

Program Overview

Journey21's Summer Academy is a uniquely designed, three-week program held Monday through Friday for individuals ages 15 and older with intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD).

The curriculum emphasizes life and independent living skills, creative learning, and engaging community outings – all within a welcoming, supportive environment where students are encouraged to grow, connect, and make the most of their summer.

From engaging morning activities to exciting field trips, every day offers new opportunities to build confidence, strengthen independence, and form lasting friendships.

Each Summer Academy session combines structured learning with hands-on fun, fostering creativity, building confidence, and encouraging meaningful connections.

Social Development

- ♦ Communication, teamwork, setting boundaries, and building relationships

Independent Living Skills

- ♦ Building independent living skills in food and nutrition, organization, and daily routines, empowering students to develop confidence, responsibility, and life-long healthy habits

Wellness and Movement

- ♦ Exploring health and wellness in fun, practical ways
- ♦ Healthy habits, physical activity, and stress relief

Creative Expression

- ♦ Art, cooking, and group projects, inspiring imagination, collaboration, and a sense of accomplishment

Community Engagement

- ♦ Experiencing exciting community adventures to Camp Whitcomb, the Milwaukee County Zoo, Summerfest, State Fair, American Family Field, bowling alleys, local lakes and parks, and more.



2027 SUMMER ACADEMY SESSIONS

JUNE SESSION: June 7-25

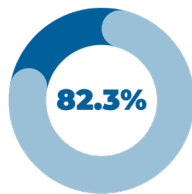
JULY SESSION: July 12-30

AUGUST SESSION: August 9-27

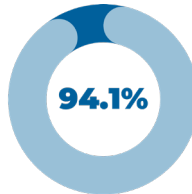
All sessions are held Monday through Friday from 9:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.

Summer Academy

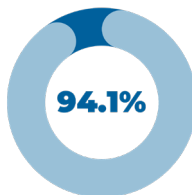
EXPECTED OUTCOMES SOLIDIFIED THROUGH PARENT AND STUDENT EVALUATION DATA AFTER SUMMER ACADEMY:



SELF-ADVOCACY
Started at 41.2%



SOCIAL SKILLS
Started at 64.7%



SELF-AWARENESS
Started at 58.8%

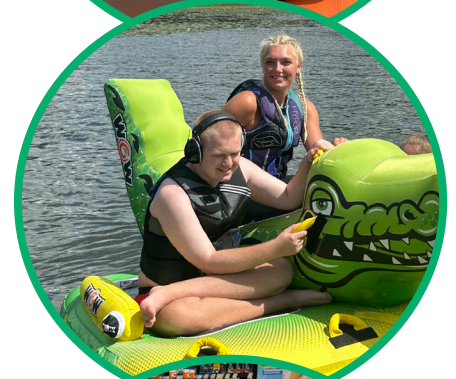


CONFIDENCE
Started at 64.7%

QUOTES FROM PARENTS:

"Griffin is self-advocating verbally more and more clearly after attending Journey21 for one season. Additionally, the quality and depth of many of her responses to questions has increased! It's really remarkable."

"Honestly, you have hit the mark on inspiring and educating our young adults. From top notch physical environment, energetic but not chaotic programming, excellent calming staff, amazing communication, and a consistent positive hopeful outlook — we are all just thankful to be part of Journey21."



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