



Frequently Asked Questions About New Behavioral Network Explorer's Summer Camp!

Q: Where is your camp located?

A: Camp is held at 5 Carnegie Plaza, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

Q: When is your camp held?

Week 1-August 5th-August 9th

Week 2-August 12th-August 16th

Week 3-August 19th-August 23rd

Q: What are the program options for my child?

A: The full day sessions are 9AM-3PM.

Q: What ages do you accept?

A: Our camp accepts children from ages 4-17*. Campers are split into activity groups/classrooms based on chronological age and developmental level to ensure the safety and appropriateness of planned activities.

*Please note the change in ages from previous years. Current state laws and regulations for students change once someone turns 18 and they are considered an adult. Unfortunately, our insurance company makes it prohibitive to have adults attend our camp. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

Q: What are the credentials of your camp staff?

A: We are extremely proud to offer a diverse camp staff with many years of experience working with children who have been diagnosed with ASD, as well as other developmental disabilities, and behavioral challenges. They go through rigorous screening process and are trained in the principles and application of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). Most currently

work for NBN in the field providing behavior supports/therapy to our clients. All are trained in Crisis Prevention and there is a Crisis Manager on site at all times. Our Co-Directors (Board Certified Behavior Analyst and ABA specialist) work closely with NBN's Counselors to implement a camp curriculum that meet the special needs of our campers and are on site every day at camp to provide support to our staff. In addition, they go through trainings prior to the start of camp provided by the Co-Directors. Our lead teachers have years of special education teaching experience and/or work directly with children who have special needs in an educational setting.

Q: My child needs a 1:1 for camp, do you provide that?

A: Yes! NBN has fully trained Individual Support Counselors (ISC's) that help support your camper in a 1:1 capacity throughout the day. We complete a telephonic or in-person camp screening on all registered campers to evaluate the need for an ISC if you are unsure.

Q: What is the staff to camper ratio?

A: Great question! Our staff to camper ratio is at least 1:3. That said, many campers require an ISC and there is always a lead teacher in the classroom, as well as additional camp support staff assigned to "float" through camp to jump in and provide support to our staff and campers if needed during an activity or special event.

Q: Does my child need a developmental disability or mental health diagnosis to attend Explorer's Summer Camp?

A: While the majority of our campers have a mental health diagnosis or developmental disability, our camp is offered to children with a variety of needs which may impact their ability to attend other summer camps. Our camp activities provide children with structured fun, support the development of social skills, target skill deficits, and enhance appropriate communication, all supported by behaviorists trained in ABA therapy. We pre-screen all potential campers for appropriateness, so there is no guesswork involved for you!

Q: Is there transportation available for camp?

A: Unfortunately, NBN is unable to provide transportation for our campers at this time.

Q: What is the application process?

A: If you are interested in sending your child to Explorer's Summer Camp, first complete the camp application online and submit it with your \$200 non-refundable deposit. This deposit

will hold your child's placement at camp; please note, a placement at camp cannot be guaranteed without this deposit. Once your application is processed by office staff, one of our Co-Directors will contact you, generally within 2 business days, to schedule a camp intake screening to determine the best classroom placement for your camper. If your child has attended our camp before, this intake may be held over the phone. If your camper is brand new to camp, an in-person intake screening MUST take place in order for your child to attend camp.

If you are applying to Perform Care for financial assistance, you will first need to register your camper with NBN, pay the deposit, and participate in the camp intake screening, where you will be given the "camp acceptance letter" for either/or financial aid assistance and the 1:1 financial assistance. This acceptance letter is necessary to submit with your financial aid application through Perform Care.

Q: What is the cost of your summer camp?

A: Weekly rates are as follows:

Full Day (9AM-3PM): \$600 per camper

Please note: NBN requires a \$200 deposit to hold a child's spot at summer camp. The deposit will be applied to your final balance which is due August 1st. If it is determined that an ISC (1:1) is needed, those costs are additional.

Q: Are there any financial aid opportunities?

NJ's Children's System of Care invites potential campers to apply for financial aid through Perform Care. This application is typically available as of March 1st of each year, and the deadline is typically April 30th of each year. If you are approved, this financial assistance typically covers \$80/per day of the \$120/per day tuition, or \$400 of the \$600 per week tuition for up to 2 weeks of camp. This would leave you with a \$200 per week balance.

1:1 aide applications are typically different than general aid applications. You must have a registration and camp acceptance letter stating that a 1:1 aide is required for your child to attend camp in order for Perform Care to process your application.

Q: Does Explorer's Summer Camp offer before or aftercare?

A: Yes, and before care is included in the cost for camp. Campers can be dropped off as early as 8:30AM and will be supervised until normal camp programming begins at 9AM. Please note, if you arrive earlier than 8:30, you will be required to stay with your child until staff arrives.

Our Aftercare program is held from 3:00PM to 5:30PM. If you would like your child enrolled in Aftercare, prepayment of \$15 per day or \$75 per week can be made via the payment portal on this website or by providing the camp director with a check/credit card at the beginning of each camp week.

Q: Are meals provided for campers?

A: Due to the prevalence of food allergies and dietary restrictions, we ask that children bring lunch from home. Lunch is held at 12:00 each day. NBN provides snacks and drinks to campers in the morning and afternoon. Campers with strict dietary restrictions are asked to provide their own snacks each day.

Q: What will my camper do all day?

A: That's an easy question! Have a blast making new friends and learning new things! But here is a sneak peek at some of the things they will be doing: Sports and recreational activities to focus on team building and socialization, building Lego structures with a Snapology expert, learning new cooking skills, science experimenting, dancing with our house band of musicians as well as singing with our music and movement therapist, and a weekly field trip! Every day brings something different to do, see, or be!

Q: Do you have a Junior Counselor Program?

A: Yes we do! Our JC's will be helping out in all aspects of camp this year as well as learning important basic vocational skills through our enhanced curriculum.

Q: Why should I send my child to NBN's Explorer Camp?

A: Our approach to camp is no different than any other camp's approach, EXCEPT that our philosophy for fun is rooted in providing children with special needs the support of highly trained Applied Behavior Analysis professionals with years of experience in the diverse emotional and behavioral needs of our campers. The curriculum for each group is created through collaboration between certified special education teachers, certified teacher/clinical specialists, and Board Certified Behavior Analysts. We don't design our camp based on a child's

perceived limitations; we create an experience based on the unlimited potential of our campers!

Q: Who do I contact if I have additional questions about camp or the registration process?

A: NBN's office staff will be happy to answer any of your questions. The office is open from 8:30am-5:00pm, Monday through Friday. Please call 856-874-1616 or 856-669-0211 and ask for Rachel Brown for more information.