

# Freeport Community Services

## 2024 Carol Southall Summer Camp Scholarship Program Report

Collaboration is fundamental to the Camp Scholarship program at Freeport Community Services (FCS). The ability to provide numerous children with summer camp opportunities relies on a collective community effort. The Town of Freeport, Freeport Housing Trust (FHT), and the generous donations from our neighbors all work together to ensure that families in need have access to financial support for summer camp.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the partnership between FHT and FCS, aimed at offering summer camp experiences to children living in FHT properties. Since 2014, the FHT Board of Directors has made an annual donation of \$10,000 to the FCS Camp Scholarship fund, specifically to support families associated with FHT.

FCS collaborates closely with a range of summer camps. Letters and applications were distributed directly to past scholarship recipients and their families, promoting early application submissions. Families had the option to request a scholarship for any camp of their choice and specified on the FCS Camp Scholarship application the amount they could contribute towards the camp fee. Scholarships were awarded to cover the remaining balance, up to a maximum of \$550.

FCS awarded grants to 68 children, amounting to a total of \$28,405. The total value of all camp weeks that scholarship children attended (both scholarship weeks and those paid for by parents or other scholarships) was \$42,360.

Among the participants, 19 children residing in affordable housing properties primarily chose camps offered through RSU5 Community Programs.

This year, the total cost for scholarships to RSU5 Community Programs was \$10,833. Additionally, several children attended farm camps at Wolfe's Neck Center and one child attended camp through LL Bean Outdoor Discovery Programs.



### Partnership is Key

#### **RSU5 Community Programs**

administers a shared scholarship application with FCS. In 2024, 50% of scholarships awarded have been to children attending a camp through RSU5 Community Programs.

#### **L.L.Bean**

reserved 6 scholarship spots for Kids Camp/Teen Adventure week. FCS is responsible for 50% of tuition and L.L.Bean covers the other 50%.

#### **Wolfe's Neck Center**

reserved 16 scholarship spots for various farm camps.

#### **Seeds of Independence**

collaborates with RSU5 school staff and families to help them apply for FCS scholarships. In addition, Seeds offers scholarships to cover summer camp expenses and provides transportation for some award recipients.

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Affordable Housing Properties	# of Families	# of Children
Village View	3	5
Varney Square	4	9
Bow Street Apartments	1	1
Maplewood Terrace	0	0
Wardtown Park	2	3
Wildewood	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11 families</b>	<b>19 children</b>



Organizations	# of Children
RSU5 Community Programs	30
Wolfe's Neck Center	14
L.L.Bean Discovery Programs	6
Other	18
<b>FCS Summer Camp Scholarships Awarded</b>	<b>68</b>

## Participating Camps

Brunswick Parks & Rec Dance Camp  
Camp Jordan  
Camp Seaside  
Chop Point  
Falcon Baseball  
Falcon Basketball  
Falcon Field Hockey  
Falcon Football  
Falcon Lacrosse  
Falcon Soccer  
Falcon Track

Gee's Drama and Dance  
Girls Rule  
Gray's Equestrian Horse Camp  
Junior Chef Camp  
Ketcha Outdoors  
LL Bean Outdoor Discovery Programs  
Maine Nature Art  
Maine Summer Art Camp  
North Yarmouth Academy Camps  
Olympic Fever Camp

Revolution Field Hockey  
Rite of Passage Sailing  
Sewing  
Slovenski Camps  
Summer Drama  
Teen Treks  
Through The Trees  
Top Rockers Hip Hop Dance Crew  
UMaine Hunter Safety  
Wolfe's Neck Center Farm Camp  
YMCA