

February 2016

Dear Parents and Campers:

We are elated to announce that the Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department and the Exceptional Georgetown Alliance have partnered once again to bring special needs adaptive camps to the Georgetown area. Our summer camps for 2016 include Let's Make Friends and Circle of Friends.

We hope to have as much fun as we've had in previous years. Location for both camps is still to be determined, but information will be posted as soon as it is arranged. Both camps will be held at a GISD campus.

Tuition for both camps will be the same as last year, with weekly tuition rates of \$135 for residents and \$170 for nonresidents. Registration for residents begins Monday, March 28 at 8:00am. Registration for nonresidents opens up on Tuesday, March 29, 8:00 am. You may register at any of the Parks and Recreation facilities. You must also turn in a completed 2016 Adaptive Summer Camp Registration Form at the time of registration. This form is also attached for your convenience.

A \$30 nonrefundable deposit is also required for each week of camp at the time of registration. Remaining tuition for each week of camp is due **two weeks** prior to that camp session. Payment can be made to City of Georgetown (Parks and Recreation Department) by MasterCard, Visa, Discover, cash or check.

EGA will again provide **scholarship assistance** for economically disadvantaged children and young adults. If your child is in need of assistance, you will need to fill out an EGA Camp Scholarship Application. This form has also been attached for your convenience. Certain criteria apply and need to be met in order to qualify for a scholarship. There are a limited number of scholarships available and first come, first serve, so get your scholarship application back to the EGA as soon as possible and **no later than March 18, 2016**. Please download the attached application, fill it out, and return to one of the Parks and Recreation locations, or scan and email to exceptionalgeorgetown@gmail.com. Please put "Summer Camp Scholarship Application" in the subject line. Scholarship recipients will be announced by Friday, March 25, 2016. **Scholarship recipients will still be responsible for registering their child for camp and paying the \$30 nonrefundable deposit for each week of camp.** Scholarship assistance will cover the remaining camp tuition beyond the \$30 weekly deposit.

Please email questions to exceptionalgeorgetown@gmail.com. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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ADAPTIVE CAMP PROGRAMS

Offered by Georgetown Parks and Recreation in cooperation with the EGA.

In cooperation with the Exceptional Georgetown Alliance, Georgetown Parks and Recreation is offering Adaptive Summer Camp Sessions for GISD students. Experienced and trained staff will continue to provide this opportunity to the Georgetown community. These camps are not designed to work on severe aggressive behavior, but focus on providing a safe, social environment productive of building social and communication skills for all campers. There may be some age overlap between camps. Camp staff will assist in determining the best fit for your child once they have reviewed your ***Adaptive Camp Registration Form***. Spaces are limited due to staff to camper ratios. Register early!

LET'S MAKE FRIENDS (LMF)

Let's Make Friends camp focuses on social skills, self-advocacy, team building, and communication skills to facilitate the social and emotional development of children with Autism Spectrum disorders and other cognitive and developmental disabilities. Themes address basic concepts like feelings, using manners, being part of a group, as well as larger ideas like teamwork, enthusiasm, friendship, and cooperation. Activities during camp include: arts/crafts, swimming, field trips, cooperative game activities, and other activities that build social skills children need to be successful in making and maintaining friendships and relationships.

FOCUS: Cognitive and Developmental disabilities, Autism Spectrum

REQUIREMENTS: Must able to coexist in a small group setting.

STAFF / CAMPER RATIO: 1:3

WHO: Ages 5 – 11 (*completed Kindergarten – entering 6th grade*) **GISD School District ONLY**

FEES: \$135 Residents / \$170 Nonresidents per week

TIME: 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

LOCATION: TBA

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS (COF)

Circle of Friends summer camp is for middle school and high school aged children with special needs in the GISD area, who are seeking an opportunity to retain communication, social skills and community involvement during the summer months. This camp is designed to encourage campers to develop their imagination and individual ability while enhancing self-esteem. The opportunity for social growth of each camper will be provided through a wide range of activities including but not limited to music, drama, arts and crafts, menu planning, gardening, daily exercise, cooking, movies and much more. Campers will also participate in community based outings such as recycling, grocery shopping, and weekly field trips.

FOCUS: Cognitive and Developmental disabilities, Autism Spectrum

REQUIREMENTS: Must be able to co-exist in a small group setting

STAFF / CAMPER RATIO: 1:3

WHO: Ages 11 – 22 (*Entering 6th grade – Bridges*) **GISD School District ONLY**

FEES: \$135 Residents / \$170 Nonresidents per week

TIME: 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

LOCATION: TBA

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2016 SESSION DATES: Four individual weeks will be offered for each camp, **Monday - Thursday**.

	<u>Let's Make Friends</u>	<u>Circle of Friends</u>
1) June 20 – June 23	#62791	#62801
2) June 27- June 30	#62792	#62802
3) *July 5 - July 8	#62793	#62803 *Tuesday – Friday. No camp July 4 th
4) July 11- July 14	#62794	#62804

REGISTRATION:

You may register in person at any of the following locations:

- ❑ Georgetown Tennis Center (400 Serenada Drive)
- ❑ Georgetown Recreation Center (1003 N. Austin Ave)
- ❑ Recreation Administration Building (1101 N. College Street)

**You must also complete a 2016 Adaptive Summer Camp Registration form to ensure your registration.

Registration Start Dates:

- Monday, March 28, 2016 – Residents, beginning at 8:00 am
- Tuesday, March 29, 2016 – Nonresidents, beginning at 8:00 am

Registration will be made available to **non-GISD students on Tuesday, June 6, 2016 at 8:00 am, if spaces in camp still remain open. A phone interview will also be required to ensure the best fit for the child.*

PAYMENT:

We accept cash, checks, Visa, MasterCard and Discover.

A \$30 **nonrefundable deposit** is required at the time of registration for each week of camp. Registration will not be accepted without payment. The remaining camp balance is due by the **Monday two weeks** before the camp session starts.

If balance is not paid in full by the Monday two weeks before start of camp, your child's spot will be forfeited and the next child on the waitlist will be called. Your child will be withdrawn from camp and you will lose your \$30.00 deposit.

Client cancellations:

Refunds (**minus the \$30 deposit**) will only be given if notice is received **14 days prior** to start date of camp. No refund will be given with less than 14 days' notice.