Each year, the Williams Syndrome Association hosts a one-week Music and Enrichment Camp for teenagers ages 13-20. This camp is a mixture of music and arts-related classes and traditional camp activities, such as gaga ball, water sliding, swimming, zip lining, obstacle courses, hiking, and fishing. Our evening programming features open mic nights, a mid-week dance, and nightly campfires complete with jam sessions and s’mores!
Campers can sign up for a variety of classes, from rock band and chorus, to dance and musical theater, to combos such as drum circles, songwriting, improvisation, and composition and drama classes, to art and recreation. At the end of the week, the campers put on a final show for their parents featuring props, dances, songs, and skits that they created over the course of the week.

Here, campers have the opportunity to express their creativity, collaborate with their peers, and just have fun! Though the campers work hard to get ready for the final show, throughout the week they are encouraged to engage in a creative process and to explore new ways of expressing themselves. In each class, staff members assume a role of facilitator and co-collaborator, giving campers the freedom to develop their own techniques (artistic and otherwise) and providing the space for imaginative problem solving.

From Camp to the World: Transferring Skills

One of our goals is to equip campers with valuable skills they will use outside of camp. This not only includes helping them develop confidence in their abilities, but also aiding them in cultivating the tools they need to express themselves and communicate with others. Many campers have their “firsts” at camp, be it the first time they perform in front of a crowd, the first time they ride a horse, or the first time they wash their hair by themselves. Our mission is to meet campers where they are and aid them on their journey to becoming independent and expressive individuals.

For more information, please visit our website: https://williams-syndrome.org/camps

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