



A University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service.

## How to Help



### • As camp staff

The camp recruits interested and caring volunteers, students, and community professionals to participate as counselors and program leaders. If you, or someone you know, is interested in getting involved, please contact the camp, or submit a completed

application. Applicants are screened and interviewed. The camp also collaborates with colleges and professionals to provide an educational course opportunity for an intensive hands-on experience with persons with ASD.



### • As a limited volunteer, individual or service group/organization

During camp, many opportunities are available for individuals or groups at the following times/areas:

- Check in and check out
- Luggage, greeting & parking
- Service projects

Please contact the camp if you can serve.

### • Donate

CRS operates predominantly through the generosity of others; either through donations, grants or support from civic organizations, local businesses, and individuals. Camper fees are offered at a discounted 1/4 of actual cost per camper; however over 40% of camper families are still not able to pay this rate. Please help make camp a reality for campers hoping to experience the magic of camp.

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## Playing



## Having Fun

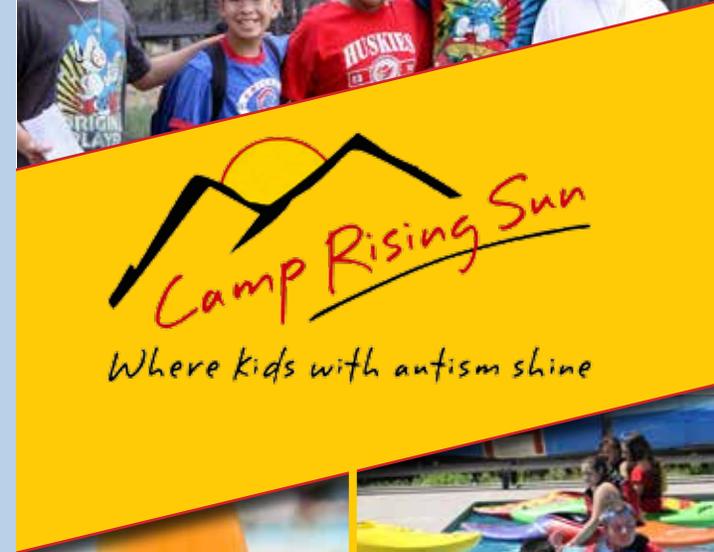


## Learning Together



Please send donations to:

**Camp Rising Sun**  
**UNM Center for Development and Disability**  
**2300 Menaul Blvd NE • Albuquerque, NM 87107**



## Mission

- Provide a specialized summer camp experience for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and their peers.
- Provide an opportunity for students, community volunteers, and professionals to gain experience working with those diagnosed with ASD.
- Provide respite for parents and caregivers of children with ASD.



## For More Information

on how to get involved, rates or to download applications, visit our website:

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## The Campers

Camp Rising Sun is designed specifically for children, ages 8 – 17, providing an inclusive summer camp environment for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and their typically developing peers. Campers will be supervised at all times.

**Peer campers** are 10 – 17 year olds who want to have fun, to increase their understanding of ASD, and serve as a role model for campers with ASD. Siblings and friends are welcome.

See application for peer fee.



## Value of Camp

### for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders

Camp Rising Sun is an environment that is purposefully and naturally set up to encourage success for our campers. Through a well structured, supervised program, daily interaction, and careful planning, campers receive support and opportunities to:

- Enhance social skills
- Increase independence
- Enhance communication
- Practice motor skills
- Develop new interests
- Encourage friendship skills, and have FUN!

## Activities

Camp activities may include swimming, hiking, sports and games, arts & crafts, theater, photography and video, geo-caching, music, campouts, nature activities, campfires, low and high ropes and challenge course, martial arts, campfire and evening programs, and a variety of other activities. The camp also contracts with additional trained specialists to provide specialized programs, which may include: horseback riding, kayaking in the pool, and other creative specialty programs.



## About Camp Rising Sun

Camp Rising Sun (CRS) is part of the Autism Programs at the Center for Development and Disability, Health Screening Center, University of New Mexico.



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## CIT Leadership Program

An educational program for 16 and 17 year olds, designed to develop leadership skills while learning about Autism and future employment skills. See application for CIT fee.

## Staff & Volunteers

Volunteers are university students, community volunteers, and professionals from the community desiring additional experience and training working with children on the autism spectrum. All undergo a rigorous screening process; including reference checks, interview, and criminal background checks. Most positions are volunteer assignments and may provide a small stipend.



## Camp Assistant Program

Camp Assistants are young adults with ASD, age 18 years and older, who want to learn positive work habits, responsibility and have fun while supporting the health and safety of camp.

## Fee

**\$550 for first camper with ASD** (includes \$100.00 non-refundable registration fee)