



## Guiding Questions for Summer Camps

Although all social/recreation programs for individuals with developmental disabilities have guidelines, they may vary from location or program. Use the following questions to guide discussions with potential social/recreation programs that you are interested in in order to better prepare the autistic individual and their supporting team to choose a program and work collaboratively with them to ensure long-term success.

Provider: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Specific Contact/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions	Answers, Related Resources, Suggestions
1. What is the cost of the program? Do you accept insurance? What kind? Do you accept the Ohio Autism Scholarship?	

<p>2. Do you accept County Board of Developmental Disabilities Funds? Is there any other financial aid available?</p>	
<p>3. What type of camp are you (Respite, Day Camp, Overnight or Specialty/Specific Interest)?</p>	
<p>4. What is a typical daily schedule? What types of activities do you offer for the campers?</p>	
<p>5. Do campers ever go off-site? What types of transportation and support will be available?</p>	
<p>6. Is there a direct staff member available to work with my child if needed?  What is his/her specific contact information and credentials?</p>	
<p>7. What training does staff have with autism spectrum disorders?</p>	

<p>8. What is the staff to client ratio?</p> <p>How many campers attend this program? What is the age range of the campers?</p>	
<p>9. Will my child be able to interact with neurotypical peers?</p>	
<p>10. What are typical accommodations?</p>	
<p>11. What does a typical camp session look like? How many days or weeks will my child be at camp?</p>	
<p>12. What are the programs procedures for dealing with challenging behaviors?</p> <p>What is your policy on the use of restraints?</p>	
<p>13. Are visual supports used? Picture schedules, displayed routine reminders, token boards?</p>	
<p>14. How do I register my child for this program?</p> <p>What is your cancellation policy?</p>	

15. Are we able to visit the camp before attending? Will there be an open house?	

\*Refer to Milestones Autism Resources Camp, Social and Recreational Tool kit for more detailed information