

Pediatric Therapy Network Impact and Outcomes Report Program Effectiveness

Program: Camp Escapades

Camp Escapades is an innovative day camp, unique in design and purpose. Created for children with special needs this camp program also offers a one-of-a kind opportunity for typically developing children. For three weeks each August, Camp Escapades opens its doors to children of any ability level from 3 to 13 years of age, including those with disabilities such as down syndrome, cerebral palsy, autism and other developmental delays. The campers at Camp Escapades enjoy sports, music and dance classes, arts and crafts, and special events like petting zoo, carnival day and waterslide Wednesdays. Activities are geared and adapted so the every camper can have fun regardless of their age or ability. Each young camper is escorted throughout the day by a camp "buddy". This unique one-to-one ratio is made possible by the hundreds of area youth who volunteer their summer days to spend with the campers.

Top 3 differences in child's behavior reported during Camp Escapades



Improved Sleeping



Improved Fitness



Increased Communication

107 Scholarships were awarded for children to attend camp in 2011



Hear what Camper's Parents have to say...

- "Camp was the greatest gift we have ever received. My son **did things he has never tried at home or school**...rode a tricycle, went in a bounce house..."
- "My son really enjoyed the camp, especially he loved to do something with his buddies. He kept saying "I love the camp! I like my buddies" I was so surprised that he could remember all the names of his buddies and even asked me to take a picture of them, **that has never happened before!**"

For more information please contact campers@ptnmail.org