

**Autism Pensacola, Inc.
Kids for Camp 2012
Teen Application Information**

What: An intensive educational opportunity for teens and young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) providing skills acquisition and positive behavior support from highly trained teachers and staff. Campers will work on their assessed individual needs in both classroom and community settings while having fun with friends.

Who: Teens and young adults with ASD (completed 6th grade through age 22) and their friends. Individuals from across the full spectrum of ASD are served by Kids for Camp.

When: June 25 – Aug 2, 2012, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Before and after care will be available for an extra fee from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Where: Washington High School, 6000 College Parkway, Pensacola, FL 32504.

How: Kids for Camp is made possible through a partnership of Autism Pensacola, Inc., Sacred Heart Autism Program, the Escambia County School District, the Santa Rosa County School District, University of West Florida, FSU CARD, Florida Inclusion Network, FDLRS/Westgate, and the generous people and businesses of the greater Pensacola area.

Cost: To provide a high-quality, individualized, summer learning opportunity for our campers, the actual cost of camp is \$2660 per camper. Our generous community donors have provided a discount for all Escambia and Santa Rosa County residents, resulting in a tuition rate of \$1520 per camper.

Local camp participants are invited to apply for additional financial aid on a **generous sliding fee scale** based on adjusted gross income and family size. Families are also encouraged to participate in our annual Friends and Family Campaign for individual fundraising.

A limited number of participants from outside our two-county area may be accepted into camp, but the full cost of camp plus a surcharge will apply.

Assessments: All campers accepted into Kids for Camp will be scheduled for a mini skills assessment during the spring. Parents are responsible for making sure their child attends their scheduled session. Parents will be provided with a summary of the completed assessment.

Application Process:

The Kids for Camp application period runs from **January 17 – February 21, 2012**. Applications received after February 21 will be considered late and must be accompanied by appropriate late fees. Instructions for submitting applications can be found on page 8 of this document.

****All applications must be complete. Applications submitted without all required paperwork will not be considered for acceptance. ****

You will be notified of your child's acceptance status and possible financial aid by March 15, 2012. Additional information will be requested at that time for those accepted into camp. Camp tuition payments will be due on May 15th and June 15th. **Camp tuition must be paid in full prior to the start of camp.**

Volunteer Requirements:

As a condition for acceptance into camp, all parents/guardians must understand that they are *required* to complete a minimum of 10 hours volunteer work for Autism Pensacola and/or Kids for Camp. There are many volunteer opportunities available with Autism Pensacola throughout the year and, of course, during camp. Camp parents must do their part to make camp happen.

Parents filling volunteer positions with API that require exceptional amounts of time and commitment are rewarded with guaranteed acceptance into Kids for Camp for their camper and, in some cases, financial aid. Parents wishing to fill one of these leadership positions will be evaluated by API staff regarding their qualifications for the job. More information on these positions, including job descriptions, is available on request.

Upon acceptance into camp, you will receive with your enrollment paperwork a volunteer sign-up form with a list of volunteer needs. For those whose daytime hours are limited due to work and/or other children/commitments, there are some activities that can be done from home. We will also welcome relatives and friends to volunteer on your camper's behalf. Remember – volunteerism is *required* of all camp families. If it is impossible for you to fulfill your volunteer requirement, you may choose to donate \$100 to API in lieu of volunteering.

Please sign below to indicate your understanding of volunteer requirements:

Name: _____ Date: _____

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Date: _____ Pymnt: _____ Amt: _____ Mbrshp: _____

Application Checklist:

Please check each item on this list as it is completed to ensure that your application for Kids for Camp is complete before you submit it. Incomplete applications will not be considered for acceptance.

Current paid membership in Autism Pensacola is required to apply for camp.

Membership dues can be paid online through our website, www.autismpensacola.org, or submitted by check with a printed membership form (also available on our website). Applications received from non-members (or past-due members) will not be considered for acceptance.

Entire application is completed neatly.

Be sure you answer all questions to the best of your ability; explain any questions you don't think relate to your child. Be sure you have signed the volunteer agreement on page 2.

Nonrefundable \$25 application fee is enclosed.*

Or paid online at www.autismpensacola.org. If paid online, please enclose a copy of your receipt as verification. *\$35 if applying after February 21, 2012.

Verification of ASD diagnosis is enclosed. (written in IEP is acceptable)

Your child's IEP or similar document is enclosed.

You must submit your current IEP **NOW**. If you receive a new IEP before camp begins, you must also submit the new version when you receive it. If your child does not have an IEP or IFSP (homeschoolers, private schoolers, etc.), please submit similar documentation showing what skills your child is targeting in school. Applications submitted without this documentation will be considered incomplete.

Financial aid documents are enclosed.

If you wish to be considered for financial aid, please see page 9 of this document for required financial documents and include them with this application. This process will be kept confidential.

Your signature is provided in section 2 indicating permission to speak to your child's teacher, if necessary, to determine appropriate placement at camp. A different school person WHO KNOWS YOUR CHILD WELL may be substituted, if you prefer.

Your child's name is on the top of every page of this application and on your financial information.

You may explain any missing documents on the back of this page. Remember, ALL requested documentation is required.

I have completed all of the above steps and verified that my child's application for Kids for Camp is complete.

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

**2012 Kids for Camp Summer Learning Lab
Teen Application Form**
(please print clearly)

If your child will complete 6th grade (one year of middle school) or higher by the end of the 2011-2012 school year, please complete this form.

1. General information

Child's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age on June 1, 2012 _____ Gender: M F

Diagnosis: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____ Best time to call if we have questions: _____

What is your child's Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) status?

- My child is on the APD waiting list.
- My child is receiving APD services.
- I have not applied for APD services.
- What is the APD waiting list?

2. Student Information

Child's school _____ Grade/Level _____

Type of Classroom: (Autism Unit, Varying Exceptionalities Class, General Education, Level of Inclusion, etc.)

Teacher's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

My signature below indicates permission for Kids for Camp staff to contact my child's teacher regarding appropriate placement in camp.

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

YT JTP

Teen's Name: _____

Type of therapies, provider, frequency, and location of services (attached page if needed):

Self care Issues / Needs / Concerns:

3. Optional Programs (Please check all that apply)

Extended care will be provided Monday through Thursday during camp. A weekly fee will be assessed for this service. Morning care will be offered from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.; after care will be from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Parents desiring extended care for their child will be required to register and submit payment for this program prior to attending extended care.

- I am interested in learning more about extended care for my child.

Typical siblings and peers (age 5 – 12) are invited to participate in camp on our elementary campus as peer mentors during weeks 2 through 6. There is limited space available in this program and a weekly materials fee will apply. Pre-registration is required.

- Please check here if you have a typical child who would like to attend camp as a peer mentor. (Applications will be available at a later date.)

4. Language Information

What does your child love to do?

When your child wants something, what is the most common way that he communicates that to you? Please be very specific. For example, if he talks, quote the phrase he would commonly use. If he uses signs, describe the signs he uses and how much support he needs.

Do other people including his peers usually understand what he is asking for?

- Almost always Usually Sometimes Rarely

Can your child carry on a conversation about something that happened several days ago?

Does your child talk about a wide range of topics and use many details? Please explain

Describe your child's independence at home and in the community _____

What communication goals do you have for your child? _____

Please list anything else that we should know about your child. _____

5. Behavior and Social Information

Does your child have a behavior plan at school? _____ If yes, please include a copy.

Does your child take care of all of his personal hygiene needs independently? _____

If not, please explain _____

Is your child about as independent as his peers at home and in the community? _____

If not, please explain. _____

- 1 – Very Likely 2- Very Likely under specific circumstances 3 – Possibly**
- 4 – Probably Not 5 – Has Never happened before**

Rate the following using the scale above. Please explain your answer:

My child may run away from an adult _____

My child could hurt himself or others _____

My child may tantrum, ingest non-edibles, destroy property, etc. _____

What social issues does your child have difficulty with? _____

What are your goals for your child at camp? How can we assist you in meeting those goals?

What else would you like us to know regarding your child's communication, behavior, or academic skills? Use the back of this page if needed.

6. Job Experiences

What types of job experiences (if any) has your child had? These can be experiences from school, home, volunteer work, or paid jobs. _____

Submitting your Application:

The Kids for Camp application period runs from **January 17 – February 21, 2012**. Applications received after February 21 will be considered late and must be accompanied by appropriate late fees. To avoid late fees, all mailed applications must be postmarked no later than **February 17, 2012**. If you wish to hand deliver your application to the Autism Pensacola office, please call 434-7171 to schedule a time to do so. Please do not drop off your application in the office when no one is present to verify delivery. Hand delivered applications must be given to an employee of Autism Pensacola, not an ARC employee. It is your responsibility to be sure that you deliver your application to the appropriate personnel. **Scanned, emailed, or faxed applications will not be accepted.**

****All applications must be complete. Applications submitted without all required paperwork will not be considered for acceptance. ****

Please mail your completed application form, a copy of your child's IEP, verification of diagnosis, financial information (if desired), and a \$25 nonrefundable application fee* (check or money order) to:

**Autism Pensacola
Kids for Camp Application
P.O. Box 30213
Pensacola, FL 32503**

If you wish to pay with a credit card, please go to www.autismpensacola.org and submit payment through the camp page on our website.

If you cannot print this form, copies are available in the Autism Pensacola office at ARC Gateway.

For all other questions, please email:
camp@autismpensacola.org

*\$35 if applying after February 21, 2012.

Kids for Camp 2012 Financial Aid Application Form

Child's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Number of Family Members in Household: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Documentation of Financial Need (please check one and attach document to this form):

Preferred - Front page of most recent processed 1040 tax return (2010 or 2011) with Social Security Numbers blacked out. For both parents, if married, or from the parent that claims the child.

Proof of free/reduced lunch status (an official letter on school letterhead)

Unemployment notice

Documentation of financial need is required to apply for financial aid. In addition to the required documentation, you may also include a letter explaining special circumstances, if you like. Kids for Camp reserves the right to request further documentation, if necessary. This process will be kept completely confidential.

For office use only:

Rcvd: _____ Proc: _____ Qual: _____ Rcvd: _____