



CHARTERHOUSE SCHOOL

An affiliate of UMFS

CAMP COURAGE

June 25 – August 3, 2012

Monday through Wednesday 9 AM – 2 PM;

Thursday 9 AM – 4 PM

Camp Courage provides unique transitional support for high school juniors, seniors, and graduates with Asperger's Syndrome or an Autism Spectrum Disorder to explore post-secondary education, employment, leisure, and independence.

Camp Courage focuses on meeting four universal developmental needs identified by the Circle of Courage:

Belonging

The universal longing for human bonds is cultivated by relationships of trust so that the youth can say, "I am loved."

- Positive relationships with peers, adults and the community.
- Staff members enhance belonging by prompting, encouraging, reassuring, rewarding, and communicating.

Mastery

The inborn thirst for learning is cultivated. By learning to cope with the world, the youth can say, "I can succeed."

- Social skills (disability awareness; self-advocacy; interpersonal communication; initiative/dependability; anger management; conflict resolution; self-esteem and self-confidence).
- Pre-employment skills (basic work

behaviors, attitudes, and habits; resume writing and interviewing skills; and onsite work experience in our Finance, Marketing, Human Resources, Information Technology, Maintenance, and Food Services departments).

Independence

Free will is cultivated by responsibility so that the youth can say, "I have the power to make decisions."

- Independent living skills (culinary arts, organizational skills, personal health care; healthy relationships, money management).
- Leisure skills (exploration of interests and community resources).

Generosity

Character is cultivated by concern for others so that the youth can say, "I have a purpose for my life."

- Participation in service learning projects designed to help others and to generalize skills in the community.



How does Camp Courage specifically address the needs of students with ASD and Asperger's?

- Rich opportunities to participate in authentic learning experiences.
- Social skills curriculum integrated into all activities of the program.
- Career development, work life preparation and work experience in a variety of areas such as IT, human resources, marketing and public relations, finance, hospitality and food services, and maintenance.
- Community based instruction.
- Knowledgeable staff trained in best practices.
- Each student will leave with a personalized portfolio containing preferences and customized supports needed for college or work success.

Blending classroom learning and community based instruction

Whether students are in the classroom, learning social skills, culinary arts, interviewing skills, or exploring new places in the community, they work with staff to generalize these lessons. Skills learned in one area are referenced and discussed throughout the day so the student can apply them in other situations.

Pre Camp Meeting

Camp Courage is preceded by a Saturday event to meet with the youth and parents to explore those areas that each youth and family are interested in developing during the camp.

For more information

Call us at 855-367-8637 or click and complete the referral form at www.charterhouseschool.org.