This program is designed to teach children, ages 14-22, job readiness skills with a focus on social development. Individuals in the Vocational Club have strengthened these skills through a “Treat of the Month” club, which is essentially a business run from start to finish by the individuals in the Vocational Club and monitored by Variety staff. Each month, the “Future Caterers of Variety Club,” take customer orders; then make, portion, and package those orders each month!

We have also put a permanent crafts component into our program so that we are making crafts all year long now- not just for the Holiday Bazaar!

Program Activities
In previous years we baked 3,170 cookies over 8 months and made treats such as chocolate covered pretzels, cookies in a jar gifts, candy apples, trail mix and cake pops.

Student Objectives
• To develop work behaviors- both soft skills and production skills
• To explore possible new areas of interest for students/workers
• To explore leadership potential
• To explore working in a group entrepreneurial environment

Curriculum areas

Program Mission
To provide a safe and secure environment for students with disabilities to learn and build social connections while engaging in vocational and “cottage craft” activities.

We encourage:
• An Atmosphere of warm acceptance and guidance.
• Active Participation as able.
• Learning to make choices. This is the first step in independence.
• Respect for ourselves and each other.
• Development of leadership and mentoring abilities.
• Learning from each other.

Fees
The fee charged cover staffing. We maintain a high student to staff ratio for program success and high participation of your student.

The fees are:
-$35/day for the two day voc program. (Tuesday/Thursday)
-$45/day for one day/week.

Fees must be paid in full once a month prior to starting for the program regardless of attendance. You must give us 2 weeks notice if you are changing your student’s schedule.

Preference in acceptance will be given to students attending both days. One day/week will be accepted dependent on staff availability. This program runs in conjunction with our socialization program on Mondays and Wednesdays

Transportation
If your child has transportation in their IEP, the School district may provide transportation. Please contact your school district.
Referral/Application Process

Students, ages 14-22, with developmental disabilities are welcome to attend Variety’s Vocational Club Program. **Students should be able to participate in program activities at the 1:3 staffing ratio.**

For more information on the Vocational Club, please contact Jean Merkl, Program Director 610-584-4366, x 201

Calendar

**Program starts on Tuesday, 9/4/18 and runs every Tuesday and Thursday. Hours- 3-6 pm**

In general, we follow Methacton School District calendar; however, we will send a list of dates in the introductory materials

Variety Staff

Variety staff include a Program Director and Program staff. Our staff ratio is 3:1 (child to staff). All staff members are trained by Variety in disabilities/special needs, and positive behavioral support. Student interns and volunteers may also be involved with the program.

Variety Club Camp and Developmental Center

Vocational Club

A fun club for students 14-22 years to explore vocational interests in a social setting

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Tuesday and Thursday Afternoons

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