If you are interested in supporting Southborough Youth and Family Services' Camp Scholarship program, you may do so through a donation to Friends of the Southborough Youth Commission.

## Options to Donate:

- Facebook Donate button
- PavPal
- Check made payable to Friends of the Southborough Youth Commission to Friends of SYC, 17 Common Street, Southborough, MA 01772.

## This winter, SYFS shared the following <u>update</u> on the Campership program:

# 2022 Camp Scholarships

Southborough Youth and Family Services welcomes qualifying residents to apply to this year's summer camp scholarship program. We have made some changes to the program this year, outlined below:

1. SYFS is narrowing our camp offerings to only those located in Southborough. Camp options for 2022 are outlined below with some caveats:

### Southborough Recreation

Southborough Rec camp had success offering a full day, affordable local option for families last year and we anticipate they will fill up all weeks quickly. Registration is on a first come first serve basis starting February 1st and they will have a waitlist to pull from should a child cancel their spot. This includes any registrations coming from our office.

#### Southborough Extended Day Program (SEDP)

At this time, it is unknown what SEDP will be offering for summer programming. Therefore, this option is dependent on their evolving plans. We ask that you let us know if you are interested in having your child attend this camp so that we are prepared to register him/her proactively. We will update applicants as soon as we learn anything new.

### Fay School Day Camp

Fay School Day Camp offers SYFS a limited number of free two-week sessions for camperships. In order to make the distribution of these weeks fair and equitable, there will be a lottery-style selection should interest exceed available slots. Again, this selection is not guaranteed.

- 2. Another change this year is the scholarship amounts we are offering. In years past, we have offered two free weeks of camp per child. Moving forward, scholarships will be a reduced rate that is calculated based on family size and income. Camp fees may be discounted 25%, 50%, 75% or 100%. Applicants will be asked to provide their 2020 federal tax return as well as any supporting documents showing receipt of any of the following public assistance programs:
  - SNAP benefits
  - Medicaid
  - Fuel assistance
  - SSDI or SSI
  - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF, formerly known as AFDC, Aid to Families with Dependent Children)

All copies of income verification documents will be returned to applicants or will be shredded.

We encourage families to apply for this year's program with the understanding that we do not yet have all the information on camp offerings for this year and the campership budget is not yet set as it is based on ongoing fundraising efforts. Thank you in advance for your understanding and flexibility as this program evolves. To apply for the camp scholarship program, please use [this link].

Please contact Christina McCarthy at cmccarthy@southboroughma.com or at 508 481 5676 ext.1 with application or program questions.