

## Here is what some of our participants have said about Camp Rainbow:

"When we sent [our son] for the first time to Camp Rainbow, we were relieved and confident that [he] would be safe because of how well educated, skilled, and most importantly, invested each staff and peer counselor is."

"... there are certain rites of passage that [our son] has never experienced: Little League baseball, overnight at grandma's, classmates' birthday parties, and summer camp. That is, until Camp Rainbow came along."

"Now for one day a week through the summer, [my child] can experience fun without the anxiety provoking expectations of trying to fit in."

- 100% of respondents felt that overall, Camp Rainbow was a positive experience for the camper.
- 94.7% of respondents felt that camp supported skills the camper uses in school.
- 100% of respondents stated the camper would consider going to Camp Rainbow 2016.

In July 2010, Northwestern Counseling & Support Services received a 3-year accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities [CARF] on the service to individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders:

"The sensory room, music room, and Camp Rainbow experiences offer a wide range of support services to meet the specialized needs of individuals with ASD and enhance their potential for growth and development in music and motor skills as well as provide relaxation skills that enhance behavior management skills. Camp Rainbow provides an opportunity for outdoor activities in a social environment of learning and recreating in a positive and creative growth environment".



NCSS is recognized with the highest level of accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities



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Creating an exciting summer camp experience for children with a diagnosis of Autism or other Developmental Disability

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## Our Vision

To provide a fun, stimulating, and creative summer camp experience designed to refresh and strengthen behavioral, communication, social and academic skills; and prepare students with a diagnosis of Autism or other Developmental Disability for a successful school year.

Camp Rainbow offers Theme Day activities addressing 5 core areas:

- Sensory Exploration
- Fine/Gross motor Skills
- Communication Skills
- Academic Skills
- Social Skills

**Nurse on Site!**

## Camp Goals

Camp Rainbow was developed to provide children with ASD and DD a typical "summer camp experience" - fun activities, outdoor play, swimming, crafts, singing, friendships. Such an experience is not always available to children with these diagnoses due to cognitive, physical, and behavioral challenges.

Skilled Staff and Volunteers of Camp Rainbow offer the campers opportunities designed to meet these challenges and support success.

## To receive a camp registration:

- **Pick one up** at front desk  
130 Fisher Pond Road, St. Albans, VT
- **Have one mailed to you**  
call 393-6650 or 393-6661
- **Have one emailed to you**  
email [tcross@ncssinc.org](mailto:tcross@ncssinc.org) or [mhill@ncssinc.org](mailto:mhill@ncssinc.org)
- **Download one** from  
[www.ncssinc.org](http://www.ncssinc.org)

**Dedicated to the Memory of  
Cheryl Kerr Finch**

## For more info

Contact Tina Cross  
Camp Coordinator - 393-6650 or  
Merry Hill - 393-6661



**Date:** Fridays, July 22nd, 29th;  
August 5th, 12th & 19th

**Time:** 8:30am - 2:30pm

**Location:** Georgia Beach Pavilion  
4815 Georgia Shore Road  
Georgia, VT