

CAROL'S KIDS NEWS

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APPLIED BEHAVIORAL CONCEPTS OFFERS HALF DAY SUMMER PROGRAM FOR JUNE AND JULY 2008

Once again, plans are underway to hold a summer camp for children ages 2-5 years of age.

"We had to announce our plans so early because of the inquiries we have had about it!" said Carol Vancil, BCBA. "I am still amazed at the response to the camp. This was exactly what our area and the surrounding community needed for children with developmental delays."

No final decision has been made as to the location of the camp. Location won't be until enrollment is finalized. Applied Behavioral Concepts intends to accept all children that apply to the program. This may mean a larger

space is needed for the camp.

Camp weekly topics are under consideration, but the camp will focus on gross motor, fine motor, sensory experiences, inclusion (if location permits), and following group directions/instruction.

Some families may require full day care and arrangements may be facilitated through the Premier Schools, however, this will only be available as space in the classrooms permits.

"We may be able to provide 1:1 services in the afternoons for children in addition to the summer camps," says new mother and Associate Suzanne Roten.

Due to the growth of both Applied Behavioral Concepts and

the Premier Schools, space is no longer available for the full day program offered last year for school aged children. Instead, children who are eligible may consider the summer program through Premier with additional behavioral support provided through Applied Behavioral Concepts.

Children ages 5-12 who are able to be included with minimal support may be able to participate with typical peers in their activities. The program for 5-6 year olds in housed only in the Bradford facility.

For more information or evaluation of appropriateness of the program for your child, please call and make an appointment.

WEBSITE OFFERS MORE THAN JUST COMPANY INFORMATION

Over the past several months, Applied Behavioral Concepts has been reworking the website to offer more than just information on our company.

The webpage will now offer information about the company as expected, but also strives to be a community resource and provides information on upcoming train-

ing events through other reputable organizations such as UCP.

The collaborative effort for the webpage has brought new ideas from a parent perspective on what is needed as a resource for the community. Several sources have given their thoughts and ideas based on what is missing in the community, what parents would like to know about the company, our philosophy and

the qualifications of the people working with the children.

We encourage you to look at the webpage and give us your thoughts and feedback for future renovations as well as see if the pages answer any questions you may have had about the organization! Please send your suggestions and comments to info@appliedbehavioralconcepts.net.

APPLIED BEHAVIORAL CONCEPTS, INC. OFFERS:

INCLUSION

INCIDENTAL TEACHING

DISCRETE TRIALS

1:1 OR 2:1 STUDENT TEACHER RATIO

BEHAVIOR STRATEGIES

SCHOOL OBSERVATIONS

TRAINING FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

THOROUGH EVALUATIONS

Autism Resource Foundations Announces 2008 Golf Tournament and Wine Dinner

The Autism Resource Foundation announces the second annual golf tournament to benefit children and families in the North Alabama area.

The Countrywide Golf Tournament will be held at the Ledges golf course on Columbus Day, October 13, 2008. The tournament features the beautiful and challenging private course.

"This year will be better than last year," said Jeff Walczak, one of the founders of the Autism Resource Foundation. "For one thing, we have moved the event out of the heat of the summer months."

Last year participants can easily recall the sweltering 100 degree heat wave that kept many golfers from playing their best game.

Many of the holes offer prizes in cash and cars. In addition to tour-

namment team winners, there are closet to the pin prizes, hole in one contests and a putting competition.

The move from the August month and Columbus Day in particular may be appealing to many players who have trouble escaping on a regular work day.

Prior to play, golfers and their spouses, as well as those who enjoy good food and wine, may choose to participate in the wine pairing dinner. Wines selected by the Ledges Chef and the dinner committee will be paired with a five course meal.

The wines and courses for the 2008 event are currently being planned, it is expected to expand on the success of last year's dinner. One of the highlights of the 2007 wine pairing dinner was the opportunity to bid in a silent auction for paintings, wines, gift packages and two autographed footballs,

one each from Alabama and Auburn. All of the items for the silent auction were donated from local companies to support the efforts of the Autism Resource Foundation.

If you would like support this organization there are several ways you can help.

- Give this information to anyone who enjoys golf, wine, good food or all three
- Sign up a team to play in the tournament at your organization or join with friends to reserve a table at the wine dinner
- Donate items for the silent auction
- Volunteer to help on the day of the tournament.

If you would like to participate in some way or would like more information, please call Jeff Walczak at 714-8464.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CEU Courses now open to the public! Contact Premier Schools for more information (256) 489-5437

Parent training will be held at the Bradford Drive Location on March 17. We will present the first of two sessions of "The Out of Sync Child" presented by Kim Cantrell. If you need to bring your child, please *let us know in advance so we can plan accordingly.*

The Autism Resource Foundation offers help for families in the Huntsville area. The mission of ARF is to provide a financial and family support network. For information or to support the mission, please contact Jeff at 714-8464.

Information on the new infant sibling study from North Carolina is available at both locations where our brochures are located. Pick one up today and see if your family could participate in this study.

Making Connections Parents meetings

For information about Making Connections call Debbie Bumbika at 256-885-5959. Childcare is available on a first come first served

basis.

North Alabama Chapter of the Autism Society Held at the Jane K Lowe Center, on Lowe Circle. Child care is available. For more information call Carol Wright 880-1239 or visit www.autism-society.org/chapter101.

We are all sad to see Brennen Abernathy leave us to pursue a degree and career in Engineering. He will be missed and we all wish him the best!

SPOTLIGHT ON EMILY STOOKEY

Emily Stookey joins Applied Behavioral Concepts from Brandon, Mississippi. She has obtained her degree in Psychology from Mississippi State and continued her education obtaining a MS in Clinical Psychology. Emily is a board certified Psychometrist and sits on the board of BCP's. She is a member of the National Association of Psychometrists.

Emily joined Applied Behavioral Con-

cepts in October of 2007. "I think this is one of the most demanding jobs, but also the most rewarding," says Emily about her position.

Emily is married to Shane, an engineer at Adtran. They have been married for three and a half years and are expecting their first child in July.

When Emily is not working she and her husband enjoy outdoor activities such as hiking, camping and canoe-

ing. She also loves animals and is in the process of purchasing a house so she can bring her two dogs, a chocolate Labrador and a "pound puppy" home to join them.

Emily is available for any additional testing for educational purposes or neuropsychological testing for learning disabilities, seizures or brain injuries. Feel free to stop by and meet Emily. She is at the Bradford facilities most mornings.