

## Kids for Camp 2020

*Autism Pensacola's Kids for Camp is a data-driven program that uses Applied Behavior Analysis and other best-practice techniques to contribute to both the skill acquisition of the individuals with autism and the continuing education of the teachers, support staff, and college students who work with those with autism. Autism Pensacola is committed to continuously improving the camp experience, thus remaining a model of quality and integrity to the community.*

### The Basics

- Kids for Camp dates: June 28 through July 23
- Locations: Capstone Academy, Charity Chapel, and Marcus Pointe Baptist Church
- Camp serves those with an Autism Spectrum Disorder, ages 2-25.
- Our Program Sponsors
  - Studer Family Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart provided both training and leadership support
  - Capstone Adaptive Learning provided leadership and facilities
  - Charity Chapel and Marcus Pointe Baptist Church provided facilities

### Campus Classroom Makeup

- 5 campers at Capstone - Children with ASD, or red flags for a developmental delay (ages 2-5)
- 11 campers at Charity Chapel - Children with ASD (ages 5-12)
- 16 campers at Marcus Pointe Baptist Church - Teens and young adults with ASD (completed 6th grade through age 25)

### Campers by County

Santa Rosa – 6	Escambia – 26	Out of Area - 0
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**Budget** - Camp was able to operate in the black again this year - \$10,000 under projected expenses. Parents paid \$89,000 in tuition.

### Camp Financial Aid

- 1 Family – 25% financial aid support
- 5 families – 50% financial aid support
- 13 families – 75% financial aid support
- 13 families – requested no financial assistance

### Camp Staff Numbers

- 3 lead coaches
- 2 assistant coaches
- 3 campus coordinators
- 9 lead teachers
- 17 instructors

### Our Camp Staff work for the following employers throughout the year

- Capstone – 2
- Escambia County School District – 21
- Santa Rosa County School District – 3
- Other or College Student – 8

## End of Camp Satisfaction Survey Results

### Parents

- 72% of parents completed the Camp satisfaction survey
- Net Promoter Score – **91**
- How likely is it that you would recommend Kids for Camp to a friend or colleague?

91% Extremely Likely	9% Likely
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What parents are saying about their child’s experience at camp this year...

We were happy for our son to have fun with friends, have cooking experiences, and be excited for something this summer. I felt that he was as safe as possible with the current pandemic.

~Rebecca S. mother of Matthew (age 19)

Personally, my son doesn’t like too many activities and gets bored quickly. He enjoyed every single day of camp and loved everyone there. I can’t express how thankful I am to everyone there.

~Alisa A. mother of Wynn (age 11)

The way that you all cared for my child and helped him grow was wonderful. The teacher and everyone involved communicated very well with us about his progress. He had such a great time and loved all of the activities and crafts. So thankful we were able to get in this year.

~Karyn N. mother of Kamron (age 5)

### Kids for Camp Staff Members

- 68% of staff completed the satisfaction survey
- Net Promoter Score – **100**
- How likely will you use what you learned at camp in a classroom this fall?

61% Extremely Likely	0% Unlikely
22% Likely	17% Not Working in a Classroom This Fall

What staff members are saying about their camp experience this year....

The environment was amazing- the staff was very collaborative and easy to work with! Really felt like a team.

~Calysta I. – 1<sup>st</sup> year Instructor at Capstone Academy



This year with smaller numbers we were able to give campers more one on one attention and master more targets with campers. I felt like campers progressed in all areas during camp especially with communication, social skills, and independence in hand washing.

~Kristie T. - 3rd year Lead Teacher at Charity Chapel

This was my first year with high school aged campers and having a strong team to work with in the class was key for me. I really enjoyed working with them this summer.

~Jenicia L. - 6th year Instructor at Marcus Pointe Campus

### **Activities and Camp Information**

Autism Pensacola originally received 67 camp applications during the month of February 2020. In April, we had over 20 families contact our office to let us know that their family was not comfortable with their child attending camp this summer due to COVID-19 concerns. Surveys were emailed to the remaining applicant families to determine their comfort levels with their child attending camp. We received a 94% response rate from remaining applicant families who were still hopeful that their child could attend camp.

With such positive results, our leadership staff decided to move forward with camp planning. Due to the shut-down of the public school system at the time, we had to locate alternative locations to host camp. The weekend prior to the beginning of camp, there were an additional 11 families who decided not to participate due to a rise in COVID cases related to summer camps around the country. We are proud to say that even with the many challenges surrounding the pandemic, we had a successful, COVID-free summer camp!

Each year, camp staff provides instruction to campers in language acquisition, social skills, and functional skills throughout camp. While our goals of providing an ABA-based skill camp were still a priority, our focus shifted to providing campers with a clean, safe, and highly sanitized camp environment. This included integration back into a structured classroom environment with daily goals for campers to practice sanitation measures like proper handwashing, social distancing within a class setting, and toleration of mask-wearing.

#### **Charity Chapel and Capstone Campuses Natural Environment Activities**

Weekly Water Day Fun	Private Yoga Lessons For Each Class
Hands on Science Activities With Pensacola MESS Hall	Daily Arts & Crafts
Nonie’s Ark Animal Adventures	Sensory Craft Activities

#### **Washington Campus 2020 Natural Environment and Vocational Activities**

Daily Cooking Lessons for Campers 18+	Thank you cards - 50 cards decorated
Weekly Adaptive PE Sessions	Nonie’s Ark Animal Adventures
Two Kona Ice Visits	Sensory Craft Activities
Daily Arts & Craft	

