



*Making Dreams Reality*  
2008 Annual Conference



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## Camp For All

Located in Burton, Camp For All provides a fully-accessible environment and programs that are tailored to meet the needs of campers of all ages, interests and abilities. For more information about Camp For All, go to: [www.campforall.org](http://www.campforall.org).

## Accommodations

We will stay in the completely accessible Camp For All cabins. Campers will be grouped by families and will share cabins with other families. The Arc of Texas will make cabin assignments. Indicate preferences on the registration form. Please arrive on Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> between 4:30 and no later than 6 p.m.

Bring a blanket or a sleeping bag AND a pillow for every camper in your family. Bed linens and towels will be provided by Camp For All.

Your registration will include all meals (Friday night dinner through Sunday breakfast), Babysitting, Kids Camp, and all other camp activities. Please note that families will dine together for all meals.

## Babysitting & Kids Camp

Babysitting will be available for children ages 5 and under on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 - 11:40 a.m. and 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. The Kids Camp is available for youth (ages 6+) on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 - 11:40 a.m. and 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

## DEADLINES: Registration & Stipend Forms

Register early, as space is limited! We are happy to announce that The Arc of Texas is offering stipends to help families participate in this important event. Stipends will pay for your accommodations and all camp activities. Limit of four stipends per family. A limited number of travel stipends will also be available. For travel stipend, questions contact Chris Rodriguez at [crodriguez@thearcoftexas.org](mailto:crodriguez@thearcoftexas.org). **Registration and stipend forms must be submitted by Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.** (See back page for more information.)

## QUESTIONS?

1-800-252-9729  
512-454-6694  
[www.thearcoftexas.org](http://www.thearcoftexas.org)

## "MAKING DREAMS REALITY"

Thank you for your interest in The Arc of Texas' 3rd Annual Conference at Camp for All. The conference will provide self-advocates and parents of children with disabilities with information and tools to improve the lives of people with disabilities in their home communities.

This annual conference is an inclusive event for individuals of all ages! As adults and self-advocates enjoy the interactive conference programming, children and youth are encouraged to participate in the Kid's Camp activities.

Buckle up for an even more exciting and informative 2008 Annual Conference where we borrow Imagine Enterprises' "Boot Camp" model to educate parents and self-advocates about the most important topics that will help make your dreams reality.

## Tentative Conference Agenda

### Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Boot Camp Arrival, Registration, and Cabin Assignments
6:15 - 7:15 p.m.	Dinner
7:30 - 10:00 p.m.	Conference Opening (Campfire, Sing-a-long, S'mores)

### Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Opening Remarks and Business Session
9:00 - 9:15 a.m.	Break
9:15 - 11:40 a.m.	Boot Camp Sessions
11:45 - 12:45 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Boot Camp and Just for Self-Advocates Sessions
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Meet with the Experts and Just for Self-Advocates Session
3:45 - 6:15 p.m.	Family Camp Activities
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Dinner
8:00 - 11:00 p.m.	Dance and Ice Cream Social

### Sunday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast Served
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Family Farewell Activity

## Tentative Kids Camp Agenda

### Saturday Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>

9:00 - 11:40 a.m.	Camp Activities
11:45 - 12:45 p.m.	Lunch with Families
1:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Camp Activities



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## CONFERENCE INFORMATION

### **Friday Dinner and Evening Activity**

Join us for a celebration of The Arc community! After a family dinner, we will gather around the campfire for a sing-a-long and gooey S'mores!

### **Saturday Morning Business Session**

A short business session will be held to elect The Arc of Texas board members and vote on other organization business.

### **Kids Camp**

Children 6+ will participate in fun camp activities including Barn Animals, Ropes Course, Nature, Fishing, Canoeing, and Horse Back Riding. Camp For All will provide supervision of each activity with counselors who are specialists in these activities. The Arc of Texas will provide additional volunteers and staff to supervise each group of children.

### **Boot Camp Sessions**

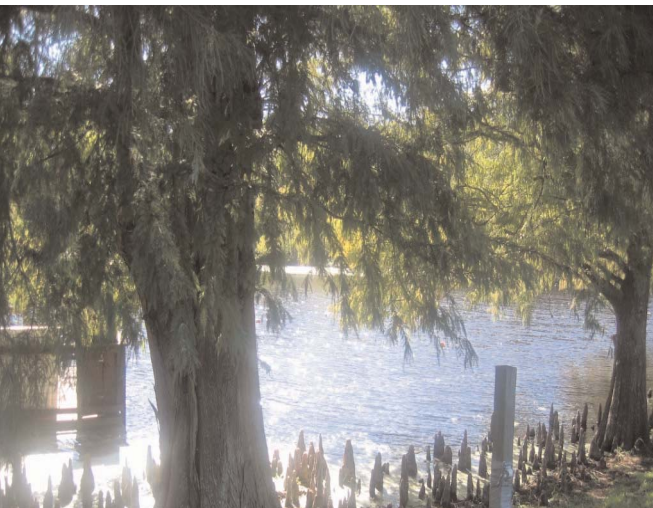
Conference participants will choose eight quick but informative Boot Camp Sessions on topics such as Medicaid Waivers, Employment/SSI Work Incentives, Early Childhood Intervention, Admission Review and Dismissal/Individual Education Plans, School to Work Transition Planning, Master Pooled Trust, Guardianship, Self Determination and Microboards.

### **Meet the Experts**

Choose one boot camp session to meet with the experts in small group settings to get more in-depth information and to answer your questions about how to advocate for the services and supports you need to make your dreams reality.

### **NEW!: Just For Self-Advocates**

These interactive sessions led by Texas Advocates Peer to Peer staff include games and role playing for Self Advocates on Healthy Relationships, Self Advocacy, Person Directed Planning, and Transition Planning (ages 14 and over).



### **Afternoon Family and Adult Camp Activities**

Families will choose fun and therapeutic camp activities to participate in, such as horseback riding, canoeing, fishing, archery and more!

### **Saturday Dinner and Awards**

Dinner, Dancing, and an Ice Cream Social will help us celebrate our accomplishments of the day and look forward to returning home with boot camp knowledge and tools to make your dreams a reality.

### **Sunday Morning Breakfast and Check-Out**

Join us for one last family meal and farewell activity before leaving the beautiful Camp For All grounds.



Have questions? Call The Arc of Texas at:

512-454-6694 or 1-800-252-9729

Or visit our website at

[www.thearcoftexas.org](http://www.thearcoftexas.org)

# 2008 THE ARC OF TEXAS CONFERENCE FAMILY REGISTRATION AND STIPEND FORM

\*\*\* **Deadline: September 15th, 2008** \*\*\*

Submit to: The Arc of Texas, 8001 Centre Park Drive, Austin, TX 78754 or Fax to (512) 454-4956.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ M/F \_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ M/F \_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ M/F \_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ M/F \_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ The Arc of Texas Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to share a cabin the following family(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Registration type	Meals included with registration fee	Price	Qty.	Amount
General Registration	Friday dinner; Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner; Sunday breakfast	\$129		
Stipend Registration ( <i>fill out stipend form below</i> )	Friday dinner; Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner; Sunday breakfast	\$15		
(One-Day) Saturday Registration	Saturday breakfast and lunch	\$50		
<b>TOTAL DUE:</b>				

**ACCOMMODATIONS:**

Number of children needing babysitting (ages 5 & under): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of youth attending Kids Camp (ages 6-18): \_\_\_\_\_

The Arc of Texas must be notified of all special requests on this form. Special accommodations are subject to availability. Please let us know what special needs you have:

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**METHOD OF PAYMENT**

\_\_\_\_\_ Check Enclosed (made payable to The Arc of Texas)

\_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card:  Visa  MasterCard Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## STIPEND REGISTRATION APPLICATION (Limit of 4 stipends per family):

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Stipends Requested: \_\_\_\_

This applicant's disability or disabilities meet ALL of the following conditions:

1. Is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or a combination of mental and physical impairments.  Yes  No
2. Is/was manifested before the age of twenty-two (22).  Yes  No
3. Is likely to continue indefinitely.  Yes  No
4. Results in substantial functional limitations in three (3) or more of the following major life activities:
 

A. SELF-CARE	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
B. RECEPTIVE/EXPRESSIVE LANGUAGE	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
C. MOBILITY	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
D. LEARNING	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
E. SELF-DIRECTION	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
F. CAPACITY FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
G. ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5. Reflects the person's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic services and supports, or other assistance that is of lifelong or extended duration and is individually planned and coordinated.  Yes  No



I/we certify that no other source of financial support is available to allow my participation in the 2008 The Arc of Texas Conference:

I/we certify that, to the best of my/our knowledge, the information above is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Consumer/Family Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Consumer/Family Member

## TRAVEL STIPEND APPLICATION

We are requesting a travel stipend:  Yes  No

The estimated cost of mileage at .505 per mile from originating point of travel is: \_\_\_\_\_

## CONFERENCE POLICIES

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** No refunds will be made when a registrant fails to appear at the conference. A full refund will be made if written or faxed notice is received by *Friday, September 15, 2008*.

**PHOTO RELEASE STATEMENT:** By registering for this conference, each attendee—whether distributor or guest—grants the following to The Arc of Texas: The right to photograph/videotape and use photos/videos of each attendee, along with names and titles, in connection with any broadcasts, exhibitions, displays, publications, advertisements, or any other activities in which The Arc of Texas may desire. Each attendee also relinquishes and gives The Arc of Texas any and all originals and copies of the finished pictures, negatives, films, and audio/videotapes.