

Autism Pensacola, Inc.
Kids for Camp 2023
Holm Campus Application

Kids for Camp Mission and Purpose: Autism Pensacola's Kids for Camp is a data-driven program using best-practice techniques, *specifically Applied Behavior Analysis*, 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. API is committed to continuously improve the camp experience, thus remaining a model of quality and integrity to the community.

Who: Children ages 2 to 12 with an autism diagnosis (ages 4 & up) who are on the VB-MAPP, and their friends.

When: Dates for Full Camp are June 13 – July 20th

Camp hours: 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. No camp on Fridays or weekends. Camp is closed on July 3 & 4. Before and after care is available for an additional fee. Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Holm Elementary School, 6101 Lanier Drive, Pensacola, FL 32504.

How: Kids for Camp is made possible through community partnerships, along with the support of generous people and businesses in the greater Pensacola area.

Major Partners of Kids for Camp: The Autism Center of the Studer Family Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart, Escambia County Public Schools, and UWF Center for Applied Behavior Analysis.

Other community supporters: FSU-Center for Autism and Related Disabilities, Santa Rosa County School District

Cost: To provide a high-quality, individualized, summer learning opportunity for our campers, the ACTUAL cost of camp is **\$3,100** per camper. Through generous community donations, we are able to offer an additional discount for all Escambia, Santa Rosa County, and Baldwin county residents, resulting in a tuition rate of **\$2,300** 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 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.

Application Process Guidelines: Camper applications go through a multi-step process to determine whether our program can safely meet a child's needs. This process also helps us determine child's level of support needed to be successful. The application process steps:

1. Completed camper application received
2. Pre-camp mini skills assessment (required for all new applicants)
3. Follow up meeting with camp leadership staff

Following the assessment, if camp leadership staff determines our full-day program does not meet a child's needs, the program coordinator will set up a meeting with the family to discuss options.

By voluntarily submitting a camp application, parents are giving permission for the application to be reviewed by camp leadership staff to determine both acceptance and level of support needed. Pre-camp assessments are overseen by staff under the supervision of the Autism Center at Studer Family Children's Hospital Sacred Heart. Parents are responsible for making sure the child attends the appointment. Parents will be interviewed and teachers/therapists may be contacted for additional information, if necessary.

I understand the camp application process and agree to the assessment criteria:

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Contact Information for Child's Teacher: (This person may be contacted to provide input regarding appropriate placement in camp)

Child's school: _____ Grade/Level: _____

Teachers Name: _____ Phone: _____

If your child participates in any of the following, please complete the chart:

My child does not participate in therapy in the community or at school

Type of Therapy	At School (Yes/No)	In Community (Yes/No)	Community Provider's Agency or Name
ABA			
Speech/Language			
Occupational			
Counseling			
Other			

Name of Therapist(s): _____

Phone or Email Address: _____

Application Process:

The Kids for Camp application period runs from **February 1 through March 8, 2023**. Applications received after March 8th 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 no later than April 12, 2023, via email. At that time, you will receive enrollment paperwork. The required paperwork will be due by April 21, 2023. Camp tuition payments will be due on May 1st and June 5th. **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 understand that there is a **10-hour** minimum volunteer requirement to Autism Pensacola. Active participation in API events throughout the year, including volunteering, is a major factor considered during the Kids for Camp admissions process. Camp volunteers enable us to provide an outstanding program for all of our campers while keeping costs as affordable as possible for families.

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. Volunteers wishing to fill one of these leadership positions must apply with API staff and detail their qualifications for the job. More information, including volunteer job descriptions, is available on request.

Remember, volunteerism is required of all camp families. If parents are unable to volunteer, we welcome adult relatives and friends to volunteer on the camper's behalf. If it is impossible for a family to fulfill the minimum requirement, a fee of \$150 will be accepted. Penalties may be assessed for failure to fulfill the volunteer requirement and will reflect negatively during application period the following year.

Your response here indicates you understand and agree to the volunteer requirement of 10 hours per family.

- My family will fulfill the required 10 hours of volunteer time for Autism Pensacola
- I am unable to serve. Please bill me \$150 in lieu of volunteering.

Financial Aid Consideration:

Through generous community donations, we are able to offer a tuition discount for all Escambia and Santa Rosa County residents. Families are encouraged to seek outside funding to cover tuition costs. And opportunities for fundraising is available through Friends & Family. Additional financial aid may be offered through Autism Pensacola, but amount varies each year based on fundraising results.

If you would like to submit financial aid information, it **MUST** be submitted with application packet.

- I am interested in applying for financial aid.
- I will not be applying for further financial aid.

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(Please print clearly)

If your child of elementary school age, please complete this form.

Child's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age on June 13, 2023 _____ Gender: M F

Diagnosis: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Best: _____ Work: _____ Other: _____

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 am in the process of applying for APD.
- I have not applied for APD services.
- What is the APD waiting list?

Camp Dates: June 13 – July 20, Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Optional Programs: Please select the programs you are interested in learning more about.

- Extended care** will be provided Monday through Thursday during camp. A weekly fee of \$75.00 will be assessed for this service. Morning care will be offered from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.; after care will be from 2:45 – 4:00 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.
- Typical siblings and peers** (age 6 and completed Kindergarten through age 12) are invited to participate in camp as peer mentors. There is limited space available in this program, and a weekly materials fee of \$80.00 required to participate. Pre-registration is required.

Camper Information

Please include the information we will need to determine an appropriate placement for your child at camp. We will also contact new applicants to do a brief, informal assessment. You are always welcome to include any additional information along with this application.

What are your top three goals for your child at camp?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What are your child's strengths?

Communication Information:

Circle the one that best describes your child's communication.

- a. Speaks in full sentences and has conversations that sound the same as his peers
- b. Uses phrases and sentences but continued back and forth exchanges can be challenging (ex. answers questions but doesn't ask many questions of others, conversations seem "one-sided")
- c. Uses mainly one word or short phrases to request, answer, and/or comment
- d. Uses an alternative method of communication (augmentative device, sign language and gestures, picture exchange, etc.)
- e. Very limited communication skills

Please elaborate:

What would you like us to know about your child's communication or social skills?

Does your child have a behavior plan? _____ If yes, MUST BE included in with application packet.

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

Yes

No

If no, Please explain:

Concerning the safety of your child and those around him, please circle the number that best describes your child.

1. Has never happened 2. Happens occasionally 3. Happens monthly 4. Happens weekly

Please explain. Add another page if needed:

Aggression toward adults or other children	1	2	3	4	
Self-injurious behaviors	1	2	3	4	
Running/Eloping without regard for safety	1	2	3	4	
Running away within the classroom or building	1	2	3	4	
Property Destruction	1	2	3	4	
Other	1	2	3	4	

Please explain any missing documents from your child's application:

Submitting your Application:

The Kids for Camp application period runs from February 1 – March 8, 2023. Applications submitted after March 8th will be considered late and must be accompanied by appropriate late fee of \$20.00 in addition to the application fee.

Two ways to submit Application Form:

- Hand deliver your completed application to our office located at 10001 N. Davis Highway, Bldg. 1, Pensacola, FL 32514 between the hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- By mail – You may print off your completed application form and mail in with your child's other application documentation

ALL OTHER DOCUMENTATION – including a copy of your child's IEP, verification of diagnosis, financial information (if desired), and a **\$25 application fee for returning campers** and a **\$50 application fee for new campers** (application fees are non-refundable)* (check or money order), mail to:

Autism Pensacola
Kids for Camp
10001 N. Davis Hwy, Building 1
Pensacola, FL 32514

*If you wish to pay application fee with a credit card, please go to <http://autismpensacola.org/our-programs/kids-for-camp/>. Payments made by credit card must include a payment processing fee of 3.5%.

You will receive one email when all your information has been received confirming that the application was marked as complete.

Hand-delivered applications must be given to an employee of Autism Pensacola, not a University of West Florida employee.

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

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

*All applications received after March 8th must include a \$20 late fee in addition to the non-refundable application fee.

Please note: Do not email IEPs, therapist reports, or financial information.

Application Checklist:

Please make sure each item on this list is completed to ensure that your camp application will be accepted. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- Current paid membership in Autism Pensacola of \$50 or more annually.** Membership dues can be paid online through our website, www.autismpensacola.org, or submitted by check with a printed membership form (available in our office). If you are unsure of your membership status, email shanan@autismpensacola.org.
- Completed Application Form.** Be sure to answer all questions to the best of your ability.
- Non-refundable \$25 application fee for return campers or \$50 non-refundable application fee for new campers*.** You may pay by debit or credit card at <http://autismpensacola.org/our-programs/kids-for-camp/> and include the 3.5% payment processing fee for payments made by online. Payments may also be made in person or by mail with a check or money order. If paid online, please enclose a copy of your receipt as verification of payments. **Late applications must include a \$20 late fee.*
- Verification of ASD diagnosis – for new applicants only– included with application packet.** (Listed on IEP is acceptable.)
- Your child's IEP, IFSP, or similar document included with application packet.** Preferred: Your child's MOST RECENT IEP or current Behavior plan from their ABA therapist. Your child's application will not be complete unless we have a current (within the past year) IEP or similar document. If you receive a new IEP before camp begins, you may also submit the new version. If your child does not have an IEP or IFSP (homeschoolers, private schoolers, etc.), please submit similar CURRENT documentation that shows your child's current skills and areas of need (i.e. report from child's therapists – ST, OT, counselor)
- Financial aid documentation.** If you wish to be considered for financial aid, you MUST submit your financial aid packet with your camper application. To download the financial aid cover sheet, go to <http://autismpensacola.org/our-programs/kids-for-camp/>. Submit all required financial documents. This process will be kept confidential.

Please note: **All camp applications and required documents**, i.e. IEPs, therapist reports, or financial information, **MUST** be mailed or hand-delivered to our office located at 10001 N. Davis Hwy, Bldg. 1, Pensacola, FL 32514.

Please do not email any camp related documents to our staff as they will not be considered.