

STUTTERING U.

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Stuttering U. is a 3-day camp designed to provide children who stutter and their parents with an opportunity to learn about stuttering, take communication risks, and develop meaningful relationships with their peers. By integrating innovative activities, participants will be empowered to discover their voices in order to become more confident and effective communicators.

The program is geared toward children who stutter (7-18 years of age) who have demonstrated a need and desire to attend a stuttering camp. At least one parent of the child will also be present for the duration of the program. The camp will be directed by Craig Coleman (Assistant Professor, Marshall University and Board Certified Specialist in Fluency Disorders) and Mary Weidner (Speech-Language Pathologist and Doctoral Student in Fluency Disorders, West Virginia University). Graduate student clinicians will be working under the directors to facilitate programming.

Campers will experience traditional camp activities that facilitate improved communication, relationship building, and overall self-confidence. Campers will participate in group activities with daily individual sessions. Content areas include: increased knowledge of stuttering, desensitization of feared speaking situations, management of peer interactions, and acceptance of stuttering. Parents will have an opportunity to participate in educational programming and engage in large-group activities with the children.

Stuttering U. will begin on July 16th with a 6-hour continuing education workshop for speech-language pathologists. This workshop will be held at Marshall University from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The workshop, "Assessment and Treatment of Children who Stutter," will be geared toward helping speech-language pathologists better understand the nature of stuttering. Most importantly, the workshop will focus on providing speech-language pathologists with practical assessment and treatment activities to use in a clinical setting.

The remainder of the camp (July 17th, 18th, 19th) will focus on providing the children and parents community-centered stuttering intervention through education, consultation, treatment, and support.

We are excited for this amazing opportunity and look forward to seeing you in July! Please contact us with any questions at craig.coleman@marshall.edu

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