The Extended School Year (ESY) Program assists students, ages 5-21, with developmental disabilities to maintain and improve skills acquired during the school year throughout the summer months.

**Transportation**

Transportation is provided by each school district if your child has transportation in his or her IEP. Please discuss this at your child’s IEP meeting.

**Application Process**

School age children (ages 5-21) with developmental disabilities who qualify for ESY based on their IEP are eligible. An application may be made on-line at: https://www.ultracamp.com/clientlogin.aspx?idCamp=614&campCode=vpp.

For assistance or more information, please contact Jean Merkl at: (610) 584-4366, Ext 201

Applications are currently being accepted. Deadline is 5/31/19. All new students must submit a current IEP at time of application.

Approval is made following review of application, a student interview, funding approval by the School District, and a $100 non-refundable deposit.

**Fees**

- **7-week program - $4,590**
  - (5 - 16 y/o)
  - Fee includes IEP goals, and daily group socialization/skills activities.
  - 1:1 staff available for an additional $3,500

- **Intensive Supports 7-week program - $7,750**
  - (16-21 y/o) program fee (includes a 1:1)
  - Individual sessions in Speech/ Language, Occupational, and Physical Therapy are available at the additional cost of $90/session.

Initial payment of $1,000 required by start of program with the balance due by the end of the program (8/9/19)

**Contact**

For questions about the ESY program contact Jean Merkl at
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Program Mission

To provide a safe and structured educational experience for children with varying disabilities that focuses on social interactions and academic progress while engaging in IEP and group activities.

Schedule

9:00–9:15 Arrival/opening circle
9:15–11:30 IEP and Therapy Goals
11:30-12:00 Reinforcement Period - Activity of Choice
12:00-12:30 Lunch
12:30-1:30 Group, Socialization & Prevocational Activities
1:30–2:30 Reinforcement Period - Swimming
2:45-3:00 Closing Circle

Career Discovery

For students 14-16. Includes regular IEP goals and related services. Afternoon activities include beginnings exploration and discussion of career areas, work-related skills (money, customer service), job applications and mock interviews. Students also participate in vocational program area one day a week.

Intensive Supports

For students 16-21 with high needs in behavior, communication, or personal care. Program is staffed 1:1 and includes daily vocational/ packaging/ assembly activities.

Variety Staff

Each classroom is led by a certified special education teacher and includes teaching assistants majoring in teaching or a related field. Therapists are available in Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapy. Staff are trained in disabilities/special needs, positive behavioral support and have all appropriate clearances.

Nurses are on-site 24/7.

Program Components

• 7 week program-6/24 to 8/9 (Set dates)
• High staff/student classroom ratio
• Individualized instruction
• Group social skills/socialization activities
• Two daily reinforcement periods with activities of choice and swimming
• Daily use of the sensory room
• Related Services - Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy