

## Summer Camp



Autism Family Network still has openings for our eight-week tuition-based full-time summer day camp / child care. One parent's "first morning" report went like this:

*THANK YOU! You made my day. Jacob was up, dressed, made his bed and standing by our bedside with his backpack @ 6AM ready to go to Josh Ryan Camp. Thank you for all your hard work and making this happen. There were some very excited parents and kids there @ 8 this morning.*

A summer camp experience directed towards children on the autism spectrum maintains past progress and provides new growth that otherwise would not be achieved. It minimizes anxieties and focus on topics of interest. AFN camp is providing opportunities other than stressful "typical day care" situations or non-structured home care environments through which our children can thrive. They are continuing to achieve many skills through fun, structured, growth-centered activities, positive peer socialization, field trips and games.

Whether parents would like a week or two of a "camp experience" or need full-time child-care due to work commitments, the focus of our summer camp program is to continue developing the milestones achieved through the previous school year through activities centered on their child's interests, strengths and challenges. Our camp recognizes the uniqueness of children on the autism spectrum in that activities are geared towards their communication, social and sensory needs and challenges.

Our Director, Josh Ryan, and his staff of 5 additional full-time counselors are geared towards proactive positive interaction that understands and nurtures your child's specific character and personality. There is nothing like seeing a group of our wonderful children laughing as they are making play dough or blowing bubbles. I know you will want your child to become part of this special experience as well. Give us a call....

**Coordinator/Contact:** Josh Ryan [jwr\\_0033@yahoo.com](mailto:jwr_0033@yahoo.com) 314-0103

**Location:** YWCA 1432 N Street, Lincoln

**Tuition:** \$120 per week with additional options to be listed

### **Weekly Dates and Topics:**



**Week 2:** June 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>

**Community/Safety** -  
Fire and Police stations



**Week 3:** June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>

**Agriculture/Plants** -  
Farm, Sunken Gardens



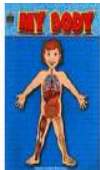
**Week 4:** June 29<sup>th</sup> - July 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Animals** - Zoo (Omaha), Humane Society



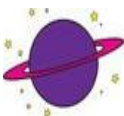
**Week 5:** July 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>

**Dinosaurs** - Morrill Hall,  
Dino Dig at the Park



**Week 6:** July 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>

**Human Body/Senses**  
Children's Museum



**Week 7:** July 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>

**Outer Space** - Sac  
Museum, Planetarium



**Week 8:** July 27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>

**Music** -  
Guest Musicians all week