

# Special Needs Workshop and Sessions

**TUESDAY MARCH 16**

**12:30 PM-6:00 PM**

**COST: \$65.00 per person** (lunch will be included)

(You'll need to sign up using the registration form.)

Join special needs camps from across the country for our third annual specialized workshop focused exclusively on special needs issues. This program will speak to special needs camps across the continuum. Hear new ideas, share best practices, and head into the regular CAMP Conference program with a network of camp professionals who are in the same boat as you.

**12:30-1:30 PM**

## **Welcome and Staff Orientation Session**

### **Gregg Licht, Elmwood Day Camp**

Designing staff orientation can be daunting, especially when you have to start from scratch. Come learn the basics of how to put together staff orientation, design sessions, and ensure that you kick off the summer with your staff feeling energized, excited, and part of a team. This will be a hands-on session. By the end, you will have a framework to use at camp this summer.

**1:30-2:15 PM**

## **Roundtable Discussion/Lunch**

Take some time to meet fellow about staff members over lunch to share ideas and get excited about a day of learning. Roundtable topics will spark ideas and discussions as this diverse group comes together to network and gain new knowledge.

**2:15-3:15 PM**

## **Building Confidence and Resilience Skills through the Tool Kit Method**

### **Keynote Speaker: Joel Haber, RespectU**

This presentation will help camp professionals learn a language to help their special needs children develop foundation skills to help develop self-confidence and self-esteem. Tool kits provide kids with skills they can use and master to help them overcome adversity.

**3:15-4:00 PM**

## **Roundtable Discussion**

Come together with colleagues to debrief after Joel Haber's keynote presentation and to set the tone for the rest of the day. What would you like to get out of today's workshop? What can you share with others and what can you learn from those around you?

**4:15-5:15 PM**

## **Breakout sessions**

### **Games and Activities with Special Needs Campers**

#### **Michelle Cummings, Training Wheels**

Today, every camp includes a number of campers who are dealing with disabilities-physical, educational, emotional, or a combination of all three. This workshop will focus on inclusive games and initiatives for kids with special needs. The activities and strategies suggested will include techniques for inclusion, behavior management, transition activities, and game modification ideas. These types of games can combine fun with the honing of important skills.

**Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Begins with Parents: NOT AT CAMP! A “Train-the-Trainer” Session**

**Norman Friedman, AM Skier Insurance**

Prepare parents, pre-season to “inoculate” their children against sexual abuse. Learn the *new* concept of the “no touch zone,” from its originator. Inappropriate sexual behaviors remain a serious major societal issue. Materials to mail to parents will be distributed including special tips for parents of special kids!

**Can’t We All Just Get Along? 15 Surefire Ways to Keep All of Your Staff Motivated and Working Together**

**Steve Maguire, Camp Consultant**

We have all types of staff working together: volunteers, paid staff, directors, administrators, etc. How they stay motivated and work well together is critical to their success. Come join Steve as we explore fifteen surefire ways to keep your staff motivated and working well together.

**5:30-6:00 PM**

**Icebreaker Activity/Closing**

**Michelle Cummings, Training Wheels**