



A COMMUNITY IN NEED

For our autism (ASD) kiddos and their families, summer poses many challenges because autism kiddos don't "fit" into traditional camps. Leon County Schools provide Extended School Year Services (ESY) from June to early July, but what does this mean for our most vulnerable children when ESY ends and summer camps do not exist? Continued access to education, routine, and structure, the necessary keys to growth and security for children with autism, are gone.

CHALLENGES OUR KIDDOS FACE

- Traditional camps won't admit ASD kids due to behavior, speech, and cognitive challenges
- K-5 autistic kids are too old for preschool
- Traditional camps do not provide the support needed to keep autistic kids safe
- Without consistency in their schedule, children with autism often regress

THIS PUTS OUR KIDDOS TWO STEPS BEHIND OTHER STUDENTS WHEN THEY RETURN TO SCHOOL IN THE FALL!

INTRODUCING THE LITTLE BOY BLUE CAMP

We know that once ESY ends, summer camps and activities for children with autism are nonexistent. We are reminded that our world hasn't created inclusive spaces for our children, and they deserve a meaningful and exciting summer filled with activities, learning, and FUN!

The Little Boy Blue Camp will provide:

- A fun, safe, and educational one-week summer camp experience
- Activities tailored to the high-level needs of our campers
- Dates that follow ESY (July 22-26) to facilitate continuity in learning
- A location many campers are familiar with to ensure comfortability (Roberts Elementary School)
- Trained professionals to suit the high-level needs of the campers:
 - 7 Registered Behavior Technicians (RBT)
 - 3 Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA) from Behavioral Management Company to fulfill our 3-to-1 counselor-camper ratio + 3 leaders to oversee the groups

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE CAMP

This unique camp requires special resources, and we are calling on the community to support our vision. The cost of each therapist is \$85 per hour. The camp will run 8 hours per day. Therefore, we are seeking (10) \$680 donations to support each of our staff costs. Additionally, we want to ensure spots at the camp for those in financial need. The cost per camper is \$225, and we are hoping for 20 donors. The list of expenses is below:

FACILITY FEE - \$2400

FACILITY INSURANCE \$1500

10 THERAPISTS (CAMP COUNSELORS) - \$6800

20 CAMPERS APPLICATION FEES - \$4500

ACTIVITY SUPPLIES: \$3500

PIZZA PARTY: \$200

STAFF UNIFORMS: \$500

\$19,400 GOAL