



Winter, 2012

Dear Parents and Families,

I hope this note finds you and your family healthy and enjoying time together.

On this cold, wintery day, as I look out the window and see how much snow needs to be shoveled, my thoughts drift to a much warmer time of year...summer time and Summer Camp, only seven months away!

Thinking of Summer Camp too? Be sure to visit our website at www.gandetherapies.com to download our 2013 Application. As you know, spots fill quickly and you'll want to submit all the paperwork early this year. Camp begins on July 1st and runs through August 9th.

Parents, please note that consistent attendance will be expected of the campers. This specialized six week program is made available so that children can enjoy the routine of going to camp every day, participate in team activities on a regular basis, and most importantly, develop connections and friendships with peers. We've found that all these things are possible when attendance is consistent.

Campers in 2013 can look forward to a summer program filled with opportunities to create projects, do fun science experiments, and participate in musical activities. Campers can invite a sibling or friend to participate in Friday activities. More good news...We recently learned that Barlow Park, located directly across from our Campsite, is owned by the Grace Lutheran Church. We'll plan to use the playground and covered pavilion for picnics and activities.

Teen Social Skills Group...Adolescents who qualify for this program are between 13-19 years of age and classified with autism or PDD. Our after school program encourages the teens to use appropriate social skills and good communication. We create lots of fun opportunities for age appropriate interactions. Some activities include planning meals, cooking and baking, cleaning up, playing board games, playing team sports on the Wii, and taking active parts in role playing.

The teens (A.K.A. Geckos) meet on the first and third Wednesday of every month, after school from 4:30-6:30 pm during the school year. The summer schedule will be determined at a later date.

We have seven adolescents currently enrolled in our program and have room for more. Please help us fill the program! Spread the word to parents who are looking for a program for their teens. They can visit our website at www.gandetherapies.com to download an Application.

Warm wishes for a happy new year, from our G&E Therapies Family to yours!

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