

## *My favorite part of camp:*

“My favorite part of camp today was swimming at the beach!”  
Scott age 8

“My favorite part of camp today was the story!” Lydia age 9

“My favorite part of camp today was everything!” Cody 9

“My favorite part of camp today was playing with my friends!”  
Daniel age 11

“My favorite part of camp today was playing in the belly bopper room!” Anonymous age 11



### **Autism Society of Maine Camp Summit**

Location: Farmington, Maine  
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**AUTISM SOCIETY**  
*Improving the Lives of All Affected by Autism*  
Maine

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*A summer  
program for  
children from 5  
to 15 years of  
age.*

*Let Maine Spread  
the Word on Autism*

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## Camp Summit

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The Autism Society of Maine holds a summer camp program for children ages 5-15 with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). The purpose of this program is to develop effective communication skills and peer relationships in a social group setting. This summer program will consist of structured activities supervised by two professionals, and 12-16 college students or paraprofessionals participating in a field experience and earning credits towards their degrees and/or professions.

This summer camp program takes place in Farmington during the months of July & August. This is a two week day program that runs Mondays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There are two separate camp sessions.

*The camp committee reviews each application and has to match the child's needs with a college student who can meet the need not all applicants are guaranteed a spot in the camp program.*

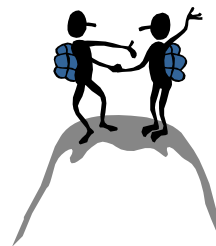
## Impact of the Program

Children with ASD frequently exhibit behaviors that are misinterpreted by their peers; and are often bullied, misunderstood, teased, and occasionally physically harmed. This program provides a safe and fun environment in which children with ASD learn to develop friendships and practice social interaction strategies.

This summer camp program includes craft activities, outdoor play, swimming, field trips and many other activities to provide the children with opportunities for social learning.

Thus the purpose of this camp is twofold:

- 1) It will provide a positive social learning environment where children with ASD can learn and grow socially in a setting designed to respond to their individual needs.
- 2) It will provide an invaluable learning experience for college students and/or paraprofessionals who would like to learn more about autism spectrum disorders and want to dedicate their career to working with individuals with autism spectrum disorders.



## Criteria to Attend

- Parent(s)/Guardian or their adult designee must be available by telephone during camp hours.
- All children's applications must be screened by camp committee prior to camp acceptance.
- Parent(s)/Guardian or their adult designee must provide lunch, snacks, change of clothing, swim apparel and car seat is necessary.
- Parent(s)/Guardian or their adult designee must provide transportation to and from summer camp.
- Parent(s)/Guardian or their adult designee must be available to administer medication if needed during camp hours.
- Parent(s)/Guardian or their adult designee must be a **paid member** of the Autism Society of Maine.
- Parent(s)/Guardian must attend the meet and greet the Friday before camp starts—this is important so kids get to meet their camp counselor.

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