



Autism Training Experience for Camp Staff

Attention Camp Directors, Pastors, and Faith Formation Folks! Every camp and church across the country will have someone with autism or neurodiversity come to their site in 2019. Are you ready? There is now an opportunity to send your employee to engage in a hands-on training experience! Camp AweSum, established in 2005, is specifically designed to serve and accommodate youth on the autism spectrum and their families. When employees are trained at Camp AweSum, it will help better include those with differences and increase successful camp and church experiences for all!

Staff Educator:

- Dr. Glenis Benson - The Director of Autism Support & Education for Camp AweSum

Targeted Training Experience Outcomes:

- Employees receive an introduction to autism spectrum conditions
- Employees learn Proactive & Reactive Sensory Strategies
- Employees learn and practice implementing Respect-Based Philosophies
- Employees learn how to create and implement visual supports and strategies

Training Fee - Sign up now for the following offer!

- \$300.00 Fee includes:
 - Meals
 - Housing
 - Training with experienced professionals
 - 3 video conference consultation sessions throughout 2019 to help support on-going growth and success at your camp for those on the autism spectrum
 - Opportunities to enjoy an outdoor camping experience in Wisconsin, including hiking, boating, horseback riding, archery, swimming, boating, etc.
 - Please note that travel costs are not covered in this fee and are the responsibility of those attending.

Available Training Sessions:

- Camp AweSum Family Camp #1: June 16 - June 22, 2019
- Camp AweSum Family Camp #2: July 14 – July 20, 2019
- Camp AweSum Family Camp #3: August 11 – August 17, 2019

Contact Camp AweSum Today!

- Contact - Campawesum@ucci.org OR 715-479-8255



Staff & Volunteer Testimonials

"Camp Awesum is a unique learning opportunity for both campers and counselors and staff. Campers are provided a great opportunity to experience new things, expand social and developmental skills, and make friends that will last a lifetime. Counselors and staff have the fantastic, hands-on experience improving their professional skills in working with individuals on the spectrum and learning from more senior staff members. In addition, Camp Awesum also provides respite to the families of our campers, enabling parents to recharge and come back to their children with renewed enthusiasm, energy, and love. Guided by professionally trained, experienced, and devoted advocates for individuals with ASD, Camp Awesum provides a training ground for young staff members, continuing training and exposure for senior staff members, and an unparalleled camping experience for the campers which encourages new experiences, development, and fun." - Paige Cooper, Student

"Quite simply, Camp AweSum changed my life. I thoroughly enjoyed my experience on staff and I learned more than I ever could have imagined. Dr. Benson provided extremely useful tools that I have been able to use in the camp setting and also apply to my workplace and everyday life. For example, I have been able to better assess sensory needs for many children while working as a camp counselor at a different location. Dr. Benson's hard work and advocacy for children on the spectrum is truly inspiring. Camp AweSum was so life-changing that I've decided to pursue a career in working with children with autism. All in all, Camp AweSum is so special because it allows the campers to be themselves. The smiles, laughs, and memories make the whole experience what it is." - Ryan Watling, Student