

FULL-INCLUSION PROGRAMS

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF ALL
BACKGROUNDS AND ABILITIES

Diversity

Tolerance

Respect

My name is Valerie and Agassiz Village Summer Camp changed my life!

In 1990, at the age of 9, I became the custody of the state. I was lucky enough to have been placed in a good foster home for the first 6 years. It was this foster mother who sent me to Agassiz Village Summer Camp and for that I am forever grateful.

My love for Agassiz Village was instant; it became a HUGE part of my childhood. It was my comfort zone and home away from home. It was a little piece of heaven and a safe haven for me and many other children like me. With acres of beautiful land, I was in an environment that allowed me to forget about the harsh reality back home. I was surrounded by positive people and opportunities for me and children like me to be happy and away from the worries of our daily lives.

I became a better person because of Agassiz Village!

Today, I live by the lessons learned at camp: be kind to others, never give up and be confident and aim for the best in yourself. I thrived at Agassiz because of the support I received at camp each summer.

I now have an 11 year old son named Christian. This summer, he attended AV for the first time, having heard about all my fond memories at camp. At Agassiz Christian felt he was in a different world, his favorite part was being around different types of people and personalities. It was here that he was able to be a part of the Talent show, something he always wanted to do in school, but was afraid. It was Agassiz that made him feel comfortable enough to actually do it.

Christian and I both agree, Agassiz is a magical place. Our bond is stronger because he has had the chance to experience Agassiz and understand a major part of my life.

Help keep the magic of Agassiz Village in all of us.

Our Programs

Traditional Overnight Camp (Ages 8-13):

Campers are introduced to an outdoor environment and begin accepting the concept of a welcoming, safe, inclusive community. Activities include instructional and recreational swimming, canoeing, hiking, sports, crafts, dance and camping.

Teen Leadership Program (Ages 14-15):

This two-week specialized program focuses on leadership skills development with a community service emphasis. Campers focus on leadership skills and topics as well as various community service projects. The goal of this program is to raise self-identity and develop specific leadership skills.

Staff-In-Training (SIT) Program (Ages 16-17):

This 4-week, invitation-only leadership training program teaches participants valuable life skills through extensive leadership training. These teens assist and lead in program areas and learn hands-on counselor skills by shadowing AV counselors and assisting with camper groups.



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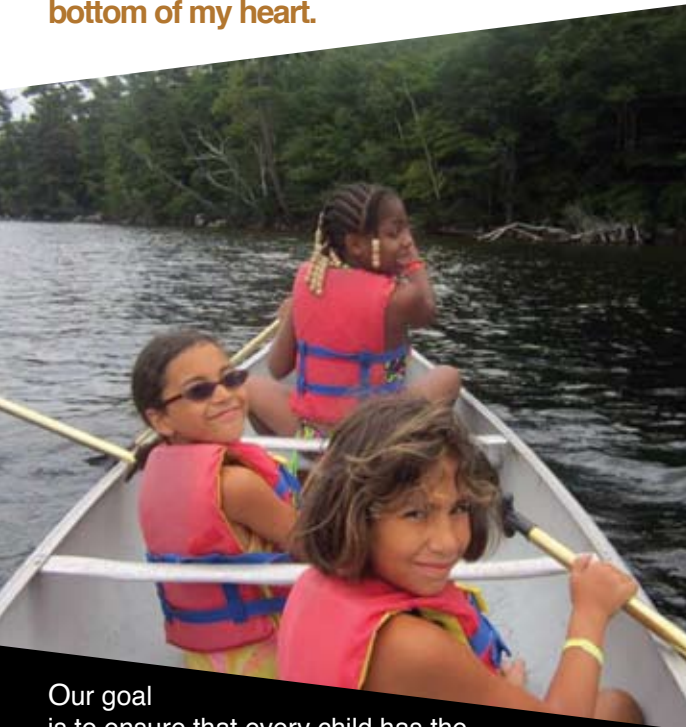
Amanda's Story

After I was placed in foster care, my daily routine got harder as I lived further away from school and my family. Then I went to Agassiz Village for the summer. At first, this felt as if I was being pushed elsewhere once again. However when I arrived I felt part of a family again, I have friends and counselors that helped me and did not treat me any different based on my circumstances

Knowing that after each school year no matter what happens I have Agassiz Village to fall on where I can have fun without having to worry about my situation is reassuring.

Without your help and generous donations, not just my life, but the many other campers would not get the privilege of experiencing Agassiz Village. Some fellow campers really do not have a family and genuinely rely of Agassiz Village for that love and support. Agassiz Village really is a magical place and without your donations we could not experience this.

For that I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart.



Our goal is to ensure that every child has the opportunity to attend overnight camp. 100% of our camper tuitions are subsidized through generous donations.

We also have funds available for additional partial or full camperships for families in need of further assistance to pay tuition for a session of camp.

Agassiz Village is a non-profit organization, which provides a residential outdoor summer camp for youth in the greater Boston area, as well as other parts of New England. Our camp is located in Poland, ME on a beautiful 400-acre lake-front property with a year-round office in Lexington, MA. Agassiz Village offers financial aid and full scholarships to families in need. We welcome campers with disabilities through a partnership with Easter Seals of MA.

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