



## THE THREE “E”S

**EXPERIENCING** “hands on” activities engages campers at a personal level by recognizing and addressing their unique needs, wants and interests. Experiential learning allows campers to retain skills for longer periods of time.

**EMPOWERING** each camper to be more independent in safe, supportive environments allows them to self-advocate and practice critical “life skills.”

**ENCOURAGING** healthy relationships allows campers to practice social skills within the context of small-group, age-appropriate recreational activities.

## PROGRAM OPTIONS

- Woodworking
- Computer Programming
- Sailing in Mystic (CT)
- Cooking
- Horseback Riding
- Sports (Tennis, Basketball, Soccer)
- Hiking the Appalachian Trail
- History
- Beach Week
- Environmental Education
- Traditional Day & Overnight Camps

## HOW TO REGISTER

To register your child for one or more Summer L.I.F.E. experiences visit

[www.summermatters.org](http://www.summermatters.org)

or call 610-296-6725 x115



# Experience a summer of learning & fun...

*"I feel your trips have opened up a whole new world for our daughter."* Lauren Estilow, Parent

## Summer L.I.F.E. offers

experiential learning and social skills development in the context of summer fun. Designed especially to support students, ages 10-21, with high-functioning autism (HFA) & Asperger's Syndrome, the programs – specialty camps, traditional day camp/overnight camp, and travel excursions – are open to all students.



*"I cannot thank you enough for providing such a stellar program suited for children who learn differently & behave differently. We need a whole summer of this!"* Maureen Martinez, Parent

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### SPECIALTY CAMPS

(offered in August)

The week-long specialty camps, in areas like horse-back riding, cooking, & computers, draw on students' passions and affinities and allow them to practice behavioral and social skills in a strengths-based context. Programs are taught by professionals with expertise in the field and are supported by staff experienced in working with the ASD population.

### TRADITIONAL DAY & OVERNIGHT CAMPS

(offered in August)

Our day and overnight camps offer traditional camp activities such as fishing, canoeing, zip line, crafts, & nature study on a beautiful wooded camp in Schwenksville, PA.

### TRAVEL EXCURSIONS

(offered in July/August)

Travel excursions offer students the opportunity to gain independence, build relationships with each other, and take risks in a supportive environment. Travel trips also offer respite to caregivers.

## Summer L.I.F.E. features

- Low staff-to-camper ratio
- Experienced camp staff
- Ongoing behavior support
- Structured daily programming
- Engaging, multi-sensory activities
- "Real World" learning



# for everyone!

*"Each time John has taken a trip I have seen him gain a little more confidence. He doesn't get as worried or stressed because he sees he can be successful and enjoy himself."*

Dolly Pagnoni, Parent