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Illinois Center for Autism's Awesome Summer Day Camp

Fairview Heights, Illinois, April 30, 2010 – The Illinois Center for Autism (ICA) will provide its “Awesome Summer Day Camp” June 14-18 and August 2-6, 2010. Campers from Kindergarten through the 8th grade who have Autism Spectrum Disorder are eligible to participate in a fun-filled structured and supervised atmosphere.

Activities are scheduled to range from craft and cooking opportunities, outdoor games, and water fun to possible field trips that include bowling, swimming, skating, Centerfield Park, Pasta Fare Restaurant, St. Louis Science Center and the St. Louis Zoo. Cost is \$225 per camper and camp hours are from 9am until 3pm with Pre-care and Post care services available at an additional cost.

The development of independence, communications and social skills will be the focus in a relaxed, safe and supervised atmosphere with a low ratio of campers to staff. Even though campers are expected to provide their own lunches, snacks will be provided and special dietary needs will be accommodated.

To enroll your camper or for additional information, please contact the Illinois Center for Autism at 618-398-7500.

Historically, individuals with autism were thought to need lifelong care and monitoring. However, with specialized training, many people with autism can achieve varying levels of independence and personal fulfillment. Awareness and community opportunities are just another means for Illinois Center for Autism's clients to pursue their highest level of independence.

Statistically, 1 in 110 children are diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), a developmental disorder. Awareness, early diagnosis and treatment are essential to insuring a better quality of life for individuals with the disorder.

The Illinois Center for Autism, located at 548 S. Ruby Lane in Fairview Heights, is a non-profit, community-based mental health treatment and education agency. For more information about these services or autism, visit the Illinois Center for Autism website at www.illinoiscenterforautism.org.