



SUCCESS STORY

SUMMER DAY CAMPS



"I enjoyed watching Lucas over the course of the summer," said Elizabeth. "By implementing a day camp questionnaire that asked what each camper was working, my day camp staff and I were able to support the social skills Lucas was working on. We worked with him on using his words, making eye contact, and transition times. It was really neat to see him grow in these areas over the summer. By the end of the summer he often would get in your face and maintain a steady eye contact while talking to you. He would also get excited enough about what we were doing that he would approach especially the staff and initiate conversation about the activity. Transition times could still be difficult but there was much improvement!"

Here's what Linda Martin, Lucas's mom shared with us about his experiences in camp:

Greetings!

I just wanted to take a few minutes to thank you all so much for once again giving my son Lucas a wonderful experience during his mid-winter break in February. He is still talking about how much fun he had and he is really looking forward to camp during spring break next month. Outdoors for All programs are the bright spot on his calendar. Thanks to all staff & donors who make it possible for him to attend.

Sincerely, Linda Martin

Outdoors for All offers seasonal and inclusive day camps throughout the year for children with and without disabilities. These day camps allow kids to explore a different outdoor activity each day such as rock climbing, adaptive cycling, exploring with a day at the beach and much more. Most importantly, they allow children with and without disabilities the chance to have a whole lot of fun outdoors!

One participant who particularly enjoys our day camps is Lucas Martin. Lucas has autism and he's a regular at our day camps. He started attending our day camps in the summer of 2007. Outdoors for All Program Manager Elizabeth Scriven said, "Lucas was really in his own world when he first started with us, he was pretty much nonverbal, avoided eye contact, and didn't really socialize with peers or staff. When I met him, Lucas used words sparingly to communicate, was prone to melt downs especially during transitions, and never initiated conversation."

Program Manager Elizabeth Scriven added, "It is exciting to me to be a part of that kind of growth and skill development in kids with autism. When working with kids who have autism having a positive, consistent, and caring environment is crucial to being able to break through some of the barriers autism creates. It is so rewarding when you can see those barriers coming down right in front of you!"

To get more information about the upcoming schedule of or to register for summer day camps:

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