

CAMP DURANGO MAKING RESEARCH FUN





Welcome!

We are so excited to have you and your family participate in Camp Durango this summer! Camp Durango is designed for kids 5 years old and up diagnosed with or at-risk for autism, and their siblings! We will focus on building communication, social, and adaptive skills using behavior analysis in a summer camp setting.

This packet will outline what to expect at camp and how to prepare. As always, please contact our team if you have any questions or would like more information!

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About Us

Camp Durango is a grant funded research project at The University of Texas at San Antonio. Campers will enroll in one of the research projects being lead by UTSA faculty and staff. These studies will be conducted in the context of fun, summer day camp activities while simultaneously targeting social communication, adaptive skills, leisure skills, and challenging behavior.





Theme Weeks

Each week of camp will have a special theme! The camps' general structure and goals will remain consistent, but activities will focus on that week's theme.

We highly encourage dressing up to match the theme!!





Arrival & Departure

8:00am Drop-Off 12:00pm Pick-Up

Please plan to stay for about 5 minutes during drop-off on the first day so that we can make sure we have everything!

If you are planning on having someone else pick up or drop off your child, please inform camp staff via the registration form, email, or text message.

Additionally, please let us know if there is anyone who is NOT allowed to pick up your child. We will be checking the ID of the adults picking up campers throughout the week to ensure the safety of all campers.



Location

501 W Cesar E Chavez Blvd San Antonio, TX 78207 Durango Building, Suites 0.220 (basement level)



We will pick up your child from the top floor of the DTC Garage. If you are planning to stay for more than 15 minutes, please use the pay stalls for \$2.50 per hour.



Camp Structure

- All campers will be assigned to a counselor to support them throughout the week. This counselor will introduce themselves to you and your family on the first day of camp and will allow time to ask any outstanding questions.
- All counselors will be supervised by a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) group leader.
- Your child will be assigned to a group based on their age and will spend the week making friends!
- Each day will include an energizer dance time, snack time, and small and large group activities. Additionally all campers will work with a researcher on various skills for approximately 20 minutes per day.



Research Projects

LEARNING NEW PLAY SKILLS FROM VIDEOS

Campers will use video models to learn new cooperative play skills to use while engaging with their peers.

TEACHING TEACHERS HOW TO IMPLEMENT ABA

Campers will work with a teacher on a caregiver selected skill. This is a great project for siblings, or campers who need help with adaptive or academic skills.

TEACHING SOCIAL SKILLS DURING VIDEO GAMES

Campers will learn social skills during while playing video games with their neurotypical peers.



Open House

All campers will be required to attend the "Camp Durango Open House" for a 15 minute session, on either June 5th or June 6th. This session is designated for selecting a research project, filling out paperwork, picking up t-shirts, and getting to know your camper!

- Wednesday, June 5th between 8:00am and 12:00pm
- Thursday June 6th between 12:00pm and 7:00pm





Popsicle Party

To celebrate the amazing achievements of our campers throughout the week, we will host a Popsicle Party each Thursday at 11:30am.

This party will include a showcase of the campers art, activities, dances, and skills! It will conclude with an award ceremony to highlight how awesome each camper is.

All family and friends are welcome to attend.

Location will be announced at the start of each week.





Packing List

Please pack a bag for your camper with the following items labeled with their name:

- Extra change of clothes
- Lunch or a snack
- Water bottle
- Sunglasses or hat
- Communication device if applicable
- Diaper or pull-up and wipes if applicable
- Epi-pen if applicable





Arrive Prepared

- If your child uses a communication device or book, please bring that to camp!
- Label all items with your child's name or initials.
- Avoid packing extra toys or activities, we have plenty and don't want your items to get lost!
- Dress in clothes that can get dirty.
- We will do lots of running around, wear comfortable shoes/sneakers (with backs are ideal).
- Feel free to dress up for the week's theme!
- We will not be able to administer any medications.
 If you need to provide medications during camp, you will need to come in-person to do so.
- We are also not able to apply sunscreen or bug spray. If you would like your child to wear these at camp, please apply before drop-off.