

AVA CAMPS

Authentic Voices of America
Unlocking the Voice Within

MISSION STATEMENT

The Authentic Voices of America Camp provides individuals with severe speech impairments the opportunity to enhance their community participation by developing communication skills using augmentative devices. This week-long residential camp, held at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater campus, offers participants the chance to gain a greater awareness of their abilities and to build their independence and self-confidence while having fun. Camp activities are designed to "unlock" the unique voice within each participant.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The camp is designed for individuals, ages 12-21, who use augmentative communication devices and have the potential for post-secondary education and/or job training.



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CAMP STAFF

The Camp Director is Jon Feucht. Jon is assisted by a talented and unique staff of professionals, some of whom are AAC users. Campers will be counseled and mentored by persons with disabilities who are living active, productive lives. All campers are under the careful supervision of highly trained and professional staff.

HOUSING & DINING

Campers will live in a completely accessible, fully supervised residence hall located close to all campus activities. Rooms are double occupancy. Restrooms and shower facilities are accessible and linens will be provided. The dining halls are located in close proximity to the residence halls and serve three well-balanced meals daily.

FACILITIES

The camp is conducted on the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater campus, which has a select mission to serve students with disabilities. New Mobility magazine ranks UW-Whitewater one of the top 10 disability friendly public universities in the U.S.

INSURANCE

Each camper will be covered by a limited accident insurance policy. The insurance includes primary coverage up to \$7,500 and \$300 maximum dental insurance. Insurance does not cover pre-existing injuries and is for accidents only. Every precaution will be taken to prevent accidents. A camp health supervisor will be available.



PERSONAL CARE

If your child is not totally independent for personal hygiene and all activities of daily living, he/she will need to bring an attendant to camp. The fee for one attendant is included in the camp fee; if extra attendants are required, the cost is \$195 per attendant.

Register Online at: <http://camps.uww.edu>

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BENEFITS OF ATTENDANCE

- Improve interpersonal communication skills with an Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Device
- Experience “speaking” and learning from others who use AAC
- Enjoy a community-based treatment experience
- Develop friendships and social skills
- Increase independence and self esteem
- Become aware of own potential
- Develop post-secondary job and career goals
- Enjoy recreational experiences of a week away from home

COST

The actual operational cost of the Authentic Voices of America (AVA) Camp is \$1,400 per camper. We realize this fee may be prohibitive for some eligible campers. Campers are encouraged to solicit funding from local service clubs, school districts, or other agencies. Thanks to generous sponsors and fund raising efforts, AVA and UW-Whitewater are able to provide funding to those who need financial assistance. If you are unable to pay the full amount of camp tuition, please contact Jon Feucht at jon@ava-inc.org or call him at 262-473-3563 for information on possible funding.

The camp fee includes:

- room & board
- instructional costs
- insurance
- camp t-shirt
- administrative costs
- transportation and admission to activities off-campus
- room & board for one attendant

Application must include a non-refundable deposit of \$100. The balance of payment is due prior to the start of camp.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, or to obtain an application packet please contact:

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