

NEWS RELEASE

Kamp Kompass kicks off in Huntington

Pathfinder Services, Inc. and the Boys and Girls Club of Huntington County are teaming up to form “Kamp Kompass” for twelve children ages 13-18 with developmental disabilities. The camp began on July 17th and is running through August 9th on Tuesday’s, Wednesday’s and Thursday’s from 10:30 A.M. until 2:30 P.M. at the Boys and Girls Club.

The purpose of “Kamp Kompass” is to provide an alternative to parents of children with special needs, who often have to take a leave of absence from work, or shift their schedule dramatically to accommodate their child’s needs when school is not in session. “Kamp Kompass” is a four week long pilot program this year with a goal to become a summer long program to cover the entire time children are out of school in the future.

Camp participants’ curriculum includes music therapy provided by Meaningful Day Services, scrap booking, gardening, and visits from the Huntington Police Department, Huntington Fire Department, Indiana’s News Center Chief Meteorologist Curtis Smith, and several fieldtrips around Huntington County.

One of the main goals of the camp is to facilitate socialization and peer relationships in an integrated environment. Through the partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Huntington County, “Kamp Kompass” will integrate participants in the camp with children from the Boys and Girls Club with activities such as Sports 101, Intramurals, and Cooking Club. These programs will allow camp participants to explore the history and fundamentals of baseball, basketball and much more while participating in the sports through intramurals. Also participants in the camp will join children from the Boys and Girls Club in learning the ins and outs of the kitchen, from learning how to follow a recipe through the finished product with the Cooking Club.

“Kamp Kompass” was made possible by donations from Help, Inc., Pathfinder Foundation, Inc., PSI IOTA XI, and through the partnership of Pathfinder Services, Inc. and the Boys and Girls Club of Huntington County. Parents of children aged 13-18 who have a Medicaid waiver are encouraged to call Geri Thornsberry at (260) 356-0500 for more information on how “Kamp Kompass” and Pathfinder Services, Inc. can help you.