

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**

Team Work, Product Development, Pricing, Forms Development, Logo Design, Product Packaging, Food Preparation/Safety/Hygiene, Marketing Techniques, Money Skills

## **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.



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## *Variety Club Camp and Developmental Center*

## **Vocational Club**

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



*Tuesday and Thursday  
Afternoons  
2018 – 2019*

