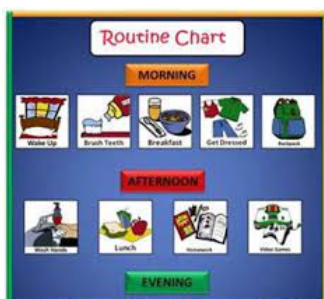




RMU Trees Network April 2023 Newsletter



May 1st Virtual Workshop Developing Routines and Structure for Successful In-Home Behavior Management

As we anticipate summer approaching, we know your child's schedules and routines are about to change. For some, this can be very difficult. Therefore, we decided to focus our May 1 workshop on behavior management and following routines and schedules at home. Angela Day and Catherine Hughes from [Achieving True Self](#) will be presenting on how to develop structured routines to improve behavior management at home. This workshop will meet LIVE virtually from 7PM-8PM on Monday, May 1. Anyone interested in learning more can register for the meeting by contacting Vicki Donne at donne@rmu.edu or Deanna Hiltz at hiltzd@rmu.edu or completing the following form: [Registration Form](#)

April's Summer Camp Parent Meeting

On Monday, April 3, we held our monthly, virtual parent meeting. We had representatives from NINE amazing summer camps that focus on children and adults with disabilities. They shared information about their camps, student experiences, and available financial aid and scholarships. There is a brief description of each camp below, and we have updated our Wix page to include the camps as well as the brochures and applications they shared. Please visit our resource web site at <https://donne94.wixsite.com/rmu-trees-network> and use the Resources - Camps to find out all the information. If you have further questions, you can email Vicki Donne at donne@rmu.edu or Deanna Hiltz at hiltzd@rmu.edu for more details.



ACEing Autism's mission is to connect children with autism through unique tennis programs, and to develop and advance proven methods to positively impact the children, families and communities they serve. Students are paired 1:1 with a volunteer. The summer session runs 8-10 weeks at Shadyside Academy on Saturday mornings with the time of session dependent on the age of the child. The program is for children 4 years to 21 years of age. Siblings are also welcome. <https://aceingautism.org/>

Camp AIM has provided nearly 4,000 children and young adults who have physical, cognitive, emotional, social, and communication challenges with opportunities to **A**chieve, support to become **I**ndependent, and encouragement to become **M**otivated (AIM). This unique five-week summer day camp program combines life skills, social and recreational activities with aquatics, STEM, physical education, home economics, music, and art. The ratio of students to counselors averages 3:1, and they are a certified ESY provider. <https://www.ycamps.org/camp-aim/>

Camp Laugh-A-Lot is an integrated day camp that specializes in serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The camp experience includes seven weeks of summer day camp (M-F) and a brief camp between Christmas and New Years. Sessions are only \$50/camper and they work with school districts to provide ESY services. There are many outings planned, and they provide lunch and snacks daily. Registration begins April 17th. <https://archumanservices.org/camp-laughalot/>

Camp Lee Mar is a private, residential special needs summer camp for campers ages 7-21. They offer unique summer programs for kids with special needs with a full curriculum incorporating a strong Academic and Speech program with traditional camp activities. They follow the child's IEP with a play and learn atmosphere. Kids from all over the US attend. They are ESY approved and students attend all 7 weeks beginning June 24th. <https://www.leemar.com/>

Camp PARC provides a residential summer camp program and year-round recreational and social activities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their neurotypical peers. These opportunities encourage fun, social interaction, and friendship among its participants while creating valuable respite for parents and caregivers. There are 3 sessions (adult mini camp for those 18 and older; youth mini campers 6-17; adult full week ages 18 and older). Registration fee and costs are supplemented by fundraising! <https://campparc.org/about>

Camp Pennwood's goals and objectives include: provide age-appropriate programs for children and teens, emphasizing personal, socialization, and recreational skills; provide maximum physical and mental stimulation during the summer months; provide family members with a valuable respite service, as well as a developmental experience for individuals with disabilities; provide campers with disabilities contact with non-disabled volunteer peers; and to offer a variety of camp components each session, including indoor and outdoor recreation, self-care instruction, arts and crafts, and music. There are two camps, one for adults, ages 18 and up and one for kids ages 6 to 18. Funds may be available through MHID. <https://thearcofyorkcounty.org/camp-pennwood>

Camp Speers and Dragonfly Forest Camp Camp - Speers YMCA is an overnight camp with a safe, child-centered community. It helps campers discover who they are and what they can become. As campers swim, climb, play sports, be creative, learn social skills, and just have fun they develop confidence and independence. There are also programs available for siblings. They have a 1:3 counselor to camper ratio and camps are broken down by age groups. There are two 1 week session camps. Financial assistance may be available. The Dragonfly Forest specialty camp is a traditional overnight program for kids with Autism, 22Q, Asthma, Sickle Cell Disease, and Hemophilia. It aims to make camp a reality for as many families as possible. By partnering with parents and experts in the medical field, they can provide accommodations for campers that allow them to be successful at camp. Dragonfly Forest aims to provide a culture of inclusion while fostering confidence and independence in each of our campers. <https://www.campspeersymca.org/> and <https://www.campspeersymca.org/summer-camp/dragonfly-forest.html>

Summit Camp is an American Camp Association accredited residential camp that has been serving children and teens with learning and social challenges and their families since 1968. Summit meets the unique social and emotional needs of young people who have difficulty with sustaining friendships. They have both sports and theater programs and lots of social learning programs. <https://summitcamp.com/camp/>

Woodlands specializes in working with students with chronic illnesses and physical disabilities. They offer day and weekend camps for children aged 6 years to adults aged 72. There are 11 weeks of summer camp and offer a Notes from the Heart Camp, which focuses on music and theater. There is also a Bloom program that runs throughout the year, which is a transitional program meeting every other Saturday. They welcomed you to attend their grand opening of the amphitheater on May 20th at 11AM. <https://mywoodlands.org/programs/summer-camps/>

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