian. The parent/guardian must sign out their camper on the sign-out form which will be held by Camp Felix staff. Camp Felix staff member will need to confirm the parent/guardian's identity by checking their ID, therefore all parents/guardians who are picking up campers on Friday afternoon must bring their identification. Camp Felix will only release campers to the parent/guardian indicated in the camper's application form. If other adults will be picking up the child, Camp Felix needs to be notified in writing via email at Jane.Feyder@nyfoundling.org.

SAFETY ON THE BUS

Campers must arrive at the designated bus location by 8am on Monday morning. Camp Staff will assist campers in boarding the bus safely and finding a seat on the bus. Each bus can seat a maximum of 56 passengers (this includes staff and campers). A Camp Felix Bus Captain (staff member) is the person in charge

on the bus. That bus captain will have the list of all passengers' names and will account for everyone as they board the bus. Bus Captain and other Camp Staff will supervise all campers on the bus and tend to their needs. All campers must remain seated in their seats with seat belts buckled for the duration of the bus ride. Campers may NEVER get off/leave the bus until the buses reaches the camp destination. It is expected that both staff and campers conduct themselves in a respectful manner on the bus – no loud screaming, no throwing anything, no fighting, no getting up/out of the seat. Campers must listen to the Camp Staff while on the bus and follow their instructions.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CAMP

Is My Child Ready for Camp?

Knowing when your child is ready for sleepaway camp isn't as simple as hitting a certain age. To help make that decision and make sure they will thrive at camp, here are some signs and developmental milestones that should be mastered by the time they go to camp:

- ✓ **THEY CAN TAKE CARE OF THEIR PERSONAL HYGIENE** (SHOWER, BRUSH TEETH, TOILETING/WIPING, DRESSING, ETC)
- ✓ **THEY DO WELL AT SLEEPOVERS OR WHEN SLEEPING AT OTHER PLACES AWAY FROM HOME**
- ✓ **THEY CAN SUCCESSFULLY PUT THEMSELVES TO BED AND USUALLY SLEEP THROUGH THE NIGHT**
- ✓ **THEY CAN HANDLE BEING IN NEW SITUATIONS/PLACES**
- ✓ **THEY KNOWS WHAT SLEEPAWAY CAMP MEANS** (SHARING A ROOM, NO PHONES, LIVING IN A WOODSY AREA, ETC)
- ✓ **THEY CAN FOLLOW RULES, LISTEN TO ADULTS, GET ALONG WITH A GROUP OF OTHER KIDS** (SIMILAR TO WHAT IS REQUIRED AT SCHOOL)

Discuss with Your Camper:

1. What are they hoping to experience at camp?
2. What activities do they want/not want to do at Camp?
3. Is the child ready to be as independent as the camp expects them to be (i.e. shower, get dressed, use toilet, eat, clean up, do hair)?
4. Is the camper prepared to follow rules, instructions, and code of conduct? Are they OK to be without technology/phone for a week?
5. Where are they in their identity journey and what will they need to feel affirmed at camp? Who can they turn to for help at camp?
6. How comfortable is the child with making new friends? What will they do if they're not getting along with someone at camp?
7. How comfortable are they with sleeping away from home? Have they done it before?
8. How are you, as the parent/guardian, feeling about the child being away for a week?

How To Help A Nervous Camper

At camp, the fun and happy feelings usually outweigh any sad feelings. Many kids tell us they "don't feel homesick at all," but there are some who struggle, especially if it's their first time away from home. Those kids seem to grow the most and feel the most pride in their accomplishment of staying

at camp. If you are feeling worried about how your child will do at camp, know that you are giving your child a precious gift by allowing them this special time where they get to grow their wings. Below are some suggestions on how to help prepare your camper (who might be a little nervous/anxious about going away) for the Camp Felix experience:

1. Focus on the fun! Get EXCITED! Tell your campers all the fun activities we will do at camp—swimming, boating, fishing, playing sports, dancing, singing, cooking, hiking, arts and crafts, campfires and s'mores, rock climbing, zip lining, and so much more!
2. Attend the Family Orientation, usually held in July, when we talk about what our camp looks like, what we do every day, and what the daily schedule will be like.
3. If you have a first time camper, or a camper who is nervous about camp, make sure you acknowledge that **missing home is normal**. Remind them that going to camp is good practice for when they're older, and a fun way to practice independence. For example, you can say: *"You may feel homesick, and that's okay. A lot of kids feel that way. That just means that you love us and you love home. I feel homesick when I'm on trips, too. Missing home is part of life. But I know you can still have fun at camp, even if you feel sad sometimes."*
4. Strategize some coping strategies when they may feel sad. Suggest the following:
 - a. Keeping a positive attitude and participating in camp activities will make the time go by faster, so remind them to try to do all activities even when feeling sad.
 - b. Talking to the counselor or Social Worker at camp always helps. You can say: *"There are adults at camp (counselors, directors) who are there to take care of you and help you with anything you need. They can help with things you normally come to me about. Let them know if you are feeling sad, and they can help you. They have lots of experience working with kids who are away from home for the first time."*
 - c. Writing a letter home describing what camp is like and how they are feeling.
 - d. Keeping a journal about camp – camp has all the supplies!
 - e. Keeping busy with friends – find someone who can be a good friend and spend time getting to know that person.
 - f. Keeping a calendar and marking off days to see how quickly camp is going is really helpful.
 - g. Remember – camp is only 5 days (Monday through Friday), it goes by super fast!
5. Remind your kids that challenges and discomfort in life leads to learning and succeeding. If you have a story from your own life of something that you had to work hard at or had to go through difficulties in order to master, this is a great time to share. Something along the lines of, *"Many good things in life aren't easy at first. Learning a new sport or trying something new is really hard. Sometimes you have to get out of your comfort zone to discover something you really love. If you never go through anything hard, you're going to miss out on some great experiences. The first few days of camp may be hard, and that's okay. I know you'll work through it and figure out what makes you feel better. I have confidence in you, and I am so proud of you for going to camp and trying this new adventure!"*
6. Have campers pack with you. Once they get to camp, they'll feel more comfortable if they know where their belongings are – for example, pajamas for the first night so they are not frantically searching through their entire bag.
7. Pick out photos with your camper that they can bring with them camp and hang up near their bed.
8. If they ask, tell them that there is not an option to call you or come home early. For some campers, the discomfort from the first few days of camp brings up their fight or flight instinct,

and all they want is to leave camp and get back to the comfort of home. If they you'll come get them, they won't even try to overcome their discomfort. If they know they're staying for the whole week, they'll start to develop their own coping mechanisms and they'll feel accomplished and proud of themselves by Friday! You can say something like: *"Even if you're a little homesick at camp, you're going to feel so much better about the experience if you stick it out and make the best of it. Most kids feel better after a couple of days of getting settled in and adjusted, and I know you'll feel great once you let yourself relax and just start enjoying all the fun things at camp. I'm not going to pick you up early, no matter what, because I know you will feel really proud of yourself for making it through camp, even if you have some hard days."*

Camp Letter Writing 101

The first letter or email comes to you, and it's full of "I want to come home" and "I'm homesick!"

Should I:

- (a) hop in the car drive to Camp Felix to rescue my child? or
- (b) take a deep breath and think about possible next steps?

Getting a sad letter from your kid or finding out they're homesick is never fun, but expect to receive something like this during your camper's time at camp. Realize that letters are usually written during quiet times when campers are feeling more reflective. Usually, they are perfectly happy long before the letter makes it to your mailbox/inbox. If you feel uneasy after hearing from your camper, you can contact the Camp Director (Damiel) at 347-541-2314 for an update on how your camper is doing.

The best way you can support your camper is to write a letter or email (can be sent to Daniel.Sampson@nyfoundling.org or Jane.Feyder@nyfoundling.org). Tell your kid that you want to be updated on everything, the sad moments but also the activities and new friends and adventures they're having.

Remember the WHY of Camp

As you deal with hearing about your child's discomfort at camp, it's important to remind yourself and your camper why you chose the camp experience in the first place! Sometimes homesickness is part of the growth process, but we can instill confidence in our campers by encouraging them through uncomfortable and challenging situations rather than completely removing them from all sources of discomfort.

You and your camper are not alone. Camp Felix is here to partner with you to help both you and your camper have the most positive and growth-filled camp experience possible. If you are worried about your camper **call Camp Director Daniel Sampson at 347-541-2314 or Jane Feyder-Siegel 646-660-4849.**

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

There is no laundry opportunity for campers so campers should bring enough clothing for five days. Please mark camper's name on each item. Camp Felix is not responsible for lost or damaged personal articles. Please leave valuables at home. Pack old stuff! There's lots of dust, grass, and sand at camp. New clothes/shoes will need a good wash when camp ends.

Suggested items to bring:

- Bedding: Pillow with pillowcase and sleeping bag (sheets are provided at camp)
- Clothing:
 - 5-7 t-shirts
 - 5 pairs of shorts
 - 2 or 3 sweatshirts or long sleeve shirts
 - 1 or 2 pairs of long pants
 - 1 or 2 pairs of pajamas
 - 5 days-worth of socks and underwear
 - 1 warm sweatshirt or light jacket (fleece or heavy sweater)
 - 2 bathing suits
- Footwear:
 - 1 pair of flip flops or rubber sandals for swimming, boating, etc
 - 1 pair of comfortable sneakers
- Other items:
 - Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, and other toiletries as needed (deodorant, lotion, etc)
 - Sun hat
 - Water bottle
 - 2 Towels
 - Sunscreen that has an SPF of 15 or higher
 - Bug spray
 - **Medication – MUST GIVE TO CAMP STAFF UPON ARRIVAL AT THE BUS (CAMPERS CANNOT KEEP MEDICATIONS IN THEIR LUGGAGE)**

WHAT NOT TO BRING TO CAMP

These items will be taken by camp Director if they are found. In most cases, they will be returned to the camper to take back home at the end of the session or given to the parent/guardian upon drop off. If any dangerous or illegal items are brought to camp, parent/guardian will be notified and appropriate action will be taken.

DO NOT BRING:

- Knife, ax or other dangerous item or weapon
- Fireworks
- Jewelry
- Food
- Chewing gum or candy
- Money
- Cell phone, iPad, speaker, music player of any kind

- Video games
- Any offensive materials
- Alcohol/Drugs/Tobacco/Vapes

AFTER CAMP ENDS

Saying Good-Bye

Our campers often refer to camp as a “family” and we do our best to make them feel “at home” while they’re at camp. Staff members serve as role models and mentors to the children. For this reason, children may often feel sad when saying good-bye to their Camp Felix family. Below are several suggestions for how campers can stay in touch during the school year:

- Write letters or emails to their friends. Addresses can be requested from Camp Felix admin staff.
- Write letters or emails to staff members with whom they may have bonded (their counselors or dance instructors, etc). All staff mail should be sent to (we will forward to the staff): Jane Feyder-Siegel at 590 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10011
- Attend the annual **Camp Felix Reunion** held every January! Invitations are sent out in December to all staff and campers.

Lost and Found

Each week, a significant amount of personal items is left behind at camp. All clothing items that are marked with the child’s name will be mailed to the child’s home or given to the parent during bus pick up. Clothing that is not marked will be sent to the New York Foundling office located at 590 Avenue of the Americas in Manhattan where it will remain with other lost-and-found items until October. Parents can call the office at 212-660-1321 to arrange pick up. On October 1st, all lost-and-found items will be discarded.

CAMP FELIX PRIDE

We are excited to offer an additional 1-week specialty camp called Camp Felix Pride! Camp Felix Pride is new summer sleepaway camp for LGBTQ+ youth and their allies, ages 10-16, that will offer a supportive camp community and enriching experience. This camp is located in the same location as Camp Felix in Kent, CT and will be held during the week of August 4-8, 2025. All applicants have the option to select this camp during the registration process and if you opted to attend this camp, additional information will be sent from the Felix Organization shortly. For more information about Camp Felix Pride, please contact Amanda Ricken Simonetta at 646-761-7159 or Amanda@thefelixorganization.org.