

Movie-Makers' Camp: A Language Enrichment Experience for First Graders

July 15-19, 2019

Wegner School

14124 Norton Drive

Boys Town, Nebraska

For some children, the language of school can be a barrier to learning. Classrooms are highly verbal environments and children who have difficulty expressing their ideas or understanding the ideas of others may have difficulty keeping up with their peers when it comes to using their language to build strong academic and social skills. This summer enrichment program is provided by Boys Town National Research Hospital's certified speech-language pathologists who specialize in providing language intervention for school-age students. This camp is for children who are 6 or 7 years of age as of July 15, 2019. The camp will use such movie-making activities as creating a movie script, constructing a movie set, designing costumes and directing movie production. This skill-enhancing program provides intensive individualized and small group instruction to promote:

- Using and understanding spoken language in literacy-based activities
- Learning and using new vocabulary
- Asking for help or clarification
- Formulating and asking a variety of questions
- Following and giving clear directions
- Expressing thoughts and feelings
- Using friend-making and cooperative learning social skills
- Sharing experiences with peers and others at home

Why Movies?

Movie-making is a confidence-building activity that is loaded with opportunities for campers to practice language using the visual and dramatic arts, video, audio and computer technology, and movement experiences. By working with other campers and community artists to create a movie, campers experience a school-like project in a setting that is low-stakes, supportive and engaging.

Camp Program

This week-long camp includes:

- Daily language intervention supporting each camper's language goals
- Language research opportunities
- Enrichment activities that allow for expression through movement and the arts
- Recreational experiences including fishing, swimming and a variety of sports





Camp Staff

The Movie Makers' Camp is one of the many innovative clinical, educational and research programs offered by Boys Town National Research Hospital's Center for Childhood Deafness, Language and Learning and the Center's staff.

Camp administrators are Center Director, Karla McGregor, Ph.D.; Associate Director, Cathy Carotta, Ed.D. and Camp Coordinator, Nancy Ohlmann, M.A. All administrators are certified speech-language pathologists who specialize in providing language interventions for school-aged students.

The movie-making experiences will be directed by Stephanie Anderson, who is sponsored by WhyArts. Anderson has a history of acting and directing in local and regional programs. Filming will be conducted by Boys Town videographers. All staff will be required to undergo a background check, and staff numbers will exceed state-mandated adult-child ratios.

Logistics

Camp days are July 15-19, with drop-off time between 7:30-8:00 a.m. and pick up time between 5:00-5:30 p.m. Childcare is provided during these times. The camp is limited to those campers who can attend the full week of the camp experience.

On Thursday, July 18, 5:30-6:30 p.m. there will be a family and community movie debut featuring the campers' movie creations. Family and friends are invited to come and share in the campers' movie-making achievements.

Meals and Snacks

Drink and snacks will be provided by the camp. The camp is a nut-free environment.

Qualification and Eligibility

All children applying must have challenges with spoken language expression and understanding and may have difficulty learning to read or write. Each child will need to complete a free language screening, which will determine eligibility to attend the camp. The language screening provides useful information about the child's language development. For those children who are already enrolled in speech-language services, parents will be required to submit previous speech-language assessments and the child's Individual Education Program.

This camp is not designed for children who have been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders, childhood apraxia of speech, hearing loss or an intellectual disability.

We are unable to accommodate more than 10 children. We will enroll on a first-come, first-served basis.

To begin the process, contact Nancy Ohlmann, (531) 355-5090 or nancy.ohlmann@boystown.org to schedule the free language screening.

Money Matters

- Language screening: No cost.
- Speech Language Evaluation: \$489.00 (This may be covered by your insurance.)
- Camp Tuition: \$250.00
- Parents provide a sack lunch
- Research Compensation: Participation is voluntary. If you/your child choose to participate, you will receive \$15/hr for up to a maximum total of \$112.50.
- A 50% (\$125) deposit is required upon qualification, with the remaining payment due in full by May 31, 2019. The deposit is non-transferrable, non-refundable and does not include the \$489 for the speech-language evaluation.

Refund Policy

In the event your child cannot attend camp, tuition may be refunded if your child's place can be filled. However, no refunds are given after June 15, 2019.

More Information

To ask questions, schedule the free language screening or inquire about financial aid opportunities, please contact: **Nancy Ohlmann at (531) 355-5090 or nancy.ohlmann@boystown.org**