



## Camp AuSome! Summer Camp for individuals with HFA and Asperger's Syndrome

This day camp provides an experience for school-aged children in the Roanoke Valley with a diagnosis of High-Functioning Autism or Asperger's Syndrome. Camp incorporates social skills, problem-solving, team building and daily living skills within the context of a day camp where fun, creativity and exploration are emphasized. Age groups include: Primary: K-2, Secondary: 3-5, Middle: 6-8, High: 9-12

This 3 week camp runs July 10th-July 27th, Mondays-Thursdays, from 9:00AM-3:00PM.

Cost is \$1200 for all 3 weeks.

**Camp Director– Shelley Ionescu, MS,  
Occupational Therapy, working in conjunction  
with BRAAC Behavior Analysts  
and BRAAC's Behavior Technicians.**

Each week supports a respective theme. As camp proceeds with each theme, ideas and skills learned in the previous weeks are reinforced, to ensure a cumulative effect, which emphasizes how self, friends and community interact with one another. This plan reinforces the differences in social skills encountered in each social domain of self, friends/family, and the larger community. Challenges and activities are presented in a problem-solving manner, in which the counselors serve as facilitators and state the objective, but the campers come up with both the "problem/s" and the "answer/s" Each sub-set of students determine individual group member's responsibilities for each task before an activity begins, what the procedure for the activity should be (how the objective will be accomplished), helping one another (rather than asking a counselor for help) during the activity and debriefing after the activity.

Special visitors, field trips and activities support the theme. A packed lunch is eaten as a large group, except when sub-groups would rather have a picnic. Daily snacks are provided. Each week, a group will prepare a meal or snack for the entire camp.

Daily/Weekly activities include:

Swimming

Arts/Crafts

Daily Puzzle/Mystery

Hiking/Fishing/Exploring flora/fauna

Gym time

Stables: therapeutic riding or stable chores when available

Down time/Free time in which children may choose alone time if they wish.

Game time

Field Trip

Every day begins with a preview of the day's activities, with each camper having a daily "map" schedule, so that those who need visual supports get their needs met without being singled out. Every day ends with a review, where the team members discuss their likes/dislikes of the day, ending with each child sharing something they learned that day, or something that they really enjoyed. Additionally, something positive is shared about each member, so that every camper goes home with a heart full of things that are good about them.

**\*Must sign up for all 3 weeks. Register for Camp at BRAAC on April 3rd, 9:00AM. First come, first serve. Camp will fill up quickly. For more information, call Tammie-366-7399.**

