



## **“AWESOME CAMPS FOR KIDS WITH AUTISM”**

### **Our Mission**

**A-Camp provides therapeutically-driven programs to everyone with autism and their family and friends. Our mission is to create memorable experiences and promote relationships through an engaging, nurturing and adventure-based program.**

A-Camp operates 6 weeks during June and July to provide the continuity and engagement that help children with autism thrive during the summer months. A certified Occupational, Physical, or Speech Therapist directs each week, along with the support of a carefully trained staff. Each child's unique strengths and interests are celebrated and incorporated in the daily discoveries and interactions in our sensory-rich and adventurous Camp Aldersgate location. Campers participate in camp with their typically developing peers, giving them the opportunity to grow and develop their social interaction, communication, and play skills. Our peers on the other hand, take great pride in participating at camp as role models, while building their self-esteem as they learn how to accept, include, and help children with different abilities.

As a “buddy” at Action Camp, your child will have the chance to experience and enjoy all the fun of our wonderful camp, while helping provide a very exciting time for our campers. Your child may attend all 6 weeks of camp or just a few. And as our thank you for encouraging your child in this area of growth and fun, you will only be responsible for paying the supply and activity fee of \$50 per week. Tuition is waived! It's a terrific deal for weeks of fun in the summer!

**Slots will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Alumni “buddies” will be given two weeks to pre register. Open registration for the remaining slots will begin promptly at 9:00am on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> via our website: [www.acamp4kids.com](http://www.acamp4kids.com).**

## Action Camp Buddy Enrollment

Action Camp serves elementary children who have completed K-5<sup>th</sup> grade with autism spectrum disorders. You are eligible to be an Action Camp Buddy if you have completed any of the K-7<sup>th</sup> grade levels. This year, Action Camp will serve 21 kids with autism and 9 buddies each week. Campers and buddies will be split into 3 Kota Packs: Cherokee, Choctaw, & Chickasaw.

Each week will be designed around an enticing theme that includes lots of multi-sensory experiences that encourage our campers to build memorable relationships as well as explore new & exciting recreational fun! Daily schedules will include camp traditions, crafts and activities related to the week's theme, and loads of outdoor play!

Your child may attend all 6 weeks of camp or just a few. It's totally up to your summer schedule. Our campers and staff do love and appreciate those who can participate for multiple weeks as it allows our campers to develop deeper & more memorable friendships.

### SUMMER SESSIONS FOR 2017 WILL INCLUDE:

Open House: June 9 (time TBA)

June 12-June 15

June 19-June 22

June 26-June 29

July 10-July 13

July 17-July 20

July 24-July 27

### WEEKLY HOURS THIS SUMMER WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

Mondays - Wednesdays: 8:30am - 12:00pm

Thursdays: 8:30am - 1:30pm (Extended for Swim Day!)

Fridays Off!

Buddy slots will be filled as completed applications are received. Alumni buddies will be notified by February 28th of their acceptance. A non-refundable registration fee will be required by May 1st to maintain your buddy slot. A-Camp fees this year will include:

**2017 Buddy Fee: \$50.00 Per Week**

*(covers supplies & activity expenses only)*

If you have questions, please contact our Director, Robbin Benbrook at 501-563-4059 or email [info@a-camp4kids.org](mailto:info@a-camp4kids.org).