

Upcoming Ed Spec Events



Dr. Stephens' Golden Rules

Always tell your child what you want them to do, rather than what not to do.

It is more effective to give children direct commands. This is particularly true for children with ASD as they often take language literally and do not get hidden meanings. When we tell kids what not to do, we assume they know what the appropriate alternative behavior is. For instance, when we tell a child "don't jump in the puddle," we assume they understand our hidden meaning- "walk around the puddle." However, a child with ASD may think the statement means only that they can't literally jump in it- but they can splash in the puddle, walk through the puddle, etc. Being direct and telling children what to do makes their world easier, since it makes understanding what behaviors are expected much more clear.

February 5, 2008 – 8:30 am to 3:30 pm Instructional Assistant Training Workshop "Working with Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders"

- The Spectrum of Autism
- Positive Behavior Support
- Facilitating Social Skills

Place: Education Spectrum Training Center at 2245 N. Lake Avenue in Altadena (corner of Lake & Calaveras)

Cost: \$90.00 per person (lunch on your own)

Presenters: Laurie Stephens, PHD, Kathy Holimon, MA, BCET

For registration, call Debbie at 626-797-1500 by 1/31/08

SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR SCHOOL and TEACHERS

February 21, 2008 – 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm Parent Training Workshop "Behavior Modification Tips for Home & Community"

Place: Education Spectrum Training Center at 2245 N. Lake Avenue in Altadena (corner of Lake & Calaveras)

Cost: Contact your REGIONAL CENTER service coordinator regarding funding

For registration, call Debbie at 626-797-1500

New at Danny's Farm - DAY CAMPS!

Spring Break and Summer Day camps for children with developmental disabilities from ages 5-17. Hours are from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday through Friday.

We offer hands-on experience with a variety of farm animals, arts and crafts, nature walks, and other fun-filled activities. We are wheelchair accessible and fluent in sign language, and our inclusive setting is specifically designed to serve children with special needs.

CALL LISA HOUSMAN FOR SCHEDULING AND INFORMATION



Star Volunteer
Griff Utley

"I volunteer at Danny's farm because it's fun and you have to do something that's fun after a week of just doing what you're told. It's great spending time with the animals."



FEATURED ANIMAL: SPARTACUS THE BABY GOAT

This adorable pygmy goat needed a home and joined the happy family at Danny's Farm in December. Spartacus is just weeks old and is the size of a small dog. He loves to be held. One of Danny's Farm's fantastic volunteers, Mieke Kramer, donated Spartacus after receiving him for a Christmas gift. She knew he would be happiest at Danny's Farm, and this loving little guy brings joy to all that he meets. Thank you Mieke!

