

Rainbow Academy for Little Scholars

226 Grenoble Road

Ivyland, Pennsylvania 18974

Dear Friends,

Summertime at Rainbow Academy means friendship. Children play, swim, and engage with each other in kickball, soccer, field hockey, beach volleyball and ga-ga. Children sing, cheer, dance, ride horses, plant vegetables, create crafts, swing, play ball, have fun and feel great! Our camp facility is the perfect size to offer lots of fun summer activities, yet is small enough so that each child feels a part of the "community." All of the staff at Rainbow Academy recognize each child as a unique and wonderful person, and encourage the growth of feeling successful, building character, and instilling human excellence. We are excited to offer your child another season of "fun in the sun" as we prepare for eight weeks of joy at Rainbow Academy. Enclosed, please find an application form for the 2012 summer season. There will be four week and eight week sessions available, with transportation and extended hours optional.

Program Highlights

Engaging Facility

Children participate in activities on a five acre facility - large enough to offer ample athletic, artistic/dramatic, and nature oriented activities, yet intimate enough to provide a safe and nurturing experience. The program is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Activities are organized to allow each child to "shine;" groups rotate to different activities every forty five minutes. Activities include:

*Swimming - Heated pools provide great fun and respite from the summer sun. Our pool staff implement the American Red Cross swim program with children aged four and older. Children under the age of four will enjoy a wading pool for splash and cooperative games, practice with movement and breathing under water, and to build swimming confidence.

*Horseback riding and pony rides - Our wonderful horses and Candy, our pony, are eager to share the benefits of horseback riding. Children giggle as they improve balance/coordination and further develop confidence. What a sense of freedom to sit atop a large horse or pony! Everyone also gets such a "kick" out of our goofy miniature donkey, Rosalina.

*Creative arts - Music, art, and dance activities will offer children opportunities to engage spirits with friends. Playing different instruments (steel drum, guitars, etc.), singing songs with friends, creating crafts, and sharing a favorite dance "move" will add to the excitement of the day. Our Melody Garden is a delight!

*Recreational sports include soccer, field hockey, baseball/t-ball, funnel ball, bowling, beach volleyball and other field games. Sports activities also include obstacle courses and other games on developmentally appropriate playgrounds.

*Nature and science - Activities include digging for worms, planting seeds in the greenhouse, caring for vegetables in the garden, reading nonfiction and picture books to capture insight, studying honeybees in our observational hive, exploring in the sunflower garden, and interacting with animals in our petting zoo. Our goats and sheep are eager to meet new summer friends! Children will discover eggs in our chicken coop. During these activities, children learn to be gentle with nature and become passionate about observing the world around them.

*Indoor activities in our air-conditioned building include computers, games, a music program and "center" time. Our youngest children participate in Circle Time activities inside a play oriented classroom.

Fun Theme Days

Our summer program consists of weekly themes, such as

*"Creepy Crawler Week," with a visit from Spider Man, Limbo contest, Camp Treasure Hunt;

*"Dr. Seuss Week," featuring Crazy Hat and Hair Day, Wacky Wednesday, and Backwards Day, Pajama Day;

*"Sports Week," including a visit from the Philly Phanatic, and celebrations of Philadelphia sports teams;

*"Up, Up, and Away," activities that include Bubble Day, Rocket Day (setting off rockets), and Kite Flying Day;

*Etc. etc. etc. More fun to come!

During the last two weeks of camp, our "Spirit Games" emphasize cooperation and the ability to work within a group. Character is developed, as well as human excellence, when responsibility within the community is stressed, rather than strict competition within the group. Rainbow Academy, both as a school and summer camp, has always hoped to develop the moral fiber of children, the "heart and soul" within each of us. During our Spirit Games, children challenge themselves through whole group games, activities, and special events. Examples of games include:

wacky relay races, moon ball, "circle to circle," creating a group cheer and improvisation show for others to watch, synchronized swimming routines and relays, an animal fashion show, and other dynamic activities.

Buddy Program

The development of integrity, self confidence, character and human excellence are major components of our summer program. In our oldest two groups, this development is encouraged through our Buddy program of pairing Rainbow campers with friends from Carousel Farm (our program for children with neurological and mental challenges) or younger Rainbow campers. Friendship and learning occur both ways - our older campers experience themselves as caring, competent, and valued, while our younger children experience themselves as worthy of kindness and create bonds with others. Our Rainbow Buddies learn to be patient role models, as well as understand each individual's unique differences and needs. During the Buddy program, children share feelings in a community that is sensitive and understanding. They talk, write, reflect, and most importantly, laugh together.

Toddler Program

Rainbow Academy offers a sunny and cheerful program for toddlers (ages twelve through thirty months)! Bright learning centers for imaginary play, with nurturing and loving staff, will encourage a busy toddler's investigation of the world! This intimate group of little ones will share a schedule of indoor and outdoor activities to fascinate and delight them! Our new outdoor toddler playground is dandy!

Rainbow Connection Enrichment and Support Programs

Rainbow Academy is designed to address each child's unique needs, while reinforcing individual strengths. We are a community that embraces diversity in children and their families. We welcome children with a range of abilities into our programs. We recognize that some children will need additional related service supports, such as enhanced staff/camper ratio, speech/language therapy, occupational therapy, etc. For these campers, extra support is available (at camp) for an additional fee. Please speak with the Director as to a second tuition option: 1) The Rainbow Connection Enrichment and Support Program (which includes additional support to ease transitions, enhance socialization with peers, and support positive behavior management techniques for the child to be successful); 2) therapists to provide services during specific activities; 3) Carousel Farm.

Staff and Grouping

Many of our staff from previous years will be returning this season! Rainbow Academy group counselors and specialty staff are teachers certified in early childhood/elementary education. The staff is a wonderful model of a sensitive community and is thoughtful during their work with young children. The gentle nature and cheerful disposition of the staff provide effective and engaging summer activities. Our staff also includes a full time nurse.

The program will be open for children ages 12 months to 13 years. Children are grouped with boys and girls of similar age level. Summer camp gives children an opportunity to meet new friends and form new relationships in a care free and relaxed atmosphere. You will find a spot on the front of the application where you may list special friends that you would like your child to be with. Please note that we cannot promise to honor all requests for "special" placements of children with friends that they already know. Every child is terrific and wonderful. Each child will easily adjust and feel a part of the Rainbow "family" in just a few days after beginning camp.

Application Process

Please read the enclosed application for more information, including summer tuition fees. This summer, we are offering a "lunch" program, including a delicious menu. Lunches catered by B and T's Catering (in Southampton) will be offered for an additional fee to the tuition. There are several camp programs to meet your needs. Please note on the application that there are three "full day" programs - one is our regular program (8:45 -3:30); one is an "extended hour" program (7:00 - 6:00); and one is an 8:45 -2:00 program. If you are interested in having your child attend Rainbow Academy this summer, early enrollment discounts are available until December 31, 2011. The deposit amount is refundable until 5/1/12. No allowance for late arrival or early withdrawal of a child or interruption in the season will be made. The directors reserve the right to cancel, sever, or suspend a child's enrollment if deemed in the best interest of the child or the program, in which case the unused fee will be refunded. Note that we will be closed for the July 4th holiday.

We look forward to another wonderful summer and having your child join the fun. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call. Give a big hug to your family!

Very truly yours,
Mr. Dan, Linda, and Mario

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Application for Enrollment 2012 Camp Season
Date Starting _____

Application Date _____

Child's Last Name _____ First Name _____ (Nickname) _____ Boy Girl
Circle One _____ Birth Date _____

Address (include street, city, and zip code) _____ Parent E-Mail Address _____ Telephone Number _____

Parent's Name _____ Occupation _____ Business Address _____ Telephone Number _____ Cell Phone Number _____ Beeper _____

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Name of Emergency Contact (other than parent) _____ Address and Telephone Number _____

Name of Child's Physician _____ Telephone Number _____

Special Concerns for Child: Physical Disability, Hearing, Vision Problems, Language Delay, Allergies, etc. _____

List Names and Ages of Other Children in the Family _____

If one parent is not residing with your child, please list his/her address and telephone number. _____

List any person other than mother or father to whom your child may be released. _____

List any person who may NOT take your child from the school. _____

If under the age of 5, does your child attend pre-school or playgroup? If yes, where? _____

Is your pre-schooler toilet trained? Yes ___ No ___ Do you want your pre-schooler to nap at camp? Yes ___ No ___

If older, what elementary school does your child attend? _____ Grade _____

How did you learn about Rainbow Academy? _____ Whom may we thank? _____

We will *try* to honor requests for certain friends to be together. Please let us know if you wish for your child to be with someone special (limit two friends): _____

Please read the parental agreement below (and on the back side) and sign in the designated spaces:

Parental Agreement

1. I agree to have my family physician fill out the required health forms before the beginning of camp.
2. I give my consent to have my child transported to and from camp, and also on field trips by Rainbow Academy staff.
3. I understand that my child will only be released to those designated on this form. Any changes must be made in writing.
4. Rainbow Academy provides services and admission without regard to race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, disability, age or national origin.
5. I give permission for the school to use a photo of my child for media or advertisement purposes.
6. A \$250 deposit is due with the Application for Enrollment form. I agree to pay the tuition when due. Deposits are refundable only if Rainbow Academy is notified of cancellation before May 1, 2012. Total tuition is due by May 1, 2012. No allowance will be made for the early withdrawal of a camper or any interruption in the 2012 camp season. The Directors reserve the right to cancel, sever, or suspend a child's enrollment if deemed in the best interest of the camper or the camp, in which case the unused tuition will be refunded.
7. The camp is not responsible for a child's equipment or personal belongings, while in transit or in camp. The camp will make every effort to provide proper supervision so that losses will be at a minimum.
8. I give permission for Rainbow Academy nurse to administer prescription medications as instructed by my family physician or non-prescription medications as instructed by a parent. Prescriptions must be in the original container.
9. I give permission for my child to be treated at an emergency room in case of accident, or illness at camp.

10. Camp will be closed on the July 4th holiday.

11. In the event that I, the parent, hires Rainbow Academy staff from time to time, for outside child care service, I agree that these services are not related to Rainbow Academy or its owners/directors. With respect to outside child care services, I release and discharge Rainbow Academy, and their present or former officers, employees, directors in their individual and corporate capacities from all claims, demands, liabilities, actions or causes which I have or may have claim at any time in the future based in whole or in part on or arising out of related outside child care services.

Parent Signature _____

Rainbow Academy Summer Camp Programs Offered for 2012:

Circle program: 8 weeks (6/25 – 8/17)

First 4 weeks (6/25 – 7/20)

Second 4 weeks (7/23 – 8/17)

5% discount will be applied for any application received with a deposit before 12/31/2011.

10% discount is given for a sibling with lesser tuition.

Please check (X) the appropriate program for your child:

The programs below are listed as Monday through Friday fun!

	8 Weeks	(X)	4 Weeks	(X)
Full Day Program 8:45 – 2:00	\$2340	()	\$1400	()
Full Day Program 8:45 – 3:30	\$2495	()	\$1495	()
Full Day Program 7:00 – 6:00	\$2935	()	\$1750	()

Rainbow Academy offers limited openings for two or three day enrollments.

Please circle the days you wish your child to attend: M T W Th F

Please check (X) the appropriate program for your child:

	8 Weeks	(X)	4 Weeks	(X)
Full Day Program 8:45 – 2:00	2 Days - \$1495 3 Days - \$1960	() ()	2 Days - \$890 3 Days - \$1175	() ()
Full Day Program 8:45 – 3:30	2 Days - \$1610 3 Days - \$2095	() ()	2 Days - \$965 3 Days - \$1255	() ()
Full Day Program 7:00 – 6:00	2 Days - \$1895 3 Days - \$2475	() ()	2 Days - \$1135 3 Days - \$1480	() ()

Toddler Program

Our nurturing and exciting toddler program is offered for children ages twelve to thirty months.

Please circle the days you wish your child to attend: M T W Th F

Toddler tuition fees are based on a monthly schedule.

Please check (X) the appropriate program for your child:

	Tuition/Month	(X)
2 Days 8:45 – 3:30	\$565	()
2 Days 7:00 – 6:00	\$675	()
3 Days 8:45 – 3:30	\$845	()
3 Days 7:00 – 6:00	\$900	()
5 Days 8:45 – 3:30	\$1135	()
5 Days 7:00 – 6:00	\$1210	()

Snacks are provided at camp. A catered lunch is optional for purchase at an additional rate of:

\$150 for 8 weeks – If desired, please check (X) ___

\$75 for 4 weeks – If desired, please check (X) ___

Extended hours are billed at a rate of \$10.50/hour for times before or after program hours.

Supplemental tuition fees for our *Enrichment and Support Programs*, designed to increase success for children who need support to ease transitions, enhance socialization with peers and support positive behavior management techniques, as well as fees for occupation/speech/physical therapy can be obtained from the Director.