

About Variety's Autism Resource Center

The mission of Variety's Autism Resource Center is to give families who have a child with Autism a sense of belonging and connection through recreational activities, workshops, parent groups and various other programs as well as to provide information on resources & assistance available to families throughout the Delaware Valley. Some of the services available through the Autism Resource Center include:

- **Web site:** At www.varietyautism.org you will find links to various resources and information about everything from getting started to innovative treatments.
- **Resource Line:** Parents can call/email questions about resources and we will help connect them to services in their area
- **Autism-specific events:** We host special outings at Sesame Place and Please Touch Museum just for kids on the spectrum
- **Autism Ambassadors:** *New Initiative Starting Soon!* Variety's Autism Ambassadors will be in various schools throughout the region. This peer matching program lowers the barriers children with autism face in participating in school with their typical peers.
- **Workshops:** Held 3-4 times per year for parents and professionals to learn about new resources and to provide support to one another.

For more information:
nicolesimon@varietyphila.org



Additional Programs by Variety:

Day and Overnight Camp
Weekend Retreats
Philadelphia After school Programs
Variety at Play
Delaware Division

For more visit
www.varietyphila.org

Autism Resource Initiative

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Cool Kids Meet Up at the Camp

A Social Skills Program
for kids with
Autism Spectrum Disorders



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Program Description

The goal of Cool Kids at the Camp is to improve social interactions and communication skills in tweens/teens diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder. Participants will work on building social skills through project based activities.

Cool Kids will:

- Develop skills to communicate effectively in verbal and nonverbal ways
- Develop problem solving and conflict resolution skills
- Understand, express and inference emotions
- Share space effectively
- Learn to work as part of a group



Cool Kids at the Camp helps ASD kids become efficient Social Thinkers!

Skills will be taught through a hands-on team project as well as through role-play, social stories and discussions. Most of all, participants will have fun and have the opportunity to build lasting friendships!

Eligibility & Enrollment

Cool Kids at the Camp is for individuals on the spectrum. In order for this program to be most effective we ask that participants have verbal language and be able to follow directions with minimal prompting.

If you feel that this program might be a good fit for your child, please contact us for an application at [215-735-0803](tel:215-735-0803) or nicolesimon@varietyphila.com. If accepted into the program, we will send you a brief pre-program evaluation checklist and a welcome packet for your child.

Applications will be processed in the order that they are received.



Questions? Contact:
Nicole Simon, Autism Resource Coordinator
215-735-0803

Staff

All groups will be facilitated by Licensed Behavioral Health Professionals experienced with children with ASD in adolescence.

The program welcomes college students for ongoing support volunteers. Volunteers will provide participants with additional support and peer modeling.

Schedule and Cost

Cool Kids at the Camp meet up once a week for 8-weeks starting Monday February 6, 2012 5:30pm to 7:00pm.

Space is limited therefore applicants must commit to attending all sessions
Cost: \$50 for 8 -week session.

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