

## Doing “what works”...

Kids for Camp was created in 2003 by Mrs. Judy Burns. At that time she was looking for summer programs for both of her boys. While there were many options for her neuro-typical son, she found that nothing was available for her son with autism. So she took matters into her own hands, partnered with Autism Pensacola, Inc. (API), and created Kids for Camp.



In 2007, Kids for Camp expanded from being simply a summer camp to a summer learning lab. API began providing educators with training on best practices for teaching children with autism, and providing children on the spectrum with a high-quality educational program during the summer. Kids for Camp became nationally recognized that year as a program doing “what works” for children with autism.

Since then, Kids for Camp has continued to provide a high-quality program for individuals with autism, ages 3 through 22. To date, we have provided training to more than 100 educators in our two-county area and served more than 150 individuals on the autism spectrum.

Autism Pensacola began serving Escambia and Santa Rosa counties in Northwest Florida in 2002. This non-profit association of parents, professionals, and concerned community members is dedicated to building bridges throughout our area by supporting, advocating, educating, networking and providing hope for people affected by autism and related disorders of communication and behavior.



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For more information on Kids for Camp and all other services provided by Autism Pensacola, please visit our website at [www.autismpensacola.org](http://www.autismpensacola.org)



## A Summer Learning Lab for children, teens, and young adults on the autism spectrum.



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## What is Kids for Camp?

Kids for Camp is a six-week intensive learning lab for children, teens, and young adults on the autism spectrum. Learning targets are chosen for each camper based on his/her individual needs.

Our staff is selected from a pool of applicants each year that includes teachers and teacher's assistants from both Escambia and Santa Rosa counties, as well as students from the University of West Florida and other universities. Teachers at Kids for Camp are provided with training in techniques of Applied Behavior Analysis and Verbal Behavior as well as ways to incorporate these techniques into their classrooms. Board Certified Behavior Analysts are on staff and available at all times to provide guidance to our teaching staff.

To create this high-quality, structured summer program, Autism Pensacola partners with many agencies in our area including the Sacred Heart Autism Resource Center, Escambia County School District, Santa Rosa County School District, the University of West Florida, the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities, Florida Inclusion Network, and Family Network on Disabilities.

## Where is Kids for Camp?

Thanks to the generosity of our partner, Escambia County School District, Kids for Camp is housed in public school buildings in Pensacola.

## When is Kids for Camp?

Kids for Camp runs for six weeks during the summer, beginning in mid-June.



## How can your child participate?

The application period for Kids for Camp begins in mid-January. There is limited space available, so apply early! Applications will be available at [www.autismpensacola.org](http://www.autismpensacola.org) when the application period begins.

Membership in Autism Pensacola is required to apply for Kids for Camp. For information on how to join our organization, please visit [www.autismpensacola.org](http://www.autismpensacola.org).



## What does it cost to attend Kids for Camp?

The tuition rate for Kids for Camp is based on our cost to provide the program. Through the generosity of our community donors, families in our two-county area are provided with a discount off the full cost of tuition. In addition, local families are invited to apply for financial aid on a sliding fee scale based on household income and family size.

A limited number of campers from outside our area may be accepted into Kids for Camp; however, the full cost of tuition plus a surcharge will apply.

