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PEP's Building Buddies Friendship Camp
June 25 – 29, 2012 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
For Boys Ages 8, 9, and 10

held at PEP's Family Encouragement Center
10100 Connecticut Avenue
Kensington, MD 20895

At this summer camp, the focus is on friendship and fun! With ample opportunity to plan and experience their play in free time, the boys' interests and imaginations help shape the daily agenda. During free play, the small camp size of 14 boys allows the camp staff to provide the boys with "coaching" that will reinforce leadership and friendship skills.

The campers will have indoor and outdoor play, team challenges, peer activities, games, and boy-style crafts at their disposal. Through the "old-fashioned neighborhood play experience" while at camp, the boys will have opportunities in which to explore their imagination, learn friendship skills, and ways to contribute to the group camaraderie. Please note: because of camper-staff ratios, this is not a therapeutic camp.

Activities: Woodworking, outdoor play, water games, organized group challenges, arts and crafts, generous free time to plot and carry out adventures, made-up and board games, daily discussions, and more – all well overseen and designed to foster healthy friendship skills and leadership opportunities.

2012 Camp Staff:

Ruth Sorenson: (Co-Director) Ruth has been a co-director at the Girls & Boys PEP Friendship Camps for five years. In addition to her two sons who will work at the camp again this year (see below), Ruth also has 2 daughters, ages 24 and 23. Ruth has a background in P.E. & Early Childhood education. She is the Music Resource teacher at CCBC (Chevy Chase Bethesda Community Children's Center). Ruth's guiding belief is that programs that allow creative play are gems these days and her experience at work and at PEP is that the kids who participate find the experience really fun!

Isaac Sorenson: (Co-Director) Isaac is 20 years old, a sophomore at St. Olaf College in Minnesota. He's enjoying his liberal arts education, great intramural sports, and singing in an a cappella group. Isaac has had experience working with kids in summer swim team and at the Special Olympics Camp Pals. Last summer was his first year working at PEP's Boys Buddies Camp which he co-directed with his mother Ruth. He especially enjoyed the board game marathons and is looking forward to another great week.

Lars Sorenson: (Counselor) Lars is 17 years old, a junior at St. Andrew's Episcopal High School. Lars has worked at the Boys Buddies Camp several summers and has a riotous time with the boys in water play, made up games and being a great role model for a friend. In addition to his HS studies, Lars plays varsity basketball. He has also worked as a babysitter and volunteers with SOUnified Basketball.

The basic necessities:

Campers bring a bag lunch and drink each day. Refrigerator and water on-site. After the first day, campers work together to bring a snack for the rest of the group. Sneakers or sturdy shoes are necessary for outdoor games. Bicycle or scooter and bathing suit for water games on one day to be announced. Bring a blanket or throw for quiet hang-out times.

For parents of campers: A parent orientation on "Helping Your Child Foster Friendships" will be held at the PEP Office in late May or early June. This is an important part of your son's camp experience so we urge parents to attend – even if you have attended before!

During camp, parents are invited to visit at the 3:00 p.m. dismissal time on our "Welcome Wednesday."

Cost and Application Information: \$ 325 is the camp fee. Additionally, all camper families must be PEP members (\$50/year – okay to join after camp application has been accepted). Please note that there are usually more applicants for the Camp than spaces, and that returning campers and children of PEP Leaders and Board receive a preference in placement. Limited scholarships are available in case of financial need.

A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due with the application. The deposit is immediately returned if there is not space for your child in this summer's Camp. If your child is accepted into Camp, the deposit is non-refundable. Please make checks payable to the Parent Encouragement Program.

Mastercard/Visa/Discover are available, and once accepted, please contact the PEP Office if you would like to arrange a payment plan beginning in March, 2012. The balance of \$225 (plus PEP membership if due) is due by May 14, 2012. No refunds of the balance after this date.

Applications are considered as they are received; the camp directors must review each application. **All camper and medical information must be updated by May 14, 2012.**

For more information, contact the PEP Office at 301-929-8824.
FAX 301-929-8834 or email: pepoffice@aol.com



Summer 2012 Building Buddies Boys Camp Application

Registration and Deposit: return to PEP office by mail, email (PEPFrances@aol.com) or fax (301-929-8834)

Name _____

Birthday ___/___/___

Age at start of camp _____

Grade next fall _____

School _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Father's Name _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Work phone _____

Email address _____

Mother's Name _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Work phone _____

Email address _____

Camper's special talents, hobbies, interests

Siblings (names and ages)

Name	Age	Name	Age

Please use the space below and on the back page if needed to describe developmental, social issues and/or medical issues that would be helpful to camp leaders. It is important for us to know if your child has learning problems or has been involved in counseling.

_____ please check if continued on attached sheet

Person to contact in case of emergency, if parents cannot be reached:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Relationship to Camper _____

Doctor's Name _____ Phone _____

Preferred Hospital _____

Is your child on medication? _____ If so, describe fully

Allergies (food, insect, drug), existing medical conditions, or sensitivities of your child:

Medical Insurance Company _____

Policy # _____

There is additional information required from the State of Maryland regarding immunizations that will be sent upon acceptance. Both the Maryland form and the above medical insurance information must be completed prior to camp.

In case of medical emergency, if I cannot be contacted, I authorize the Parent Encouragement Program to arrange for my child to receive emergency medical treatment at an accredited urgent care center or the emergency room of the nearest available hospital. The medical facility and its medical staff have my authorization to provide treatment, at my expense, which a physician deems necessary for the well-being of my child. I waive and release the Parent Encouragement Program, its Summer Friendship Camp and staff from all liability for any injuries and illness incurred while at camp.

Parent/Guardian signature _____

Date _____

Child's name _____

PAYMENT ENCLOSED: \$ _____ check ___ Visa ___ MasterCard ___ Discover

_____ Exp. date ___/___

Signature _____ CVV2 code _____ (on back of card)

Send deposit of \$100 with this application. If child is accepted into Camp, the deposit is not refundable. Balance due of \$225 (plus \$50 PEP membership for non-members) no later than May 14, 2012. Please return to the PEP Office at 10100 Connecticut Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895. Faxes (301-929-8834) or scanned email documents with a credit card number are acceptable when emailed to: pepfrances@aol.com