

Camp Connect

at Camp Aranzazu

April 21-23, 2017

Camper Application Packet

Enrollment begins February 10, 2017

Spots limited! Apply immediately.

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Camp Connect

Policies and Information

Camp Connect combines a camp experience with intensive therapy for social learning challenges. The weekend camp offers intensive social learning therapy using the Social Thinking® methodology for 12-16 year olds with daily social groups and social thinking concepts embedded throughout the traditional camp activities. Throughout the weekend, campers participate in several small group therapy sessions focusing on concepts relevant for teenagers. These concepts include forming connections with peers, perspective taking, problem solving, and hidden rules for this age group. During camp activities, social learning concepts are embedded and practiced with self-reflections and self-ratings completed daily. This is an incredible opportunity for teenagers to connect with others and to learn new concepts.

Camper Eligibility

Camp Connect accepts campers between the ages of 12-16 years who would benefit from the Social Thinking® approach. The camp serves children who demonstrate age appropriate or mildly delayed language skills, average to above average cognitive potential, and who interact spontaneously with other peers their age. Campers who have good self help skills, can tolerate being away from home, who can be successful in a camp environment without 1:1 assistance and are ready for a camp experience are eligible for this camp. *The camp is not equipped to help children who have more serious behavioral and emotional or medical difficulties that require psychological support, smaller ratios, and more adult assistance. If a child struggle to remain in the group, pay attention to other people around them, or exhibit huge reactions of sadness, anger or aggression, this camp would not be an appropriate placement. Consults will help to determine if camp or other forms of therapy are the best matches for your child's learning needs.* Campers must be accepted to camp through an admissions process to be eligible for camp.

Camp Tuition

The cost of camp is \$800 for the week, which includes transportation, lodging, food, and intensive group therapy services (minimum of 6 direct hours in group therapy). Camp Connect requires a \$250 deposit and a Payment Authorization Form or payment in full with this application to reserve a camper spot. If the director determines that the camp is not a good match for the student, all payments will be refunded in full. Any remaining payment for the camp will be direct debited or processed through your credit card on or about April 1, 2017. The Payment Authorization Form is included in this application. Please contact the business office at 713-467-4696 with any questions about payment.

Admission to Camp Connect

Campers are encouraged to register early, as **space is extremely limited (only 10 spots for boys and 10 spots for girls)**. Please submit all of your information (including medical forms) **by April 5, 2017**. If forms are not received, your child's spot on the camper list may be removed regardless of payment made. Application packets must be completed and returned to the Camp Connect Director, Renee Attaway, or The Parish School business office. Applications for Camp Connect are reviewed by the Director and Assistant Director who determine whether the camp is appropriate for the student based on interviews, the teacher questionnaire, communications with therapists, and review of the application. All new students will be asked to attend a Camp Consultation, which consists of an informal evaluation of the camper's social needs. The cost for this is \$85 (payable by cash or check at the time of the consultation). This consultation usually takes 45 minutes and is conducted at The Parish School. Please email Renee Attaway at rattaway@parishschool.org to schedule this consultation.



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Camp Arrival and Pick Up

Parents will drop off at The Parish School on Friday, April 21st between 11:00 and 11:45 am. The bus leaves promptly at 12:00 pm. We will not wait for late arrivals and you will be required to bring them directly to Camp Aranzazu (no refunds given for late arrivals). Campers will arrive at the camp around 4:00 pm (please send money for a bathroom/ snack stop along the way). The bus will return to The Parish School at 4:00 pm on Sunday, April 23rd. Parents will be texted updates on arrival time, but should plan to meet the bus promptly.

Camper Acceptance

After completing this application and being accepted to the camp, families will receive a camper packet with emergency forms, packing list, important dates and additional information needed. Please return all emergency and medical forms by April 5, 2017. For any other questions, please contact Renee Attaway at rattaway@parishschool.org.

Parent Communication

More information on this will be shared in the camper packet.

Application Packet (must include ALL of the following:)

- Camp Enrollment Form
- Payment Authorization Form- *unless payment is made in full with this application*
- Camper Information
- Daily Care
- Social Cognitive Information
- Social Learning Checklist
- Camper Profile Information
- Acknowledgement of Behavior Policy Form signed by the applicant and parent/ guardian

Exclusions and Behavioral Policy

Should any information completed in this application be found to be falsified previous to and/ or during the week of camp, Camp Connect reserves the right to deny acceptance and/or to send the camper home, as well as in cases where the camp is not the right match for a student or to ensure the success of the camp and campers (i.e., in instances including, but not limited to: excessive physical limitations, required care that is not possible given our staff ratio, significant behavioral disturbances, physical aggression toward staff or campers, or other reasons determined by camp administration). Refunds may not be issued in these situations.

Contact Information

For any questions regarding this application or Camp Connect, please contact Renee Attaway, M.S., CCC-SLP at rattaway@parishschool.org. You can also reach us by phone at 713-467-4696 extension 191. Scan or mail any applications to the address below.

The Parish School
Re: Camp Connect
11001 Hammerly Drive
Houston, TX 77043
Phone: 713-467-4696/ Fax: 713-467-8341



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Application Form April 21-23

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

This enrollment form reserves a spot for my child for Camp Connect. All packets must include the required *Payment Authorization Form* or a full payment of \$800. A minimum \$250 deposit is required with all applications and may be made by check *made payable to The Parish School* or by direct debit. Please complete and return the Direct Debit form in this application.

I understand that any remaining camp fees will be processed by Payment Method Authorization on or about April 1, 2017. I also understand if my child is not accepted into Camp Connect any fees paid will be refunded.

This application has my approval and consent:

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

Printed name of Parent or Guardian: _____

All applicants will be contacted via email or phone within two weeks after the application is received to confirm enrollment or schedule a consultation for new applicants.

Payment Method

Please check the box beside the payment method selected.

- \$250 Deposit (made by check, credit card or direct debit) with a Payment Authorization Form completed and attached to this form. Remaining fees will be processed on or about 4/1/2017.**
- Full Payment with a Check(#____) Or Payment Authorization Form.**

Please return this *Enrollment Form* and *Payment Authorization Form* to the Business Office check box by mail or scan to email . **This form will not be accepted without the completed *Payment Authorization Form* or payment in full attached.**



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PAYMENT METHOD AUTHORIZATION FORM

PLEASE SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1) **AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR DIRECT DEBITS (ACH DEBITS):**

I (we), _____ hereby authorize The Parish School to initiate debit entries to my (our) ___checking or ___ savings account (select one) indicated below at the depository financial institution named below, and to debit the same to such account. I (we) acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my (our) account must comply with the provisions of U.S. Law. Payment amounts and processing dates of Direct Debits are based on the payment option selected in the signed Enrollment Contract or Optional Program Enrollment Form for the 2016-2017 school year.

Please complete this section and attach a voided check :

Depository Name _____ Branch _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Routing Number _____ Account Number _____

2) **AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR CREDIT CARD TRANSACTION PROCESS:**

I (we), _____ hereby authorize The Parish School to process credit card transactions to my (our) credit card noted below. Amounts and processing dates of credit card transactions are based on the payment option selected in the signed Enrollment Contract or Optional Program Enrollment Form for the 2016-2017 school year. **We acknowledge that by selecting to pay via credit card an additional 3.75% service fee will be applied to my account to cover credit card processing costs.**

Please complete this section:

Card number _____ Expiration date _____ CVV code _____

THIS AUTHORIZATION IS TO REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT UNTIL THE PARISH SCHOOL HAS RECEIVED WRITTEN NOTIFICATION FROM ME (US) OF ITS TERMINATION IN SUCH TIME AND IN SUCH MANNER AS TO AFFORD THE PARISH SCHOOL AND ANY DEPOSITORY FINANCIAL INSTITUTION INVOLVED A REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO ACT ON IT.

Name(s) _____ Date: _____

Signature(s): _____



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Camper Information

***This section is to be completed by the parent or legal guardian.
All information provided is confidential.***

Camper Full Name: _____ Preferred Name: _____

Date of Birth (M/D/Y): _____ Age: _____ Gender: Male Female

Current School: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Mother's/Legal Guardian's Name: _____

E-mail: _____ Email for Facebook page: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Employer: _____

Work Address: _____

Father's Name: _____

Address (if different from child): _____ City/State/Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Employer: _____

Work Address: _____

Who is the child living with? Both Parents Mother Father Guardian

Ethnicity: Caucasian African American Asian Native American Hispanic Other

Diagnosis: _____ Diagnosis Made By: _____

Please list the Camper's current therapies (Speech, OT, PT, Social Groups, Psychologist, Other):

Child's T-shirt size: Youth: S M L XL Adult: S M L XL XXL

Please provide at least 3 teachers, therapists, or agencies that The Parish School may contact for references. These references should be able to provide information about their social functioning in other areas.

Name: _____ Title: _____ Phone: _____

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Name: _____ Title: _____ Phone: _____

How did you hear about our camp? Website Flyer School

Another Parent (Name: _____) Professional (Name: _____)



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DAILY CARE

Camper Name: _____

Please answer all questions and provide as much information as possible so that we can best care for your teenager while at camp.

Has your teenager attended an overnight camp successfully before? Yes No
If no, has your teenager ever slept overnight away from family? Yes No

Please give us more information about your teenager:

Favorite activities: _____

Eating habits/ Special diet: _____

Special needs, comfort items, rituals: _____

Serious fears/ anxieties: _____

Bedtime/sleep habits (light, heavy, sleepwalking, nightmares, etc.): _____

Bedwetting? If so, how is this handled at home? _____

Recent stressful events we should know about? _____

Daily Medications: _____

Other important details: _____



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Social Thinking Checklist

The following is a list of social goals commonly targeted as we work to learn new social thinking skills. Please check any areas that you feel are below age level for your child or that are social struggles for them:

- Making eye contact and following other people's eye gaze
- Initiating (or inviting) play with other peers
- Joining other peers' play/ interactions
- "Reading" (or making accurate guesses about) what other people are thinking, feeling, & planning & picking up cues about what they are thinking
- Talking to other children (or having conversations)
- Conversational skills (like staying on topics, talking about topics that aren't always your favorite idea, reducing how much you say per turn, or not giving too many facts)
- Playing with others (collaborative play, taking on roles during play, using age appropriate play skills, or just being involved in play with other people)
- Showing interest in other people (asking them questions, commenting on what they just said, or joining their ideas during play)
- Expressing their emotions and using words to solve social problems (conflict, losing)
- Learning to regulate their emotions to have more "proportional" reactions during problem situations (like just being disappointed when they lose a game, not furious)
- Understanding abstract language (like why humor is funny, idioms, figurative language)
- Becoming more flexible in social situations (not always having to get your way!)
- Monitoring their own social challenges & USING strategies to change their social behaviors when needed.

What are your primary concerns about your child's social skills?

List 3 goals that you would like to see improved during this social camp:

What modifications do they need to be successful during extra curricular (or less structured) activities like soccer, church, scouts, etc?



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Camper Profile Information

(This section is to be completed by the camper.)

We would like to know a little bit about each camper before he/she gets to camp. Please have your camper answer the following questions to help us support your child at camp.

My name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

My favorite thing to do is _____.

I'm most excited about this at camp _____.

I'm most worried about this at camp _____.

Something I want my counselors to know about me is _____.

When I get angry or upset, I: Yell Hit/ Push Stay mad a long time Cry Stop talking

When I get worried, I: Shut down Cry Look angry Become silly

Do you get homesick staying away? _____

What are your strengths? _____

What are you working on socially? _____

What do you hope camp helps you learn or get better at doing? _____

Do you make and keep friends easily? _____



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Camper Profile

Rate yourself in the following areas.... (MUST BE COMPLETED BY CAMPER!!! NOT PARENT!)

| I think about others with my eyes/ brain | Always | Sometimes | A little bit | Not really |
|--|--------|-----------|--------------|------------|
| I pay more attention to other people around me than my own thoughts (internal drivers) | | | | |
| I observe socially to figure out the situation around me, as well as what is "expected" and "unexpected" | | | | |
| I keep my body/ brain in the group | | | | |
| I think about other's thoughts, emotions, intentions | | | | |
| I can guess what others are thinking about me | | | | |
| I can solve problems well with other peers (conflict, handling negative emotions, etc.) | | | | |
| I realize when I have said or done something that has made another person feel uncomfortable or annoyed | | | | |
| I adapt my behavior well to what is expected and to keep others around me feeling comfortable | | | | |
| I participate well in conversations by adding comments that connect to what people are talking about and by asking questions to find out more. | | | | |



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BEHAVIOR POLICY

In order to provide a positive camp experience and help all campers benefit from the therapy offered, Camp Connect holds to the following behavior policy. Because of the nature of the approach, campers must be able to follow expectations in the group and choose appropriate behavioral actions/words with minimal adult assistance. When significant behavioral challenges arise, our staff will follow these steps to help the camper choose expected behaviors in the group. **Camp Connect is not appropriate for children who have significant emotional or behavioral challenges.** While all children who have social challenges will struggle at times with behavior (i.e., anxiety, anger, difficulty staying in the group, defiance), all campers must be able to benefit from the therapy interventions used in the Social Thinking approach. Every effort will be made to find effective strategies and techniques to help the campers be successful, as long as it is possible in our ratio and our training.

Behavior

The staff may identify problem behavior as conduct that is disruptive to others at camp or appears harmful to other campers or staff. The following lists specific examples of those behaviors, followed by the intervention the staff may take to provide a solution and help the camper resume expected behaviors. Once a repeated unexpected behavior has been identified, the behavior plan listed below is followed.

Examples of Unexpected Behaviors (not an exhaustive list):

- Physical Aggression Kicking, hitting, pinching, throwing things, spitting, pushing, dunking in pool
- Verbal Aggression Name-calling, foul language, or taunting
- Inappropriate contact Touching other campers in inappropriate ways or engaging in physical affection with opposite sex (depending on severity- this can be an automatic expulsion).
- Wandering Away Persistently leaving the group, requiring an adult to keep camper with the group and involved in the activities more than 10 minutes per activity
- Excessive Emotion Crying nonstop due to homesickness, anger or anxiety; no strategies seem to help

Exceptions and Disclaimer to the Behavioral Plan Listed Below

The following course of action could be bypassed in the event of severe behavioral, emotional, or physical difficulties per discretion of the Camp Director. Examples of such behavioral difficulties include but are not limited to: threatening a camper/staff member, physically harming anyone, or running away from the group. In any of these cases, the Director has the authority to send the camper home and no refund is guaranteed.

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|--|---|
| Warning I: | Intervening Staff: Cabin Counselors |
| Unexpected behavior is called to the camper's attention. Staff will discuss the unexpected behaviors and their impact on the thoughts/ feelings of other campers and staff members. Consequences may be given to the camper depending on the nature of the unexpected behaviors. Staff will attempt to use Social Thinking techniques, problem solving strategies, visual aids, and positive redirections. | |
| Warning II: | Intervening Staff: Cabin Counselors, Assistant Directors, Director |
| When the techniques listed above have failed to help the camper resume expected behaviors, more serious consequences may be given. These might include the camper being asked to leave the group for a specified amount of time or sitting with the staff during meal times. . Parents will be contacted at this point to inform them of the situation and ask for guidance or strategies. | |
| Warning III: | Intervening Staff: Camp Director and The Parish School Staff |
| Camper will be sent home in cases where the above techniques have failed or when extreme behaviors have occurred at the camp. | |

WE HAVE READ, DISCUSSED AND AGREE TO THE ABOVE BEHAVIOR POLICY:

Camper Signature/ Date: _____ Parent Signature/ Date: _____



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School or Extra Curricular Questionnaire

Thank you for your willingness to complete this 2 page questionnaire! This information is very helpful to us at Camp Connect! Please return this promptly to help the camper reserve their spot. (only necessary for new campers).

(This information on next two pages is to be completed by the child's teacher or coach at school or in an extra curricular activity.)

Child Name: _____

Parent(s): _____

This form is being completed by: _____

Title of Person completing form: _____

Where you observe the child (School or Extra Curricular Activity): _____

Ages of students in class or group: _____ Total number of students in group? _____

Contact number or email for person completing this form: _____

How long have you known the student? _____ Date Completed: _____

What are his/her strengths in your setting?

What are his/ her weaknesses or areas that need focus?

What strategies or techniques do you use to help this child?

Do you have any concerns or problems with this child in your setting?

Please complete the checklist on the following page and return all forms to:

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or email Renee Attaway at rattaway@parishschool.org with the form/ questions

Please complete the attached page as well!! Return BOTH to Camp connect.



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Please rate the child's performance or abilities in these areas:

| | Often | Sometimes | Seldom | Never |
|--|-------|-----------|--------|-------|
| Performs at grade level in reading | | | | |
| Comprehends reading passages | | | | |
| Performs at grade level in math | | | | |
| Writes well for grade level | | | | |
| Communicates well at age level | | | | |
| Understands what he/ she hears | | | | |
| Stays with the group/ other peers | | | | |
| Follows group expectations | | | | |
| Listens to and follows directions | | | | |
| Listens to other people | | | | |
| Pays attention in the group | | | | |
| Has age appropriate conversations with other peers | | | | |
| Plays with other peers during unstructured times (recess, etc.) | | | | |
| Talks to other peers often | | | | |
| Has close friends | | | | |
| Uses words to solve problems (rather than aggression) | | | | |
| Shows normal emotional reactions (doesn't cry excessively or rage) | | | | |
| Works through anger well | | | | |
| Initiates interactions with others (isn't too anxious) | | | | |
| Shows confidence and a normal level of worry (isn't too anxious) | | | | |



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Thank you so much for providing us with this information!!!

Signature of Person Completing Form: _____

Printed Name & Date of Completion: _____