



WHAT IS CAMP GIZMO?

A five-day, hands-on camp where parents, professionals, and students learn how assistive technology can help young children (birth - 8 years) with significant and multiple developmental needs.

WHEN IS CAMP GIZMO?

July 8-12, 2017 on the campus of the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind in Romney, WV.

WHO SHOULD COME AND WHAT DO WE DO?

Families, professionals, college students, and others who want to learn more about assistive technology. A limited number of "focus" children will be accepted and assigned a team of professionals who help families identify and apply new strategies for solving their multiple assistive technology needs. (Preference will be given to children who have not previously attended camp.) Professionals and other caregivers involved with these children are encouraged to attend the camp. Labs and workshops will be available to Camp participants daily. Parents attend workshops on subjects that will help them better meet the needs of their child. Professionals and students attend workshops of interest that meet professional/educational needs or assist the "focus" family. Teams will meet daily to observe, discuss and implement strategies for the "focus" child.

DO CHILDREN ATTEND?

Kids Camp will be held in conjunction with Camp Gizmo. All children attending the camp with focus families or other participants will participate in Kids Camp educational and recreational activities. Kids Camp is safe, fun camp experience for children with or without disabilities.

CAN I RECEIVE CEU CREDIT?

Yes, WV Birth to Three contact hours.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Camp Gizmo is an interagency funded learning week. Registration includes meals, sleeping accommodations, and Kids Camp. Participant costs:

Focus Families:	\$50 - child and two parents/\$25 - each additional family member
Other Camp Participants:	\$75 per person/\$25 each additional family member

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Ginger Huffman, WV Dept of Ed - 1-800-642-8541

Pam Roush, WV Birth to Three - 1-800-642-9704

LeAnn Ruddle, WVECTCR - 1-888-983-2827 or lruddle@rvcds.org

Camp Gizmo is funded by the WV Dept of Ed/Office of Special Programs, WVDHHR/Bureau for Public Health/Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health/WV Birth to Three, and WVDHHR/Bureau for Children and Families/Division of Early Care and Education and in-kind support is provided by WVATS, WVU Center of Excellence in Disabilities, National Seating and Mobility, and Assistive Technology Works, Inc. Support and coordination provided by WV Early Childhood Training Connections and Resources.



July 8th-12th 2017

Camp Gizmo Confidentiality Policy

Our efforts to provide families the best camp experience at Camp Gizmo will be more effective if we know as much about their child's developmental, educational, health, disabilities, behavioral and related matters as possible. Camp Gizmo values the privacy of the information that families may share and requires all camp staff, students, families and volunteers to sign a confidentiality policy upon arrival at camp.

This is to certify that I, _____, an staff member, student, family member or volunteer, understand that any information (written, verbal or other form) shared during Camp Gizmo must remain confidential. I understand that any unauthorized release or carelessness in the handling of this confidential information is considered a breach of the duty to maintain confidentiality.

I further understand that my opportunity to serve in the role of staff member, student or volunteer at Camp Gizmo, will be terminated at the discretion of the Camp Gizmo organizers at any time, if they determine it is in the best interests of the families attending camp.

I have read, understand and agree to the information presented above:

Signature: _____

Date: _____



Application
Due Date
April 30, 2017

Application Form

Check one: Focus Family Professional College Student (please indicate class)
 Staff Previous Focus Family Other: _____

Thank you for your interest in Camp GIZMO! Camp begins on Saturday July 8th and ends on Wednesday July 12th, 2017. Everyone is encouraged to attend all days of camp to have a more complete experience. Everyone applying to attend may bring their children. You will be notified in advance if you are accepted. Please note that priority will be given to first time families, professionals, college students, etc. All others will be registered as space allows.

Each individual/family applying to Camp GIZMO must complete this application and a Kids Camp Questionnaire for each child applying.

Part I: All complete

Parent(s)/Applicant Name: _____

Focus Child's Name (if applicable): _____

Focus Child's Diagnosis (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ County: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Professionals and College Students only answer the following questions

Organization/College Name: _____

Discipline/Area of Expertise: _____

Professionals may request to be placed on a team with a specific family/child. If so, please list the child's name: _____

Please list any previous experience with assistive technology: _____

Part II: Focus Family completes

Assistive technology can help children in many ways such as feeding, positioning, getting around, communicating, seeing, letting people know his/her feelings and needs, playing, hearing, and learning with others. Please list areas you think your child needs help with: (use additional paper if needed)

Things my child needs help with:	How my child does this now:

Please turn over and continue

List any assistive technology your child is currently using:

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Part III: All complete

Please list names of all individuals who will be attending camp with you, their age, relationship to you, and any special accommodations that will need to be made during camp for that individual.

Name	Age	Relationship	List any disabilities, diagnoses, and special accommodations needed for each person during your stay at camp

Part IV: All complete

Registration fees for Camp GIZMO. Please fill in total column on the right.

Attendees	Cost	Total
Focus child and two adults	\$50.00	
Additional family members (___)	\$25.00 each	
All others	\$75.00	
Additional family members (___)	\$25.00 each	
		Total:

Please make checks payable to River Valley Child Development Services.

Application deadline is April 30, 2017.

Stipends are available by request.

Visit www.wvearlychildhood.org if additional forms are needed to submit a complete application.

Please make sure the following completed documents are included for each application:

- Application Form Kids Camp Questionnaire(s) Confidentiality Policy
- Photo/Video Release Medical Release Sibling Group Release (if applicable)

Please submit all documents and payment to:
WVECTCR
 Camp GIZMO Registration
 611 Seventh Ave, Suite 322
 Huntington, WV 25701

If you have questions about camp please contact:
 Ginger Huffman, WVDE/OSP - 800/642-8541
 Pam Roush, WVBTT - 800/642-9704

OR

If you have questions about camp/registration:
 LeAnn Ruddle, WVECTCR - 304/529-7603 ext. 410
 Email: lruddle@rvcds.org



KIDS CAMP QUESTIONNAIRE

A questionnaire must be filled out for each child applying to come to camp.

THIS FORM WILL HELP US TO MAKE THE WEEK AT CAMP SAFE AND HAPPY FOR YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN. IF WE KNOW YOUR CHILD'S/CHILDREN'S NEEDS AHEAD OF TIME, IT WILL HELP US PLAN FOR HIS/HER STAY. PLEASE FILL OUT THE ENTIRE FORM. PLEASE USE ADDITIONAL PAPER IF NEEDED TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. PLEASE COPY THIS FORM FOR EACH CHILD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Information:

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Gender: M or F

Disability, if any: _____

Special needs or health issues that would prevent your child from participating in camp activities such as swimming, going out in the sun, going for walks, running, playing with a variety of toys and materials, etc?

Medications: **Parents MUST give all medications to their own children.**

List all medication child takes, times given, and side effects:

Allergies: Please list any allergies your child has.

Foods: _____ Medications: _____

Insects: _____ Lotions: _____

Other: _____

Toileting: Please indicate your child's toileting habits. Be as specific as possible.

___ Diapers ___ Toilet Training ___ Trained w/assistance ___ Independent

Explain your child's toileting schedule or assistance needed, if any: _____

Communication: Please indicate your child's communication skills. Be as specific as possible.

___ Verbal ___ Non-verbal ___ Sign Language ___ Communication Board

___ PECS (Picture Exchange Communication System) Level: 1 2 3 (please circle current level)

___ Understands and follows simple directions ___ never ___ sometimes ___ always (please check one)

Other, tell us more: _____

Please turn over and continue

*After completing both sides of this questionnaire for all children attending camp, please attach to your registration form and mail to WVECTCR (address listed on application form).

Feeding/Eating: Please indicate your child's feeding/eating level. Be as specific as possible.

____ G-tube ____ Bottle Fed ____ With assistance ____ Independent

____ Vegetarian diet needed

Food they CANNOT have: _____

Special feeding instructions: _____

Assistive technology/Specialized equipment: Please list all equipment your child is bringing to camp.

Additional information: Please be as specific as possible.

List things your child likes to do, what quiets him/her, or really upsets him/her. (For example, loud noises and being moved quickly upsets Johnny. Just let him know ahead of time that you will be moving him, and that if a balloon pops it will make a loud noise.) How do they react to new places, and new people?

List things your child would NOT be allowed to do: _____

Tell us about your child's daily routines (schedules, nap times, snack routines, etc.): _____

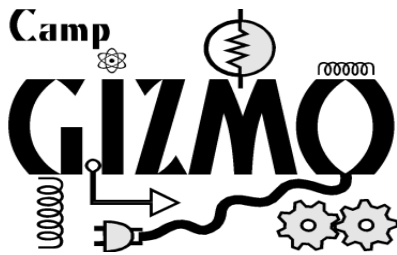
Does your child have hearing/vision problems? Explain. _____

Does your child like being around other children?

Does your child have any behavior issues (biting, hitting, hurting themselves, etc.)?

How do you handle their behavior issues?

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MEDICAL RELEASE

Name(s) of all adults: _____

Name(s) of all children: _____

In Case of Emergency, please contact:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

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Medical Conditions/Allergies that we need to be aware of:

Name: _____ Info: _____

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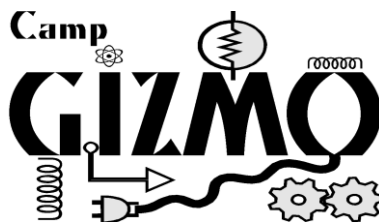
Insurance Information that would be needed in an emergency:

The local rescue squad transports to the nearest facility, which is Hampshire Memorial Hospital.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

This Medical Release is for Camp GIZMO 2017: July 8-12, 2017.



RELEASE OF INFORMATION/PHOTO/VIDEO

PRINT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE

I, hereby give CAMP GIZMO and the Funders of the camp my free and unlimited consent and permission, waving all claims for any compensation by reason thereof or for damages by reason thereof, to use publish/broadcast, republish/rebroadcast, publish on social media networks or exhibit in the furtherance of its work with or without identification of me by name and/or my children, the irrevocable right and license to use my child(ren) likeness; to edit videotape or film or crop and alter photographs at our discretion, to incorporate the same in the production of media using my child(ren) image or likeness, and to use or authorize the use of the photograph taken of me and my child(ren) at Camp Gizmo becomes the property of the organizations sponsoring the Camp.

INFORMATION RELEASE

Family and child(ren) information provided by you in the application forms and kids camp questionnaires regarding your child(ren) is shared with appropriate camp staff. Information will be shared as part of the team process at the camp. The names of your child(ren) will be posted for Kids Camp location. Results of Diagnostic Evaluations conducted at Camp Gizmo will be provided to the student's school system or the WV Birth to Three Program for educational programming. Please notify Camp Gizmo coordinators if you do not want to share the reports.

SIGNATURE:

I, _____ hereby consent and agree, individually and as parents or legal guardian of: PRINT NAME(S) OF CHILD(REN)

to all the terms and provisions stated above.

Date: _____

Dates of Camp GIZMO 2017: July 8-12, 2017

Dear Parents,

The GIZMO Sibling Group is an opportunity for brothers and sisters of children with special health and developmental needs to obtain peer support and education within a recreational context.

The Gizmo Sibling Group will be a lively celebration of the many contributions made by brothers and sisters of children with special needs. The Sibling will acknowledge that being the brother or sister of a person with special needs is for some a good thing, others not so good and for others, somewhere in between. The group reflects a belief that brothers and sisters have much to offer one another.

The Gizmo Sibling Group seeks to provide siblings with opportunity for peer support. Because the group is designed (primarily) for school age children (ages 7 and up), peer support will be provided within a lively, recreational context that emphasizes the “kids’-eye-view.”

The Gizmo Sibling Group is not therapy, although its effect may be therapeutic for some children.

The Sibling Group offers a library of books to be checked out by sibs and parents.

The Sibling Group will be held during Kids’ Camp. Each session will be approximately one hour in length. The group will be facilitated by a team of service providers along with adult/adolescent siblings of children with special needs.

The Group Goals:

- 1. The Gizmo Sibling Group will provide brothers and sisters of children with special needs an opportunity to meet other siblings in a relaxed, recreational setting.***
- 2. The Gizmo Sibling Group will provide brothers and sisters with opportunities to discuss common joys and concerns with other siblings of children with special needs.***
- 3. The Gizmo Sibling Group will provide siblings with an opportunity to learn how others handle situations commonly experienced by siblings of children with special needs.***

If you have any questions or concerns about your child’s participation in the Gizmo Sibling Group, please speak with your team leader when assigned.

Camp Gizmo 2017 Sibling Group Release Form

I, _____, give my permission to
allow my child/children:

(ages 7 and up and please list child and age)

to attend the Camp Gizmo Sibling Support Group. The activities will include games, crafts, snacks and time to talk about their special needs siblings in a group setting. No one is required to talk about their brother/sister but the opportunity will be open for all who do. Because a feeling of safety/security is essential, any conversations about brothers/sisters are confidential.

Parents Signature and Date

Please return with your application by April 30, 2017:

LeAnn Ruddle

WVECTCR

Attn: Camp Gizmo

611 Seventh Ave Suite 322

Huntington WV 25701