



THE BRIDGE SCHOOL

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February 1, 2010

Dear Friends and Families:

Enclosed you will find information regarding this year's Building Bridges Camp and Training Institute program. We will be utilizing Camp Harmon, in Boulder Creek, CA as the site for Building Bridges Camp. Camp Harmon is owned and operated by the Easter Seal Society of Central California.

This year, Building Bridges Camp and the corresponding Training Institute will be held in July. Training Institute participants (adults) will begin on Wednesday, July 7th. Camp participants (kids) will begin on Thursday, July 8th. Camp will conclude on Tuesday, July 13th with the award ceremony and traditional celebration barbecue.

Building Bridges Camp is extremely fortunate to have the support of donors. Their generosity allows us to continue to improve services, build training programs and support the Camp Scholarship Fund. Without this support Building Bridges Camp would not happen.

Please read the enclosed information carefully. Space is limited to: 40 Campers, ages 5-17 years; 40 Training Institute participants and 10 siblings. Campers who apply with a Trainer receive priority acceptance to the program. It is very important that you return your forms (Building Bridges Camp Application, Camp Harmon Application and Video Release) and the \$50 non-refundable application-processing fee to us as quickly as possible. We will fill available slots on a "date received" basis.

If you are interested in applying for a Camp Scholarship, please be sure to return the appropriate forms, and supporting documentation as soon as possible. If your child is a client of Regional Center (CA residents only), a portion of the camp fees *may* be paid directly to Camp Harmon in lieu of respite hours. Camp Harmon is registered as provider of respite care (vendor number H10711). You can request that Regional Center Contact your Regional Center case manager for more information (see Important Information enclosed).

Thank you for your interest in Building Bridges Camp. We look forward to seeing old friends, and meeting new ones. Please do not hesitate to write or call with any questions.

See you at Camp!

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Important Information

Packet 1

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Cost of Building Bridges Camp and Training Institute

Building Bridges Camp and Training Institute fees are as follows:

Camper (AAC User)	\$1,200.00
Training Institute Participant (adult)	\$1,200.00
Sibling (non-disabled child)	\$ 800.00

Eligibility

Campers (AAC users)

Building Bridges Camp is a unique overnight camp opportunity for children and young adults who use Augmentative and Alternative Communication Devices (AAC). Building Bridges Camp is designed to serve children ages 5-17 years of age that use Augmentative/Alternative Communication devices. Each child must have their own prescribed AAC device during the week of camp. Children who attend camp must be able to function under a camper/staff ratio of 2:1. Campers stay together in a cabin with approximately 4-6 campers and 3-4 camp counselors in the cabin, therefore they do need to be able to enjoy the “group living” camp environment. If a camper requires a full time nurse, a care attendant application may be considered.

Siblings





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Building Bridges Camp is designed to serve children ages 5-17 years of age that have siblings that use Augmentative/Alternative Communication devices.

Trainers

Students enrolled in University training programs in the fields of Special Education or Speech Language Pathology, and professionals serving students who use AAC are encouraged to apply. Additionally, individuals who work with or care for a child who uses AAC are appropriate candidates for the camp. Parents of children using AAC may participate in the Training Institute ONLY if their child is not attending camp this year.

Funding Options

Campers (AAC Users)

The total Building Bridges Camp fee for AAC users is \$1,200.00. This amount reflects the \$726.00 per child Camp Harmon charges AND the additional costs we incur for staffing, equipping, managing and developing the program.

Regional Centers:

Campers, who are residents of California and clients of Regional Centers, may be eligible to receive partial funding for the week at camp through the use of respite hours. There is NO guarantee that Regional Centers will fund summer camp for their clients. Contact your Regional Center Case Manager to request a "Purchase of Service" for 6 days at Camp Harmon (Vendor Number: H10711).

After a review of this request by the Regional Center, a Payment of Service (POS) will be issued (Please send a copy of the POS form to The Bridge School when you receive it). Over the past years, the POS have taken longer and longer to be issued. Often, Regional Centers may not process the application until the week before the child is scheduled to attend Camp. This can be very frustrating for you *and* for us. In a few cases, families have had to keep calling right up to the day before Camp is scheduled to start to get the POS processed. **DO NOT HOLD YOUR CHILD'S APPLICATION PACKET TO CAMP WHILE WAITING FOR REGIONAL CENTER AUTHORIZATION; MAIL IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

For non-California residents, or children who do not receive Regional Center services, the total amount is the responsibility of the family. For families who would find this cost prohibitive complete a scholarship application.





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Training Institute Participants

The total Training Institute fee for adults is \$1,200.00. This amount reflects a fee of \$726.00 per person Camp Harmon charges for room and board. Additional costs we incur for staffing, equipping, and providing the training program make up the rest. Adults attending the Training Institute may apply for scholarships (application enclosed).

Siblings

The total fee for siblings to attend camp is \$800.00 Families may also apply for scholarships to offset the cost of sibling's attendance at Building Bridges Camp.

Scholarships

To apply for a partial scholarship through The Bridge School, complete the appropriate application. There is one application for families (used for campers and siblings) and one for trainers. The applications are part of this downloadable packet.

Accommodations

For the Campers and Siblings, cabin accommodations are pre-assigned based on gender and age. Each "cabin" will hold 4-6 campers (dormitory style). Three counselors also sleep in the cabin. Single sized beds and a small chest will be available to each camper. Bed rails and moving mattresses to the ground are common adaptations. Specifics about what to bring will be included in follow-up materials.

For Training Institute participants, cabin accommodations are NOT pre-assigned. Each "cabin" will hold 10 people (dormitory style). Single sized beds and a bedside shelf unit will be available to each person. 4 trainer cabins are exclusively female and one cabin is co-ed. It is expected that trainers sleep in trainer cabins (i.e., not in camper cabins or off site). If you desire alternate arrangements for sleeping (e.g. off site or tent on camp grounds) please contact us to discuss options (camp@bridgeschool.org). Specifics about what to bring will be included in follow-up materials.

Medication

The Camp Harmon staff will be the **only** staff dispensing medication to children. **ALL** medications must be surrendered to the Staff Nurse when you check-in. Medications are then dispensed from the nurse's station. **The Camp Harmon medical staff only dispenses medications, including herbal remedies or vitamins, according to a physician's written instructions. You must present medication(s) in their original prescription packaging at camp check-in. If the current dosage differs from the prescription label, you must present the physician's written**





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instruction to alter the dosage on the label. Adults are responsible for their own medications which must be kept in adult only cabins.

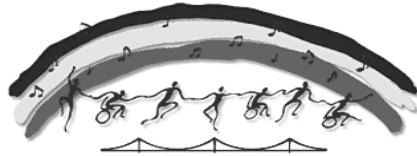
Contact Camp Harmon (831) 684-2380 x107 to discuss all prescription, over-the-counter, and supplements to ensure that you arrive at camp with the correct documentation.

Please note: If your camper takes medication for a seizure condition, they are ineligible to attend camp if they have changed medication or altered the dosage of their current medication within one month prior to camp attendance.

Trainer Assignments

If your camper comes to camp with someone attending the Training Institute, that trainer will be assigned only to that camper during AAC activities. If you do not have a specified Trainer to accompany your child, we will assign an SLP/Sp. Ed. Student, or other Trainer not attending with a specific child, to your camper. Please note that this trainer **MAY BE ASSIGNED TO MORE THAN ONE CAMPER**. The trainer will be responsible for the development, use and management of your camper's "system" throughout camp. Bridge staff will make the trainer assignments.





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Application-Processing Fee Payment Information

Applications are processed on a first come first serve basis. There are up to 40 Camper, 40 Trainer, and 10 Sibling positions available. Campers and Trainers coming together are given priority.

We do not process applications until receipt of \$50 application-processing fee

Application-processing fee is non-refundable. The fee will be applied to the complete camp fee if you are accepted to the camp.

Method of Payment:

***Please print your information clearly:**

Mail payment to:
The Bridge School
545 Eucalyptus Avenue
Hillsborough, CA 94010
Attn: Camp

Please make check payable to: The Bridge School

Check enclosed for \$ _____

Check number: _____

Charge to my: Visa MasterCard

Card #: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Card Holder Name _____

Signature: _____

Billing address (required): _____

(City, State, Zip Code)

If you prefer to arrange for payment online, you must contact Lorelei at 650-696-7295 x105

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Building Bridges Camp & Training Institute July 7-July 13, 2010
Trainer Scholarship Application

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Are you currently enrolled in a College/University degree program? Yes No

If yes, in what field? _____

At what level? Undergraduate Masters Ph.D

Are you receiving any scholarship/stipend money from your University? Yes No

Are you receiving academic credit for your participation? Yes No

DO NOT complete scholarship application if you are a graduate student at SFSU*

Are you attending camp with a specific child? Yes No Who? _____

What is your relationship to this camper? _____

If you are not personally responsible for the Trainer fee, WHO WILL BE PAYING?: _____

Scholarship applications will be date and time stamped with those received first given earliest consideration. CAMPERS will be given first priority for scholarship funds.

Bridge School Camp Scholarship committee will use the information you have provided to determine eligibility and extent of scholarship funds that can be offered to trainers on an individual basis.

Fee for Trainer to attend camp is \$1200.00

Amount requested from alternate sources (e.g. school district, employer, etc.) _____

Scholarship Requested: _____

Scholarships will be given based on need and area of study/work and availability of funds. To determine need, please provide the following information:

Family size: _____

Number of children under 18: _____

Monthly Income		Monthly Expenses	
Gross Monthly Salary	\$	Mortgage/Rent	\$
Interest/Dividend	\$	Utilities	\$
Alimony	\$	Phone	\$
Child Support	\$	Clothing	\$
Other Income	\$	Food	\$
SSDI	\$	Transportation	\$
AFDC	\$	Loan Payments	\$
Other:	\$	Insurance (car, health, home)	\$
Other:	\$	Day Care	\$
	\$	Therapies / Medical Expenses	\$
	\$	Other:	\$
Total Income	\$	Total Expenses	\$

* SFSU students must work with Dr. Soto or Dr. Robinson to determine if the AAC Grant will cover your camp fees.





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Financial information provided to the Bridge School for the purpose of scholarship distribution will be kept confidential.

Please send this application, a copy of your most recent pay stub:

Building Bridges Camp and Training Institute
The Bridge School, Attn: Camp
545 Eucalyptus Avenue
Hillsborough, CA 94010

Please tell us a little about yourself and the students you work with. Describe for us what you are hoping to gain from this experience. You may attach additional pages if necessary.

I have reviewed the information provided in this application and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

Signature

Date

For College/University Students Only:

The above named individual is a student at this College/University and is known to me. I support his/her attendance at Building Bridges Training Institute.

Signature

Date

Title

College/University

Space is limited to 40 attendees. All applications will be date stamped. Once applications are reviewed, spaces will be filled by date application was received until the maximum of 40 is reached.

