

## **The Oak Hill School/Ryder Foundation Summer Program**

### *Therapeutic Adventure Summer Camp*

#### **Who can attend the summer program?**

The Oak Hill School summer program welcomes children with neurodevelopmental challenges and other special needs ages 7-22 years. Examples of diagnosis include autism spectrum disorders, non-verbal learning disorder as well as sensory integration, regulatory and multi-system developmental disorders.

#### **Can my child's brother or sister attend?**

We welcome siblings and feel that it adds a wonderful dimension to the program. Typically developing siblings of our summer attendees are billed at a reduced rate. Activities available will be appropriate for siblings ages 7-14 years.

#### **What is the cost of the summer program?**

The cost per child is \$600/week. The cost for typically developing siblings is \$300/week.

#### **When does the program run?**

The summer program will be held between June 29 and August 6, 2009. Sessions are Monday – Thursday, 9:30am to 3pm.

#### **Where is the program held?**

The program is run out of the beautiful campus of the Marin School in Sausalito. We will utilize the City of Sausalito's adjacent fields and recreational areas and taking field trips around the Bay Area. The Marin School is located at 100 Ebbtide Avenue in Sausalito.

#### **Can my child attend only part of the program?**

We request that children attend a minimum of two weeks but all are welcome for the full six weeks of the program. Scheduled activities vary from week to week so that children attending all six weeks will be part of new and creative activities throughout the program.

#### **What does my child need to bring?**

Daily a child should bring lunch, sunscreen and a change of clothes. For special field trips or activities, we will notify you of any extra items to send with your child.

#### **What kind of activities will you do?**

Every activity is designed to develop interpersonal, social thinking and executive functioning skills and strategies for self-regulation. Within that framework, the program involves recreational activities, arts and crafts, field trips, swimming and other activities found in a typical camp setting. Last year program attendees visited Walker Creek Ranch, the Oakland Zoo, Tilden Park, Slide Ranch, the Bay Model, Muir Beach, Angel Island and participated in recreational activities such as kayaking and swimming

#### **What is the schedule of a typical day?**

The schedule below demonstrates a simplified scenario of what a day might look like. Each day will involve different activities.

9:30 am Students gather for morning circle

10:00 am Local community outing

11:15 am Adventure hike

12:30 pm Lunch  
1:15 pm Obstacle course and field activities  
2:15 pm Theatre Play Group  
3:00 pm Say Goodbye for the day

**Are there any other special activities?**

We are proud to partner with Giant Steps to offer therapeutic horseback riding. For an additional fee, children can participate in weeklong half-day sessions at Giant Steps Therapeutic Equestrian Center in Petaluma. This opportunity includes instruction in both horseback riding and horsemanship. For more information about Giant Steps, visit: <http://www.giantstepsriding.org/>

**My child has multiple challenges. Can s/he still attend?**

We have designed the summer admissions process so that we can learn about each child's unique talents and challenges. We are an organization dedicated to children with special needs and include children with a wide variety of diagnoses into our programs.

We are not able to accommodate non-ambulatory children or those who are unable to use the restroom independently or with a minimal level of assistance.

**Can I bring my child's one-on-one aide?**

Each situation is unique. Please bring this issue to our attention during the admissions process and together we will determine the optimal support for your child.

**What is your child: staff ratio?**

We provide ample staffing to ensure a safe and rewarding experience for each participant. Staffing levels can range from 1:1 to 3:1 and are dependent on the peer grouping of your child.

**Who staffs the summer program?**

Oak Hill's teachers, teaching assistants and therapists staff the summer program. They are experienced in the field and adept at developing creative project-based activities to engage children in a fun learning environment.

See their bios here: <http://www.theoakhillschool.org/faculty.php>

**What is the process to sign up for the summer program?**

The summer admissions process is thorough to ensure the best fit for your child. The process involves several steps:

1. We offer open house information sessions about the upcoming summer followed by a Q&A with the Executive and Clinical Directors of the school. These are offered every Friday morning beginning March 6, 2009. To sign up for one of these sessions, please send an email to [summer@myoakhill.org](mailto:summer@myoakhill.org) or leave a message at our summer voicemail by calling 415.331.7601.
2. If you wish to pursue attendance in the program for your child after attending the information session, please download and fill out the registration form, send in with a deposit of \$100.00. We will then contact you about your child's needs, interests and fit with the summer program and schedule a time to meet your child. While we encourage all interested participants to join us for the summer program, the specialized nature of caring for children with special needs necessitates that we meet your child before s/she begins the program.