



# The Arc of Sedgwick County Y.E.S.S. Summer Camp



## What is Y.E.S.S.?

The Youth Education & Summer Socialization Program (Y.E.S.S.) is a 9 week summer program serving students ages 6-21 with developmental disabilities. The program offers a half day of education in classroom settings; half day of recreation in the community Monday through Thursdays; and Friday Day Trips throughout the state. The program is designed to help students retain what they have learned during the school year while developing improved communication and socialization skills.



## What makes the Y.E.S.S. Program Special?

The Y.E.S.S. Program offers opportunities that no other program can. Through the unique collaboration between The Arc of Sedgwick County, Wichita's USD 259, The Wichita Department of Park and Recreation, The United Way of the Plains, and Sedgwick County, Y.E.S.S. can provide education, recreation, and socialization in a community setting. ***There is no other program like Y.E.S.S. in the nation!*** What Y.E.S.S. offers students, families, and the community is a chance to develop friendships, build self esteem, independence and personal growth

## Why Summer School?

Special Education Teachers spend approximately 85% of the fall quarter re-teaching what was lost over the summer. In Y.E.S.S., students can continue in an educational setting, maintaining what they learned while developing new social skills. The students are challenged through fun educational activities relating to a weekly theme. Some of the themes used in the past include Wichita-air capitol of the world, random acts of kindness, and Kansas history. With these themes the students and teachers' creativity is unleashed and the results are always exciting.



## Is Socialization Important?

Socialization is a key component of the Y.E.S.S program. Every day we all interact with people in a variety of social settings. Through these experiences we have developed social skills, the manner in which we communicate with and behave towards others. Y.E.S.S. offers these experiences everyday in a community setting. Each day the students will participate in many fun activities ranging from swimming, horseback riding and movies; to trips to Exploration Place and the Kansas Cosmosphere. These activities not only provide socialization, but make lasting memories

Y.E.S.S. 2009  
STAFF APPLICATION

Enclosed please find the tentative Y.E.S.S. dates for 2009. If you are interested in being a Y.E.S.S. staff member for this summer please complete the below information and return to Marty Rothwell at The Arc  
2919 West Second  
Wichita, Ks. 67203

By April 15, 2009

Staff notification will occur around April 22.

If you have any questions please call 943-1191. Thank You!

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Name

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Address

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ZIP

Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Are you older than 18: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No If no what is your age: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to be a Y.E.S.S. staff member this summer

I realize employment begins May 26 and goes for 9 weeks till July 31  
I realize that if I am not employed by May 26. I will not be guaranteed to receive my prior years hourly pay rate

I realize that time off during these 9 weeks will be very limited.  
(All time off must be approved first by The Arc Program Director)  
If you know of time off you will be requesting please list it:

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\_\_\_\_\_ I would be willing to work an extra week (Aug. 3 – 7) at Camp Pride

If you have never worked for the Y.E.S.S. program please send a brief resume and list of 2 references.  
If you know of individuals you think would make good staff members I have enclosed an additional application.  
Thank You!

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**Dates to Remember:**

**Mandatory In - Service May 26 – 29**

Week 1: June 1 – June 5

Week 2: June 8 – June 12

Week 3: June 15 – June 19

Week 4: June 22 – June 26

Week 5: June 29 – July 3

Week 6: July 6 – July 10

Week 7: July 13 – July 17

Week 8: July 20 – July 24

Week 9: July 27 – July 31 (Travel Week)