

The Arc of Rowan Summer Day Camp
For children with
Intellectual & other Related Developmental Disabilities

The Arc of Rowan Summer Day Program has been in existence in 1984. The Program provides a secure, positive environment that meets the physical, social, emotional and educational needs of children ages 5 – 21 years of age with intellectual and other related developmental disabilities.

The Arc of Rowan Summer Day Program is a six-week program that operates Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This year the program will begin on Monday, July 2nd and will end on Thursday, August 9th, 2016. The Arc of Rowan will operate three locations - North Rowan Middle School, South Rowan High School and Granite Quarry Elementary School. The program offers training in self-help skills, academics, personal and social skills, sensory development, communication skills and gross/fine motor skills. Daily activities include a variety of educational and social experiences for children according to their needs established in their Individual Education Plan (IEP). These activities include indoor and outdoor activities and weekly field trips planned as part of the curriculum. Having this program allows children to maintain and practice academic skills from their Individual Education Plan that would not be taught during the summer.

The goal for this program is to provide an educational, safe and fun opportunity during the summer. The progress that each child makes during the summer is very rewarding - a child being able to complete a math problem on their own, learning to tie their shoes, learning to read new words, writing the words and or sentences down, learning to socialize with other peers appropriately, transitioning from one thing to another, are examples. This program also provides fun opportunities that some of the children would not experience if they did not attend.

The Arc of Rowan Summer Day Program is licensed and approved according to standards established by the North Carolina Child Day Care Licensing Division and the Division of Mental Health/Mental Retardation/Substance Abuse Services. The program is reviewed and evaluated annually. Staff is required to take part in various trainings example include but not limited to: First Aid/CPR and Basic School Aged Curriculum Training (BSAC). All staff members have to take part in finger printing, criminal background checks, and federal registry as required by the state.

Every year when school starts back, it is nice to hear teachers in The Rowan Salisbury School System tell us they can tell which children in their class attended our program - these children have maintained the skills learned over the past school year and do not have as much trouble transitioning back into the school environment.

The Arc of Rowan partners with The Rowan Salisbury School System to operate this program. The Rowan Salisbury School Systems provides our agency with 3 locations, meals during the program, transportation and an assistant during the program. The Arc of Rowan is a Rowan County United Way agency – and we are proud of the support that United Way Dollars contribute to this program. The program is also supported by grants, parent fees, local civic groups and donations.

If you would like to find out more information on how to enroll your child in the program, please contact The Arc of Rowan office as soon as possible and inquire about an application. Our number is 704-637-1521. Please visit our website at www.thearcofrowan.org for additional information. Enrollment has begun so please do not wait too long to get the process started.