

The goal of the Joshua Center Camp program is for each camper to enjoy a typical camp experience with other children living with High-Functioning Autism and associated disorders in an environment where they are accepted and understood and can make lasting friendships.

Well-trained supportive staff provide highly structured hands-on activities with many opportunities for positive peer interactions, and provide an uplifting and encouraging camp atmosphere. Cabin counselors remain with their campers throughout the camp.



The Joshua Center for Neurological Disorders has been holding camp for more than twenty-five years and is accredited with the American Camp Association.



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The Joshua Center is a non-profit organization that provides services and support for the social, emotional, and educational needs of neurologically impaired children and their families, including children with Tourette, High Functioning Autism, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, Sensory Processing Disorder and ADHD.



## **Joshua Center Camp 2024**

# The Great Outdoors Beckons

For Campers with HFA, Tourette, ADHD, OCD

Session #1: Grades 3rd – 5th June 18th – 20th

Session #2: Grades 6th - 12th June 18th - 22nd



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#### **Welcome to Camp!**

It is important for children to be with other kids who have had the same experiences. The Joshua Center Camp gives campers a safe and nurturing place to share their feelings and experiences. In addition to participating in usual camp activities, the campers also gain social confidence, a better sense of self, and increased confidence in daily living.

All campers will enjoy a safe, inclusive, creative, and energetic camp experience. The Joshua Center Camp is a traditional camp in every sense. The close, personal atmosphere and camp layout are

#### **Activities**

This year we're exploring the great outdoors! It's time to unplug and reconnect with nature. One of the best things about going to summer camp is trying new activities and doing things you've never done before. Small numbers in each activity offer the children opportunities to learn skills in cooperation.

Camp activities, scheduled to change each hour during the daytime, are developed to give traditional camp experiences. They offer opportunities for the children they may not experience anywhere else.

Cabin counselors remain with their campers throughout the camp week. Counselors assist program leaders with helping campers complete activities successfully.

Camp activities may include:

- Archery
- Karaoke
- Skits

- Crafts
- Animals
- Teambuilding

- Tie-dye shirts
- Nature hikes
- Cook-outs Swimming

well-suited to all types of campers. The structured program lets campers know what is scheduled every day, every hour.

Nature is all around at the Joshua Center Camp located at the Rotary Youth Camp in Lee's Summit, MO. We help campers experience the great outdoors as an adventure, inspiring them to respect nature and traditions.



## **Camp Staff**

We believe one of the most important factors in camping is the quality and character of the individuals who work with the children. Campers thrive on positive relationships with the staff. The Joshua Center Camp Director and numerous assistants are responsible for smooth operation and coordination of all activities, programs and administration of camp.

All staff participate in 24 hours of pre-camp training in risk management, emergency and safety procedures. Counselors are thoroughly trained in the disorders and will provide a supportive, safe environment utilizing positive reinforcement and encouragement to help the children have a positive camp experience.

The Joshua Center seeks to maintain a balanced camp staff of college-age young adults, professional therapists, medical students, supportive parents, registered nurses, and experienced teachers. The staff brings a variety of skills, cultural diversity, talents and experience to everyday camp life.





#### **Parent Info**

Parents are required to complete a Camper Profile when registering for camp. Information requested includes: anxiety level of the child, impact of neurological symptoms on learning and home, behavior concerns, camper's social development, and medical requirements of prospective camper.

The Joshua Center accepts campers in hopes the Joshua Center Camp program has the potential to be a successful program for the child. Parents will provide electronic signatures and sign-off at camp that all information is correct. Everything is completed online, except the camp physical, for those attending Session #2- which is then uploaded to your online account. Vaccination records must be available when registration is completed.

Campers and staff must complete full health histories within three months prior to camp attendance. Any significant new health problems (e.g. asthma) require physical examination and clearance within three months preceding camp. The Camp Health Manager will be responsible for all medication and will discuss any camper health concerns during registration at the Joshua Center Camp on the first day of camp. The Camp Health Manager will return all medication to parents upon completion of the camp session.

We have Covid-19 procedures in place that align with the CDC and ACA and will keep parents updated with any changes.

**Registration fees:** 

Session #1: \$450.00

Session #2: \$750.00

For the summer, the Joshua Center Camp offers you an experience which will always make you smile. We'd be happy to answer your questions – and even happier to welcome you to our extended Joshua Center Camp family.

To view more information and to begin enrolling in the Joshua Center Camp, visit our website at ioshuacenter.com