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## Summer Matters Announces

### A High School Weekend Retreat

April 9 - April 11, 2010

Mt. Gilead Camp  
in the Pocono Mountains  
Saylorsburg, PA

This retreat is specially designed for high school-aged youth who have difficulty connecting with their peers. Many, but not all, of our campers have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders, moderate behavior disorders and/or Neurological Impairments. These campers deeply desire friendships, but due to difficulties with social skills spend much of their time feeling socially isolated and lonely. Additionally, our campers benefit from opportunities to practice self-help skills and increase independence.

Our goals for the weekend are:

- To foster the personal growth of each camper by supplying safe and supported opportunities for meaningful social relationships between similar peers.
- To support campers as they develop independent living skills.
- To increase self-esteem through experiential education programming designed to help the student feel challenged and successful.

Above all, the **Summer Matters Weekend Retreat** provides campers with lasting memories of fun, social connection and success. These are truly the building blocks of self-esteem and motivation to succeed!

This **Summer Matters Weekend Retreat** will take place between 3:00 PM, Friday, April 9<sup>h</sup> and 3:00 PM, Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010. All meals will be provided. Transportation to/from Mt. Gilead will be provided. **Tuition for this retreat is \$300 per student.** Financial assistance is available to eligible families in collaboration with the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program.

To pre-register for this retreat contact Holly Zipperer, Director of Summer Programs & Ancillary Services, at [hozipperer@vfes.net](mailto:hozipperer@vfes.net) or 610-296-6725 x115 for more details!



**“High School Weekend Retreat”**  
**April 9 - 11, 2010**  
**Pre-Registration Form**

Thank you for expressing interest in the “*High School Weekend Retreat*” program! To pre-register your child, please complete the following form and submit no later than March 15, 2010. This program has a limited enrollment and spots will fill up quickly! Please note that receipt of this pre-registration form does not GUARANTEE acceptance into the *Summer Matters “High School Weekend Retreat”* program. An acceptance packet will be mailed out following review of all registration forms no later than March 22, 2010. Once your child is accepted into the program, you will receive a contract to sign and return along with a tuition payment of \$300 to secure your child’s spot. If you are interested in applying for EITC financial assistance, complete the EITC Financial Information Form. If you have completed an EITC Financial Information Form within the past year there is no need to complete the form again.

Child’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child’s Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Child’s Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed forms to Holly Zipperer, Valley Forge Educational Services, 1777 N. Valley Road, P.O. Box 730, Paoli, PA 19301 or fax to 610-640-0132 no later than March 15, 2010.



## EITC Financial Assistance Program

Dear Families,

Valley Forge Educational Services participates in the *Educational Improvement Tax Credit* (EITC) Program. This program offers tax credits to participating businesses that contribute financially to eligible education organizations. This program allows us to offer scholarships to eligible families based on the guidelines set forth by the EITC program.

Children are eligible for financial assistance if their household incomes are under \$50,000 - plus an additional \$10,000 for each child in the family. For example, a family with one child must have an income below \$60,000, while a family with three children must have an income below \$80,000. Household income does not include items such as disability payments, workers compensation, retirement pensions, public assistance or unemployment compensation.

If you are interested in financial assistance and have not completed an EITC Financial Assistance Form within the past year, please complete the following form and return it with your pre-registration form. **This information will remain CONFIDENTIAL.** Families that qualify for financial assistance based on EITC guidelines may qualify for full scholarships and/or tuition subsidies.

If you have any questions about the EITC Program and information requested on *the EITC Financial Information Form*, please don't hesitate to contact me at the numbers listed below. Thank you for your continued support of the Summer Matters division of **Valley Forge Educational Services.**

Regards,

Holly Zipperer  
Director of Summer Programs & Ancillary Services  
Valley Forge Educational Services

**Valley Forge Educational Services  
EITC Financial Information Form**

**1. Parent/Guardian (residing with student)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:  Father  Mother  Stepfather  Stepmother  Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:  Father  Mother  Stepfather  Stepmother  Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Contact Information**

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Please list the name and relationship of ALL individuals in the household. Also, please check the appropriate response to indicate if the person is a dependent according to IRS regulations.**

Name	Relationship	Age	Dependent
_____			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
_____			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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**4. Income per Household\*\***

**\*\**This information is required by the EITC Program and will remain confidential.***

Please indicate your annual household income \_\_\_\_\_ (rounded to the nearest thousand)

To the best of my knowledge all of the information stated above is accurate and true.

Signature Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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