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## Capital campaign underway for Camp Jotoni in Warren

Arc of Somerset County plans to make building, grounds improvements to the special needs camp

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**MANVILLE** — The Arc of Somerset County has launched a capital campaign for its special needs camp located on Old Stirling Road in Warren.

Camp Jotoni is a 15-acre day and residential camp for children and adults with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities.

Since 1976, children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities have enjoyed spending part of their summer at Camp Jotoni.

Over the years, many new programs have been added to the camp, including residential weeks, community outings, overnight trips off camp grounds, and most recently, respite weekends during the spring and fall.

In addition, The Rutgers Master Gardeners of Somerset and Hunterdon Counties have adopted the camp, creating an interactive and accessible nature program for campers.

These programs are available to the more than 200 campers who spend one week or more at Camp Jotoni participating in summer-related activities, getting reacquainted with old friends, and just having a good time.

Over the past few years, the camp has started to see some wear. In 2012, Hurricane Sandy destroyed dozens of trees, bushes and shrubbery on the camp grounds, along with some permanent damage to some of the camp buildings.

"The 2014 Camp season begins phase one of the Camp Jotoni Capital Campaign. Donors who participate in this phase will receive recognition for their donation on the new Tree of Life display that will be located in the dining hall," said Lauren Panarella, executive director for the Arc of Somerset County.



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