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2009-2010 Program Information Sheet

The Janet Pomeroy Center offers the following programs for children and teens ages 5-21 with special needs who have an IEP: a Summer Day Camp, an After School Program, and a Saturday Respite Program. If you are interested in enrolling your child in one of our programs, please fill out the attached application:

2009 - 2010 Application Form – Deadline May 22, 2009

After School Program: Families of Children and Teens currently enrolled in the After School Program must fill out and turn in this form by **May 22, 2009** in order to keep their space for the 2009-2010 school year. New applicants will be placed on the waiting list when this form is received in the Children and Teen's office.

Summer Day Camp: Deadline **May 22, 2009**. Applications received after deadline automatically go on the waiting list if no space is available.

Who We Are: The Janet Pomeroy Center Children & Teen Department is a developmental recreation program that combines the philosophies of child development and therapeutic recreation. Our primary emphasis is on group interactions, physical activity, social skills and cognitive development. Our programs offer diverse activities designed to promote social, cognitive, physical and emotional growth in your child. Groups generally have a one staff to six participant ratio. There are approximately 8 to 12 children in a group with 2 staff. Children in our programs are grouped by age rather than ability.

Program Activities: The Janet Pomeroy Center therapeutic swimming pool and a full size gymnasium are available to each group. Additional activities include art, music, outdoor sports, computer lab, playground, games, drama, dance, gardening, cooking, and community outings. Staff also plan activities involving science, math, reading and social studies. Leaders design their programs to best meet the needs of the group and the individuals within the group. Children and teens are also offered nutritious snacks for all programs, free of charge.

Transportation: Transportation is a separate optional service offered by the Janet Pomeroy Center. Parents can pay for this service or choose to pick up their children at the Center. Families have the following choice:

Parents or Guardians will be responsible to pick up their child every day after program between 5:45-6:15pm. After 6:30pm, families are charged \$5 for each 15 minutes they are late.

OR

Parents or Guardians may choose to pay a flat fee of \$120.00 per month for The Janet Pomeroy Center Transportation Program to drive their child home if they live in San Francisco. Space is limited and priority is given to those currently receiving transportation home. This fee is payable monthly, one month in advance of program. Parents are expected to pay the fees directly to the Center. Children arrive home between 6:00 and 7:30pm. Summer Day Camp transportation is billed by session.

Funding: Scholarships are available for both the After School and Summer Day Camp Programs. Families may also pay fees directly to the Center. The Summer Day Camp program is vendorized through GGRC. Families must pay transportation fees directly to the Janet Pomeroy. Scholarships will not fund for transportation costs.

Eligibility: In order to be eligible for services through our program, your child must have a physical, mental or emotional disability of such severity that the child cannot be adequately or appropriately served in a regular child care and development program as determined by the Individualized Education Plan (IEP). IEPs must be turned in with the application. Children and Teens must also meet the entrance criteria listed on the next page. **(Over)**

Children & Teen Programs

I. Summer Day Camp Program

This program is open to children and teens with disabilities ages 5 to 21 years. Families must provide transportation to the Janet Pomeroy Center. Program time is 12 noon until 6pm.

Dates: Session 1: July 20-24; Session 2: July 27-31; Session 3: Aug. 3-7; Session 4: Aug 10-14; Session 5: Aug 17-19

Enrollment: A lottery will be held *if* we have more applicants than spaces available.

Fees: \$174.60 per session. GGRC may be able to pay for program fees. Scholarships are limited for this program.

Transportation home: \$30 per session. GGRC funding and Scholarships DO NOT cover transportation fees.

Field Trip Fee: We request an additional \$25 fee to help pay for field trips.

II. After School Recreation Program

This program is open to children and teens with disabilities ages 5 to 21 years. It begins the first day of school, August 24, 2009, and ends on the last day of summer school in July 2010. The program meets Monday through Friday after school until 5:45 pm on regular school days. SFUSD can transport children from their school to our Center in most cases. On some school holidays we are open for extended morning hours for a fee of \$30.

Enrollment: There is currently a waiting list for this program. Interested families must apply to be placed on the waiting list and will be notified as openings become available.

Fees: \$10.39 per hour (does not include transportation). Full scholarships through the state CHAN contract are also available. Transportation is a separate fee of \$120 per month if families request it.

III. Saturday Respite Care Services

Respite care is provided from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturdays for children ages 5 and older. In-Center and community based recreation activities include trips to parks, performances, and special events. This program is vendorized by GGRC. The child or teen must be a client of GGRC and eligible for respite hours, or may pay private fees. Transportation to and from JPC is not provided.

Teens and adults over 18 are also eligible for Weekend Residential Care from 5pm Friday to 4pm Sunday. There is no deadline for enrollment in the respite programs, but reservations must be made and an intake scheduled in advance by calling Alberta Valdez-Harris at 415/665-4109 ext. 1826.

ENTRANCE CRITERIA

Our goal is to provide a recreation program in a safe and supportive environment that enhances the lives of all participants. Given our program staff to participant ratio of 1(staff) to 6 (participants), the following program entrance criteria have been established in order to ensure maximum safety for everyone in The Janet Pomeroy Center Children & Teen Department:

1. No more than 2 children in wheelchairs (or non-ambulatory) per group.
2. Children must be able to stay with the group with verbal prompting only.
3. Children who are physically aggressive (to themselves or others) may not be eligible for program.
4. Children who run away may not be eligible for program.
5. Children with the following medical needs are not eligible for program:
 - o Catheterization, receiving injections, tube feeding, or other skilled nursing care requirements
6. Parents must provide **Janet Pomeroy Center** staff with the name, number & address of an emergency contact person/family member in case you cannot be reached in an emergency (medical or behavioral).
7. Guardians are responsible for the condition of equipment that accompanies the client to the center (wheelchair, etc.). If it is deemed, by the Center, that the condition of equipment is not safe, the client may not be allowed to participate in the program until repairs are made and we deem it to be adequate.
8. Children who begin to exhibit any of the behaviors described above may be demitted from program.
9. Every participant admitted to **Janet Pomeroy Center** must successfully complete a 30-day probationary period to establish the participant's appropriateness for our program and our ability to meet their needs.