

Washington Campus:  Teen  CLS (Young Adult)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Autism Pensacola, Inc. Kids for Camp 2024 Washington Campus-CLS Program 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:** Teens and young adults with ASD (completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade through age 25) and their friends. Individuals from across the full spectrum of ASD are served by Kids for Camp.

**When:** Dates for Full Camp are June 12 through July 17, 2024.

Camp hours: 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. No camp on Fridays. No Camp on July 4.

Extended Care is available for an additional fee of \$75 weekly. Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** Washington High School, 6000 College Pkwy., 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 School District, and the Center for Applied Behavior Analysis at The University of West Florida.

**Cost:** To provide a high-quality, individualized, summer learning opportunity for our campers, the ACTUAL cost of camp is **\$3,675** per camper. Through generous community donations, we are able to offer an additional discount for all Escambia and Santa Rosa County residents in Florida and Baldwin County, Alabama residents, resulting in a tuition rate of **\$2,500** per camper. (Rates will vary based on sessions chosen).

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.

Returning camp families who are committed to sending their child to Kids for Camp can begin making advance payments at the time of application submission with all required documentation.

**\*\*Please note that there is a limited number of camper spots on each campus and that all applications are reviewed in the order that they have been received. First consideration will be given to applicants by timestamp of Autism Pensacola receiving the application.**



**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, API program director 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 2 through March 6, 2024**. Applications received after March 6<sup>th</sup> 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 the required paperwork will not be considered for acceptance. \*\***

You will be notified of your child's acceptance status and possible financial aid on April 12, 2024. At that time, you will receive enrollment paperwork. The required paperwork will be due by April 22. Camp tuition payments will be due on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup>. **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 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 \$200 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 volunteer requirement of 10 hours for Autism Pensacola.

I am unable to serve. Please bill me \$200 in lieu of volunteering.

### **Financial Aid Consideration:**

Families are encouraged to seek outside funding to cover tuition costs.

Opportunities for fundraising are available through Friends & Family. Additional financial aid may be offered through Autism Pensacola, but the amount varies each year based on fundraising results.

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

I am interested in applying for financial aid.

I will not be applying for further financial aid.

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**Kids for Camp 2024**  
**Washington Campus/CLS Application Form**  
(Please print clearly)

If your child will complete 6<sup>th</sup> grade or higher by the end of the 2023-24 school year, please complete this form.

**General information**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age on June 15, 2024 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 Session:** June 12 – July 17, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Optional Programs:** (Please check all that you are interested in)

**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 11) are invited to participate in camp as peer mentors on the Holm Elementary campus. There is limited space available in this program, and a weekly materials fee of \$80.00 is 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:**

**Mark the one that best describes your child's communication.**

- Speaks in full sentences and has conversations that sound the same as his peers
- 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")
- Uses mainly one word or short phrases to request, answer, and/or comment
- Uses an alternative method of communication (augmentative device, sign language and gestures, picture exchange, etc.)
- Very limited communication skills

**Please elaborate:**

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



**Behavior and Social Information**

Does your child have a behavior plan? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, MUST BE mailed in with an application packet.

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

Yes

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 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Self-injurious behaviors	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Running/Eloping without regard for safety	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Running away within the classroom or building	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Property Destruction	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	

**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.

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



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### **Submitting your Application:**

The Kids for Camp application period runs from February 2 – March 6, 2024. Applications submitted after March 6<sup>th</sup> will be considered late and must be accompanied by appropriate late fee of \$25.00 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 required application documentation.

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

Autism Pensacola  
Kids for Camp  
10001 N. Davis Hwy., Bldg. 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 on-line **MUST** include a 3.5% payment processing fee.

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 the required paperwork will not be considered for acceptance. \*\***

For all other questions, email: [shanan@autismpensacola.org](mailto:shanan@autismpensacola.org)

**Please note: Applications submitted by email will not be accepted. If you need to print out an application or documentation, please come to our office and a staff member can assist you with that.**

For office use only:

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_ Application fee: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership date: \_\_\_\_\_



### **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](http://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](mailto: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/>, but must include the 3.5% payment processing fee for online payments. Payments may also be made in person or with a check or money order. If paid online, please enclose a copy of your receipt as verification of the payment. \*Applications received after March 6<sup>th</sup> must include a \$25 late fee.
- Verification of ASD diagnosis** – for new applicants only – included with application packet. (Listed on IEP is acceptable.) Return campers are not required to provide a diagnosis.
- Your child’s IEP, IFSP, or similar document included with application packet.** Preferred: Your child’s MOST RECENT IEP or 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.**

