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Rainbow Connections Program

Dear Friends,

Summertime at Rainbow Academy means friendship. Children play, swim, and engage with each other in kickball, soccer, field hockey, beach volleyball and ga-ga. Children sing, cheer, dance, ride horses, plant vegetables, create crafts, swing, play ball, have fun and feel great! Our camp facility is the perfect size to offer lots of fun summer activities, yet is small enough so that each child feels a part of the "community." All of the staff at Rainbow Academy recognize each child as a unique and wonderful person, and encourage the growth of feeling successful, building character, and instilling human excellence. We are excited to offer your child another season of "fun in the sun" as we prepare for eight weeks of joy at Rainbow Academy. Enclosed, please find an application form for the 2018 summer season of Rainbow Connections. There will be two week, four week, and eight week sessions available, with transportation and extended hours optional. The hours at camp are 8:45 - 3:30. Rainbow Connections is an inclusive program.

Program Highlights

Engaging Facility

Children participate in activities on a five acre facility - large enough to offer ample athletic, artistic/dramatic, and nature oriented activities, yet intimate enough to provide a safe and nurturing experience. Activities are organized to allow each child to "shine;" groups rotate to different activities every thirty or forty five minutes. Activities include:

*Swimming - Heated pools provide great fun and respite from the summer sun. Our pool staff implement the American Red Cross swim program with campers.

*Horseback riding and pony rides - Our wonderful horses and Candy, our pony, are eager to share the benefits of horseback riding. Children giggle as they improve balance/coordination and further develop confidence. What a sense of freedom to sit atop a large horse or pony! Everyone also gets such a "kick" out of our goofy miniature donkey, Rosalina.

*Creative arts - Music, art, and dance activities will offer children opportunities to engage spirits with friends. Playing different instruments (steel drum, guitars, etc.), singing songs with friends, creating crafts, and sharing a favorite dance "move" will add to the excitement of the day. Our Melody Garden is a delight!

*Recreational sports include soccer, field hockey, baseball/tee-ball, funnel ball, tennis, bowling, beach volleyball and other field games. Sports activities also include obstacle courses and other games on developmentally appropriate playgrounds.

*Nature and science - Activities include digging for worms, planting seeds in the greenhouse, caring for vegetables in the garden, reading nonfiction and picture books to capture insight, studying honeybees in our observational hive, exploring in the sunflower garden, and interacting with animals in our petting zoo. Our goats and sheep are eager to meet new summer friends! Children will discover eggs in our chicken coop. During these activities, children learn to be gentle with nature and become passionate about observing the world around them.

*Indoor activities in our air-conditioned building include computers, games, a music program and "center" time.

*Morning Meeting - This involves an interactive lesson using techniques from the Responsive Classroom Curriculum. Campers learn to greet each other, acknowledge each other, and share thoughts and feelings with each other.

*Second Step Program - Children are involved in a program that teaches critical social and emotional skills.

Fun Theme Days

Our summer program consists of weekly themes, such as "Wacky Extravaganza Week" with Halloween in July, Wacky Wednesday, Silly Hair and Hat Days, Pajama Day;

*"Rainbow Academy Has Talent Week" featuring Limbo Contest, Full Moon DJ Celebration, Talent ShowCase;

*"Super Sport Spectacular", including a visit from the Philly Phanatic, and celebrations of Philadelphia sports teams;

*"Up, Up, and Away," activities that include Bubble Day, Rocket Day (setting off rockets), and Kite Flying Day;

*"Beach Week", with Slip n Slide Fun, Bounce House, Full Moon DJ Celebration, Hawaiian Shirt Day;

*Etcetera, Etcetera, Etcetera of Fun!!!!

During the last two weeks of camp, our "Spirit Games" emphasize cooperation and the ability to work within a group. Character is developed, as well as human excellence, when responsibility within the community is stressed, rather than strict competition within the group. Rainbow Academy, both as a school and summer camp, has always hoped to develop the moral fiber of children, the "heart and soul" within each of us. During our Spirit Games, children challenge themselves through whole group games, activities, and special events. Examples of games include: wacky relay races, moon ball, "circle to circle," creating a group cheer and improvisation show for others to watch, synchronized swimming routines and relays, an animal fashion show, and other dynamic activities.

Rainbow Connection Enrichment and Support Programs

Rainbow Academy is designed to address each child's unique needs, while reinforcing individual strengths. We are a community that embraces diversity in children and their families. We welcome children with a range of abilities into our programs. We recognize that some children will need additional related service supports, such as enhanced staff/camper ratio, ESY progress notes, 1:1 support, etc. For these campers, extra support is available (at camp) for an additional fee.

Staff and Grouping

Many of our staff from previous years will be returning this season! Rainbow Connections group counselors and specialty staff are teachers certified in elementary education/special education. The staff is a wonderful model of a sensitive community and is thoughtful during their work with young children. The gentle nature and cheerful disposition of the staff provide effective and engaging summer activities. Our staff also includes a full time nurse.

The program will be open for children ages 6 through 10 years. A Rainbow Connections group will include between 6 - 8 children having mild developmental needs. The group will engage in sports activities, games, lunch, snack, special events, and various activities with typical peers. The group will participate in activities such as Morning Meeting, Second Step Program and swimming as a small group.

Application Process

Please read the enclosed application for more information, including summer tuition fees. This summer, we are offering a "lunch" program, including a delicious menu. Lunches catered by B and T's Catering (in Southampton) will be offered for an additional fee to the tuition. Rainbow Connections is offered for 2, 4, or 8 week sessions from 8:45 AM until 3:30 PM. A \$250 deposit must accompany each application. The deposit amount is refundable until 5/1/18. No allowance for late arrival or early withdrawal of a child or interruption in the season will be made. The directors reserve the right to cancel, sever, or suspend a child's enrollment if deemed in the best interest of the child or the program, in which case the unused fee will be refunded. Note that we will be closed for the July 4th holiday.

Criteria for Admittance

Criteria for enrollment include those children between 6 and 10 years of age with mild developmental disorders or mild autistic spectrum disorder who are emotionally and behaviorally stable, and eager to join a social community; children who do not pose a threat to the safety and well-being of self or others; children who are included with typical peers for more than 35% of the school day. Children who are or can be physically or verbally abusive, or have impulsive explosive behaviors are not suitable for a program of this nature.

We look forward to another wonderful summer and having your child join the fun. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call. Give a big hug to your family!

Very truly yours,
Dan, Linda, and Mario

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Application for Enrollment - 2018 Camp Season

Rainbow Connections – a program fostering “connections” between children and the people in their lives

Application Date _____

Date Starting _____

Child's Last Name _____ First Name _____ (Nickname) _____ Boy Girl
Circle One _____ Birth Date _____

Address (include street, city, and zip code) _____ E-Mail Address _____ Telephone Number _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____ Occupation _____ Business Address _____ Telephone _____ Cell Phone Number _____ E-mail Address _____ Pare

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Name of Emergency Contact (other than parent) _____ Address and Telephone Number _____ Na

Name of Child's Physician _____ Telephone Number _____ Na

Special Needs of Child: Seizure Disorder, Physical Disability, Hearing, Vision Problems, Language Delay, Allergies _____ Sp

Does your child take medication? for what reason? Will your child require a dose while at Rainbow Academy? A form must be filled out for dispensing. _____

If one parent is not residing with your child, and you want him/her to receive mailings, please list his/her address and telephone number. _____ If

List any person other than parent/guardian listed above to whom your child may be released. _____ List

List any person who may NOT take your child from the camp. _____ List

Where does your child attend school? _____ Please enclose a CER and/or IEP with application.
Does your child have any special fears or unique needs that we should know about? Is your child toilet-trained? Please reflect and write a few notes describing your child:

Please read the parental agreement below and sign in the designated spaces:

Parental Agreement

1. I agree to have my family physician fill out the required health forms before the beginning of camp.
2. I give my consent to have my child transported to and from camp, and also on field trips by Rainbow Academy staff.
3. I understand that my child will only be released to those designated on this form. Any changes must be made in writing.
4. Rainbow Academy provides services and admission without regard to race, color, religious creed, ancestry, sex, disability, age or national origin.
5. I give permission for the school to use a photo of my child for media or advertisement purposes.
6. I agree to pay the tuition when due. Deposits are refundable only if Rainbow Academy is notified of cancellation before May 1, 2018. Total tuition is due by May 1, 2018. No allowance will be made for the early withdrawal of a camper or any interruption in the 2018 camp season.
7. The Directors reserve the right to cancel, sever, or suspend a child's enrollment if deemed in the best interest of the camper or the camp, in which case the unused tuition will be refunded
8. The camp is not responsible for a child's equipment or personal belongings, while in transit or in camp. The camp will make every effort to provide proper supervision so that losses will be at a minimum.
9. I give permission for Rainbow Academy nurse to administer prescription medications as instructed by my family physician or non-prescription medications as instructed by a parent. Prescriptions must be in the original container.
10. I give permission for my child to be treated at an emergency room in case of accident, illness, or injury at camp.
11. In signing this agreement, I understand that all support staff for my child will be hired directly by Rainbow Academy; ESY service (including speech, OT; PT) therapies will be hired by Rainbow Academy or a school district.
12. Camp will be closed on July 4.

Parent/Guardian Signature_____

**Rainbow Connection Summer Program
2018 SUMMER CAMP TUITION RATES
8:45 AM – 3:30 PM**

Circle Program: 8 weeks (6/25 – 8/17) First 4 weeks (6/25 - 7/20) Second 4 weeks (7/23 – 8/17)

Please check the appropriate program for your child: 2018 Season.

A sibling discount of 10% is offered off of the lesser tuition.

A 5% discount is offered for any enrollment form received with a deposit of \$250 prior to Jan 15, 2018.

	8 Weeks (X)	4 Weeks (X)	2 Weeks (X)
Program for Ages 6-10	\$4155 ()	\$2490 ()	\$1490 ()
Program with 1:1 Aide Support	\$8295 ()	\$4510 ()	\$2535 ()

Rainbow Academy is licensed by the Department of Education, Private Academic Schools. An extended school year program is offered, which follows goals of a school district ESY program, monitoring progress, and implementing progress notes. Please speak to a director for more information on these services.

IEP Implementation _____ \$715

Snacks are provided at camp at no additional cost.

An optional lunch program is provided at an additional cost. A lunch menu calendar will be provided at the beginning of the summer. No changes can be made to the lunch menu for special diets. Please check below if you desire lunch.

8 weeks - \$220 () 4 weeks - \$110 () 2 weeks - \$55 ()

A deposit of \$250 must accompany each application. The balance of tuition is due on May 1, 2018.

Extended hours are billed at a rate of \$12/hour for times before or after program hours.

If transportation is desired, please check: 8 weeks: () 4 weeks: ()

Please Note: Transportation will be provided by an outside private transportation company. The cost for transportation will be calculated based on the hourly rate billed by that private company and will be available in early Spring.. Please consider this before registering for camp transportation.

Closest Intersection to Pickup Point:_____

