



Building Buddies Friendship Camp

Parent Encouragement Program

June 16th-20th, 2008 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

For Boys Ages 8, 9, and 10

held at PEP's Family Encouragement Center
10100 Connecticut Avenue in Kensington, MD 20895

At this summer camp, the focus is on friendship! With ample opportunity to plan and experience their play in free time, the boys' interests and imaginations help shape the daily agenda. During free play, the small camp size of 14 boys allows the camp directors to provide the boys with "coaching" that will reinforce friendship and leadership skills. The campers will have indoor and outdoor play, team challenges, peer encouragement activities, and boy-style crafts at their disposal. Through the "old-fashioned neighborhood play experience" while at camp, the boys will have opportunities in which to explore their imagination, learn friendship skills, and how to contribute to the group camaraderie. Please note: because of camper-staff ratios, this is not a therapeutic camp.

Camp Directors:

Sarah Downs is a certified K-12 teacher and is currently teaching fourth and fifth graders with learning disabilities in Lexington, Virginia. Sarah co-directed PEP's Building Buddies camp last summer with David Downs, the PEP Girls Friendship Camp in 2006 and Boys Friendship Camp in 2005 with Barb Thompson. She also ran the children's program at the Laramie River Ranch in Wyoming, and (years ago) was a Counselor-In-Training at PEP's Friendship Camp for girls. Sarah has that valuable combination of friendship skills training with athleticism and a desire to share her love of fun and games and coaching experiences with children of all abilities.

David Downs currently teaches computer and reading skills to middle school students in Lexington, Virginia. He co-directed the Building Buddies camp last summer with Sarah. He also has coached a wide variety of sports to children of all ages and has also helped conduct several youth athletic camps during the summers in Charlottesville, Va. David enjoys being a mentor to children by promoting a healthy social and active lifestyle.

Activities: Organized daily discussions and group challenges, arts and crafts, singing, movement, generous free time, water play, games and more—designed to foster healthy friendship skills and leadership opportunities.

The basic necessities:

Campers bring a bag lunch and drink each day. Refrigerator and bottled water on-site. Sneakers or sturdy shoes are necessary for outdoor games. Bicycle or scooter and bathing suit for water games on one day to be announced. Bring a blanket or throw for quiet times.

For parents of campers: A parent orientation on "Helping Your Child Foster Friendships" will be held at the PEP Office in late May or early June. This is an important part of your child's camp experience so we urge parents to attend – even if you have attended before!

During camp, parents are invited to visit at the 3:00 p.m. dismissal time on our “Welcome Wednesday.”

Cost and Application Information: \$ 305 is the fee. Additionally, all campers must be PEP members (\$50/year -- you can choose to join after your camp application has been accepted). Please note that there are usually more applicants for the Camp than spaces, and that returning campers and children of PEP Leaders and Board receive a preference in placement. Limited scholarships are available.

A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due with the application. The deposit is immediately returned if there is not space for your child in this summer's Camp. If your child is accepted into Camp, the deposit is non-refundable. Please make checks payable to the Parent Encouragement Program. Mastercard/Visa/Discover available. The balance of \$205 (plus PEP membership if due) is due by May 15, 2008, if not already paid. No refunds of the balance after this date.

Applications are considered as they are received; the camp directors must review each application. **All camper and medical information must be updated by May 15, 2008.**

For more information, contact the PEP Office at 301-929-8824.
FAX 301-929-8834 or email: pepoffice@aol.com



Summer 2008 Building Buddies Boys Camp Application

Registration and Deposit: return to PEP office by mail or fax (301-929-8834)

Name _____

Birthday ___/___/___

Age at start of camp _____

Grade next fall _____

School _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Father's Name _____

Home Phone _____

Email address _____

Work Phone _____

Cell phone _____

Mother's Name _____

Home Phone _____

Email address _____

Work Phone _____

Cell phone _____

Camper's special talents, hobbies, interests

Siblings (names and ages)

| Name | Age | Name | age |
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Please use the space below and on the back page (if needed) to describe developmental, social issues and/or medical issues that would be helpful to camp leaders. It is important for us to know if your child has learning problems or has been involved in counseling.

Person to contact in case of emergency, if parents cannot be reached:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Relationship to Camper _____

Doctor's Name _____ Phone _____

Preferred Hospital _____

Is your child on medication? _____ If so, describe fully

Allergies (food, insect, drug), existing medical conditions, or sensitivities of your child:

Medical Insurance Company _____

Policy # _____

There is additional information required from the State of Maryland regarding immunizations that will be sent later. Both the Maryland form and the above medical insurance information must be completed prior to camp.

In case of medical emergency, if I cannot be contacted, I authorize the Parent Encouragement Program to arrange for my child to receive emergency medical treatment at the emergency room of the nearest hospital. The hospital and its medical staff have my authorization to provide treatment, at my expense, which a physician deems necessary for the well-being of my child. I waive and release the Parent Encouragement Program, its Summer Friendship Camp and staff from all liability for any injuries and illness incurred while at camp.

Parent/Guardian signature _____

Date _____

Child's name _____

PAYMENT ENCLOSED: \$ _____ check ___ Visa ___ MasterCard ___ Discover

_____ Exp. date ___/___

Signature _____

Send deposit of \$100 with this application. If child is accepted into Camp, the deposit is not refundable. Balance due of \$205 (plus PEP membership if applicable) no later than May 15, 2008. Please return to the PEP Office at 10100 Connecticut Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895. Faxes (301-929-8834) or scanned email documents with a credit card number are acceptable.