

# Boys About Town 2011



**Summer day camps to build and maintain long lasting friendships**

**Week 1: July 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011**  
M/W/F (1pm – 4pm)  
Tu/Thu (10am – 4pm)

**Week 2: Aug 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011**  
M/W/F (9am – 12pm)  
Tu/Thu (10am – 4pm)

*“Friendship isn’t a big thing – it’s a million little things”*

## **Social Squad: Boys about Town (for ages 6 -12)**

Back by popular demand, Harmony House CARES is proud to introduce another year of our summer day camps. Week-long camps are offered to provide generalization of age-appropriate social skills that focuses on the concept of social thinking. To further provide continuation of our social skills group, summer camps are specialized to generalize social-communicative skills around the community.

## **About Our Social Skills Groups**

Harmony House offers social skills groups to provide an opportunity for individuals with ASD or learning difficulties to practise and improve their social-communicative skills in a fun, safe, and supportive environment. Our social skills groups differ from other “social groups” in that they are more focussed on the attainment and generalization of specific skills through structured age-appropriate cooperative activities. Each social skills group are constructively planned to target specific goals in social/emotional and communicative development using the fundamentals of Applied Behaviour Analysis. Curriculum for each groups are created based on skill development and current evidence-based research in the field.



This is to ensure that lessons are planned to allow students to successfully learn developmentally appropriate skills that will better prepare them for personal and social situations: reciprocal social interaction, communication, pro-social behaviour, play and imagination.

## About the Lessons



*"The greatest sign of success for a teacher... is to be able to say 'The children are now working as if I did not exist.'"*

### Week 1 in July will cover:

- ❖ Increase social thinking and self management in the community
- ❖ Socially appropriate/inappropriate behaviours
- ❖ Reciprocal social interaction
- ❖ Increase cooperative play
- ❖ Increase organizational skills
- ❖ Teach accountability

### Week 2 in August will cover:

- ❖ Increase social thinking and self management in the community
- ❖ Socially appropriate/inappropriate behaviours
- ❖ Generalization in advanced conversational skills
- ❖ How to enter and exit play
- ❖ Increase organizational skills "Back to school" prep

## About the Camp

Values of the camp:

- Organized and directed by 2 of Harmony House's program supervisors, both who have extensive background in the field of ABA.
- Each week, 9 hours of in-house instructional time will be facilitated to prepare and debrief specific skills in social thinking and behaviour monitoring.
- 12 hours per week will be spent in the community where each child is encouraged to build independency, accountability, and reciprocity in social interactions.
- Lessons are geared towards skills to create and maintain friendships through age-appropriate cooperative activities.
- Hands-on projects in partner and group activities will further develop the child's ability to increase self-awareness and flexibility with peers.
- Parent meets to support generalization of skills in other environments.
- Fun outings around the Lower Mainland:
  - Rock climbing, Water parks, Science World, Laser Tag, Mini golf



*"Free the child's potential, and you will transform him into the world"*



## About the Facilitators

The camps will be facilitated by Harmony House's own Program Supervisors and Interns. They all have extensive training and are highly experienced in the research and development of social skills building, under the guidance and supervision of Bohdanna Popowycz Kvam and Michele Shilvock. Collectively, they have developed and conducted social skills projects in the community over the past six years.

## The Details:

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**Cost:** \$650 per week (includes class and outings)

**Contact Joanne Ma** to register: [joanne.t.ma@gmail.com](mailto:joanne.t.ma@gmail.com)

Please note that an additional \$25 non-refundable registration fee is required.

- ❖ Families can register for either weeks, or both – however, attendance for the full week is important in learning, generalizing, and maintain skills.
- ❖ Community activities will be located both in the Fraser Valley and in the Lower Mainland.
- ❖ In-house skill building classes will take place at our McBride location

\*\*\$50 one-time new member assessment fee is also required to determine  
goodness of fit for the group\*\*



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