Variety Staff

Variety Arts Administrative staff includes a Program Director and Program staff. All staff have experience working with children with disabilities at a 3:1 child to staff ratio as well as familiarity with art areas. Student interns and volunteers may also be involved with the Program.

Calendar

Fall Session will run for 10 consecutive weeks from 10/6/18-12/8/18

If you are interested in receiving additional information or an application, please contact Jean Merkl at: 610-584-4366, ext 201 or e-mail at jean.merkl@varietyphila.org

Spring Session

3/2/19-5/4/19
Theme: Africa, part II

About Variety Club Camp & Developmental Center

Variety Club Camp & Developmental Center is an 80-acre facility located in Worcester Township, Montgomery County, serving children with physical and developmental disabilities. In continuous operation since 1949, the philosophy of the Camp & Developmental Center is to provide opportunities for children with disabilities to gain greater independence and self-confidence through recreational, social, and educational activities. Programming is provided year-round and includes Overnight Camp, Day Camp, Vocational Programming, Saturday Arts Weekend Retreats and special events. Variety Club Camp is part of Variety – The Children’s Charity of Greater Philadelphia, a non-profit organization serving children and youth with disabilities for over 75 years!

For more information, please visit
www.varietyphila.org
This session’s activities will include:

- Songs and dances from the 4 geographic/cultural areas of Africa
- Art and design projects inspired by areas of Africa.
- Projects inspired by the African culture and music
- Folk Tales/Stories from areas of Africa.

**Saturday Program Mission**

To provide a secure environment for children with disabilities to enjoy creative expression through artistic exploration.

The Saturday Arts Program is an educational and recreational program with a concentration in art, music, dance, drama, and social skills.

The morning schedule is more educational based in the activities and the afternoon is more recreational based. All children can participate at the level that works for them. Activities are differentiated as needed to keep all students involved.

**Basic Schedule**

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<td>Dance with Look Who’s Dancing</td>
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**Arts Activities**

1) **Visual Arts** – exposure to varying art forms such as drawing, oils, watercolor, sculpture, printmaking, storyboards.

2) **Dance** - exposure to varying dance and creative movement forms.

3) **Music** - exposure to varying means of musical expression from percussion to instrumentation and voice.

4) **Storytelling** - reading stories and folk tales from the countries.

5) **Drama** - and prop development.

**Referral/Application Process**

School age children (ages 6-21) with developmental disabilities are welcome to attend Variety’s Saturday Arts Program. **Students must be able to participate in program activities at the 1:3 staffing ratio**.

If the student needs 1:1 staffing, families may send a TSS worker (if they have supports) or we can provide a 1:1 aide in some circumstances at an additional cost. (contact Jean Merkl)

**Fees for Fall session**

Full Session- TEN weeks-

$700  (=70/day)

Fees must be paid in full prior to the start of the session and are regardless of attendance.