

# REACH

## Program Philosophy

The REACH program is dedicated to providing a summer camp experience in which campers with special needs can learn, grow and have fun in a safe and supportive environment with their peers. Campers improve communication, social and daily living skills in recreational environments.



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**Reach beyond your limits!**  
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Specialized inclusion program serving children with autism and other special needs.



## What is the REACH Program?

The REACH program is an exciting opportunity for campers with autism spectrum disorders and other special needs to experience HOFSTRA SPECIALTY CAMPS with typically developing peers.

The REACH program provides a safe and positive setting for campers with disabilities to be included in all camp activities and enjoy peer interactions, with supports and/or modifications, when necessary.

The REACH program provides a perfect setting for ongoing interventions during the summer break. Campers have ample opportunities to generalize and enhance social and daily living skills.



**Hofstra Summer Camps is located on the beautiful Hofstra University campus in Hempstead, New York.**

The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday. Sessions 1, 2 and 3 consist of two weeks of camp. Session 4 is for one week.

**Session 1: June 30-July 11** (closed July 4)

**Session 2: July 14-25**

**Session 3: July 28-August 8**

**Session 4: August 11-15**

For each session, your child chooses one specialty. Half the day consists of the camper's chosen specialty; for the remainder of the day, your child is placed in a recreational group of campers who eat lunch together on campus and participate in instructional swim and supervised recreational sports.



Campers entering second through fifth grade have their specialty in the morning. Campers entering sixth through ninth grade have their specialty in the afternoon.

All campers are evaluated on the first day of attendance and placed in appropriate specialty groups. Highly trained and caring coaches and teachers, through individual and group instruction, promote academic advancement, talent enrichment and skills training. All Hofstra Specialty Camps are coed.

Each recreation group has 8 to 10 campers (same grade and gender), accompanied by a trained recreation counselor and support staff, when necessary.

Support staff includes New York state-certified special education teachers, behavioral specialists, and graduate and undergraduate students trained in behavior modification strategies and techniques.

## Hofstra Specialty Camps

- ▶ Actors Workshop
- ▶ Adventure Education
- ▶ Athletic Development
- ▶ Baseball
- ▶ Basketball
- ▶ Cheerleading
- ▶ Computers
- ▶ Cub Camp (K-1)
- ▶ Dance
- ▶ Fine Arts
- ▶ Golf
- ▶ Hofstra's Gifted Camp
- ▶ Musical Theater
- ▶ Reading/Writing/Math
- ▶ Robotics
- ▶ Science
- ▶ Soccer
- ▶ Tennis
- ▶ Video Game Development

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