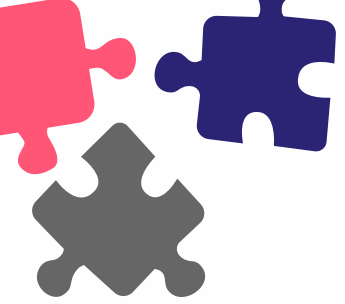




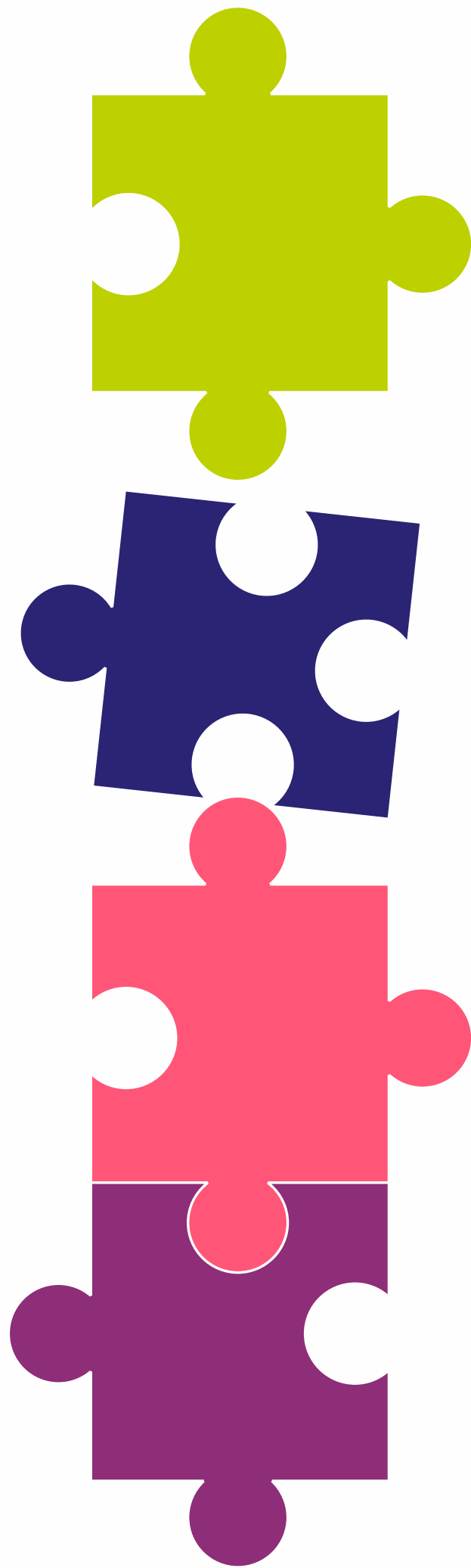
KIDS FOR CAMP
A Program of Autism Pensacola

Information Presentation 2023



Kids for Camp - Our Mission

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.





2023 Kids for Camp Important Dates

2023 Camp Dates

June 13 - July 20

- No camp on Fridays
- No camp on July 3 & 4

Application Period

February 1st - March 8th

- Pick-up Apps in Office
- Download Apps Online





The Essentials

Camp History

What is ABA?

Community Partnerships

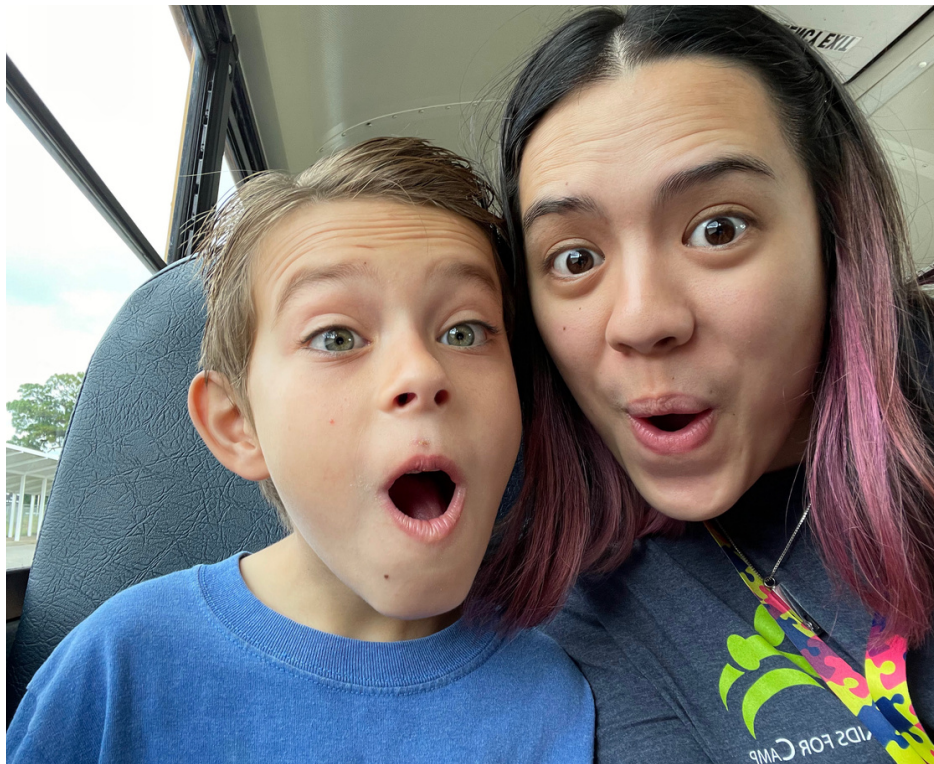
Camp Dates

Application Requirements



History & Purpose

- Camp began in 2003
- Kids for Camp became a Summer Learning Lab in 2007
- Campers work on their assessed individual needs in both classroom and community settings.





Applied Behavior Analysis - The Basics

- Understanding (and modifying) behavior in the context of environment is the basis for ABA therapies.
- ABA uses positive reinforcement in a way that can be measured in order to bring about meaningful behavior change.
- Verbal Behavior motivates a child, teen, or adult to learn language by connecting words with their purposes.



DATA = CAMP QUALITY

- To create a great camp where kids make progress, we need accurate assessments and good data.

Assessment Tools - VB-MAPP, AFLS, Social Skills Profile

Data Collection - Collecting data allows us to determine appropriate targets, as well as camper progress.

Camp Quality

- Training provided by the Autism Center at The Studer Family Children's Hospital at Ascension Sacred Heart
- Leadership staff members are professionals with a high level of ABA knowledge and experience working with our camp model

Lines of Authority

- API Executive Director
- Program Director
- Lead Coach
- Assistant Coach
- Campus Coordinators
- Lead Teacher
- Instructor



MAKING LEARNING FUN!





COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- The Autism Center of the Studer Family
Children's Hospital at Ascension Sacred Heart
- Escambia County Public Schools
- UWF Center for Applied Behavior Analysis
- FSU Center for Autism Related Disabilities

OTHER PARTNERS

- Frank Brown International Songwriters Festival
- United Way of Northwest Florida
- Generous people and businesses in the greater Pensacola area.

OUR PROGRAMS

Preschool & Elementary

- Holm Elementary School Campus
- Pre-K Ages 2 to 4; uses Early Start Denver Model programming
- Elementary ages 5 to 12; works primarily on communication & social skills, following the VB-MAPP



Middle & High School

- Young Teens – serves ages 12-15 - works heavily on social and daily living skills and early job skills.
- JTP Teens– serves ages 16-19 - works on social communication, job, and daily living skills.
- Community Life Skills Program – serves young adults through age - community-based programming



Application Process

Application Details

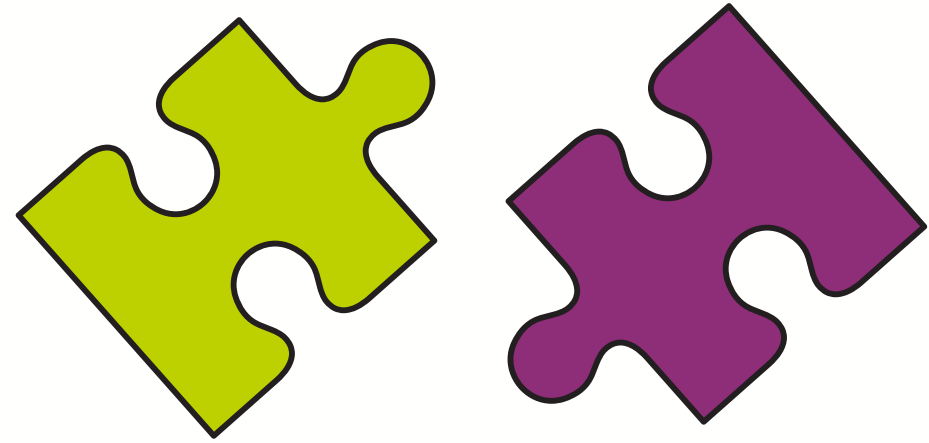
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Enrollment

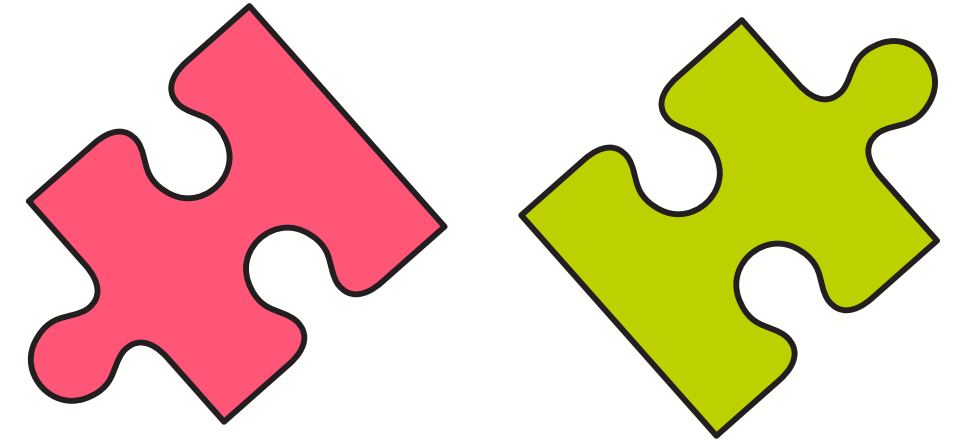
Financial Aid

Optional Programs





Kids for Camp Admissions Criteria



- Between Ages 2 to 25
- Must reside in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, or Walton counties in Florida or Baldwin County in Alabama.
- Verifiable autism diagnosis (Ages 4 & older)



- Current paid membership of \$50 or more annually
- Ability to pay tuition or qualify for financial aid
- Be an active API volunteer
- Support API fundraisers


HOW TO APPLY

Kids for Camp application period runs from Feb. 1 through March 8

- ALL requested paperwork is required - Applications submitted without required paperwork will be considered incomplete and will not be considered for acceptance.
- Holm Campus - Applicants ages 2 - 12
- Washington Campus - Applicants ages 13 - 25
- Download Applications online or pick up at API Office



SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

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- Application fee is due when application is submitted - \$25 for return campers, \$50 for new campers.
 - Application fees may be paid by mailing a check or by our online payment systems at: www.autismpensacola.org/donate
 - Completed applications must be mailed or hand delivered to the Autism Pensacola office located at:
[10001 N. Davis Highway, Building 1, Pensacola, FL 32514.](#)





A WORD ABOUT CAMP COSTS

- » To provide a high quality summer learning opportunity for our campers, the 2023 actual cost of camp is over \$3,100 per camper.
- » Our generous community donors have provided a discount for all applicants in Escambia, Santa Rosa, and Baldwin, AL counties, 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.
- » All families are required to pay a minimal materials fee that is not covered by financial aid.
- » The amount of financial aid varies each year based on fundraising results.



Qualifying for Financial Aid

Autism Pensacola has a very generous sliding fee scale based on family size and annual income.

Preferred Financial Documentation

- Most recent submitted tax return (2022 or 2021)
- Proof the camper is received SSDI benefits or cash assistance/SNAP benefits through the State of Florida

Applicant families may also include a letter explaining their special circumstances. They may also submit medical/therapy expenses for consideration. Kids for Camp reserves the right to request further documentation, if necessary.



OPTIONAL CAMP PROGRAMS

Typical Siblings & Friends

- Age 6 and completion of Kindergarten through age 11. (Holm Campus only)
- One-week commitment - \$80 Weekly

Teen Peers

- Ages 12 to 18
- Must complete application, attend 1 training
- Volunteer Credit given
- One-week commitment - no fee to participate

Extended Care

- Before and after care
- Drop Off at 8 AM, Pickup by 4 PM
- Fees due the Friday prior to each week



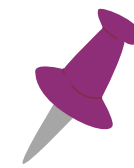
CAMP ACCEPTANCE - ENROLLMENT



Families will be notified about their acceptance into camp and will receive enrollment paperwork sent electronically no later than April 12th.



Enrollment paperwork must be completed and returned no later than April 21st. Failure to complete required enrollment forms by the deadline may result in forfeiture of your child's spot at camp.



Tuition must be paid in full prior to the first day of camp.



Tuition payments are due on May 1st and June 5th



Extended Care fees and typical siblings fees are due as noted on the individual applications.





Final Reminders

- Application deadline is March 8
- Download applications online or pick-up from API Office
- Submit all paperwork and payments by deadlines
- Begin earning volunteer time today. Contact our office for current opportunities.

Questions? Contact Program Director Shanan Chason by email:
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