

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **When will I find out if my child has been accepted for a program?**

For weekend and school vacation programs, acceptances are made at least a month prior to the program. For summer programs and Space Camp, acceptances are made in April. You will receive a letter in the mail notifying you of your status (accepted or on wait list).

## **Do I need to pack sheets, pillows, and towels?**

No. Outreach supplies all sheets, pillows, and towels for your child's stay. Students are welcome to bring their own pillows or blankets if it helps them feel more comfortable.

## **Is there financial assistance available?**

Yes. We have a limited amount of scholarship money available for those who need it. We do ask that the student and family attempt to seek funding on their own, and then submit a letter stating the funding sources that were tried and the amount that is still needed. We will do our best to make it financially possible for a student to attend our programs.

## **If I want to stay local while my child participates in a program, what are my options?**

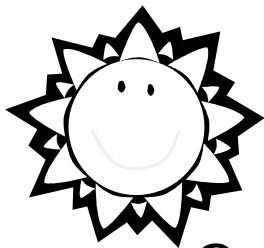
Perkins has 2 guest houses on campus with a minimal number of beds. They need to be booked far in advance and there is a small fee for staying in them. If you would like to pursue a Perkins guest house for short-term accommodations while your child is participating in an Outreach program, please let the Outreach Activities Coordinator know as soon as possible. There are also several hotels in the area.

## **Can I come with my child during the program?**

One of our major goals is to encourage and support new peer relationships which is often challenging when parents are present. Additionally, we want students to experience independence and have the opportunity to participate in a program just for them. Following most programs we offer a parent meeting to discuss the events of the program. Staff are available to talk with you about your child's participation.

## **Can I call my child during the program?**

Yes. However, we keep students very busy during our programs and they are often not available for phone calls during the day hours. Evenings are better times to reach your child by phone.



# Elementary Summer Program

## Perkins Outreach Services

Grades 4-6: Sunday, July 13 – Friday, July 18, 2008

Grades 1-3: Sunday, July 20 – Friday, July 25, 2008

Two separate weeks of **OVERNIGHT** summer programs will be again held on the Perkins Campus. The focus will be on socialization with peers who are also blind or visually impaired, basic skills training, community exploration, and recreation.

### **Activities will be offered in:**

- Daily living skills
- Social skills
- Community experiences
- Skills reinforcement
- Crafts
- Cooking
- Outdoor adventures & games
- Music/drama
- Swimming
- Horseback riding
- Water sports & physical education
- Field trips

**Space is limited.** All applicants and referral sources may be interviewed after a completed application packet has been returned. School and other educational/state contacts may also be interviewed. Students accepted into the program will be notified as soon as possible.

**Registration:** A request for an application is attached (also available on-line at [www.Perkins.org](http://www.Perkins.org)). Please indicate your interest in one of the Outreach Elementary Programs and return the form to:

**Perkins Outreach Services**  
**175 North Beacon Street**  
**Watertown, MA 02472**  
**Or**  
**FAX: 617-972-7586**  
**E-Mail: [Outreach@Perkins.org](mailto:Outreach@Perkins.org)**

A full application packet will be mailed upon receipt.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

**Kelly Cote, Outreach Activities Coordinator**  
**617-972-7867**  
**E-mail: [Kelly.Cote@Perkins.org](mailto:Kelly.Cote@Perkins.org)**

# Perkins Outreach Summer Activities 2008

Please check which program you would like an application for:

- Outreach Summer Employment Program, June 22-July 25, 2008
- Outreach Summer 3 Week Program, June 22-July 12, 2008
- Outreach Summer Elementary Program, Grades 4-6, July 13-18, 2008
- Outreach Summer Elementary Program, Grades 1-3, July 20-25, 2008

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Student's E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Vision Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

State Counselor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Does student use: \_\_\_\_\_ Braille \_\_\_\_\_ large print \_\_\_\_\_ tape \_\_\_\_\_ reg. print \_\_\_\_\_

What grade level is student functioning at for: reading \_\_\_\_\_ math \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe student's vision (diagnosis, functional ability, age onset) \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any physical disabilities or special needs of the student (seizures, dietary restrictions, behaviors, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the student's medications (including vitamins) \_\_\_\_\_

Does student take shots? \_\_\_\_\_ Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous overnight camp, training programs, or theater programs attended: \_\_\_\_\_

If none, has student been away from home overnight before? \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe \_\_\_\_\_

Previous work or volunteer experience: \_\_\_\_\_

Student referred by (name, relation to student, and phone #) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - # \_\_\_\_\_

**Person completing application (name & number)**

\_\_\_\_\_ - # \_\_\_\_\_

Who will **you** approach for funding? (Circle all that apply)

Self payment      School system      Lion's Club      Church group

Telephone Pioneers      State Comm. For the Blind      Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail this form to:**

**Kelly Cote, Perkins Outreach Services**

**175 North Beacon Street, Watertown, MA 02472**

**Phone 617-972-7867      FAX: 617-972-7586**