

# ENROLLMENT PACKET

The University of Houston Presents:  
**Cougar Communication Groups**  
Summer Speech & Language Therapy Program  
at the  
University Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic:  
A United Way Agency

Join us on a **colorful** adventure!  
**Summer 2011**



*“Over the Rainbow”*  
**June 6<sup>th</sup> – July 15<sup>th</sup>**

Groups meet twice weekly for two hours each session.  
**Mondays & Wednesdays 10 am – 12 noon or 1-3 pm**  
or  
**Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 am – 12 noon or 1-3 pm**

Limited Spaces Available!  
Call 713-743-0915 for further enrollment information

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Thank you for your interest in Cougar Communication Groups for the summer of 2011. This Summer Program is a program provided by the University Speech, Language, and Hearing Clinic (USLHC).

Our innovative program provides affordable and intensive group therapy for children ages 2 and up. Children will work with other children who have similar difficulties and needs in order to maintain and continue their speech and language progress. Goals will be achieved through fun activities such as story-time, art, science, and play. Groups are available to focus on: Articulation, Language, Reading Comprehension, Social Skills, Fluency ( Stuttering), and Voice difficulties.

Communication Sciences and Disorders graduate students under the supervision of experienced and certified Speech-Language Pathologists will lead our groups. They will meet on either Monday / Wednesdays or Tuesday / Thursdays from June 6<sup>th</sup> to July 15<sup>th</sup>, with parent conferences to be held on the last day of treatment. Tuition is determined on a sliding scale based on income.

We are excited about our summer program! We hope that you will join us! Please complete and return the attached forms by **May 3<sup>rd</sup>** for priority placement to enroll in our Summer Program. You will be notified by the USLHC upon admission in the Summer Program "*Over the Rainbow.*"

Following notification, a deposit of \$20 is required to hold you a spot in the group program. Deposit will be applied to your tuition. Tuition is \$840 for the six week program (two times a week for 2 hours each session; ~\$70 each session). **Early Bird Registration is available for a 10% discount if payment (\$756) is made in full by May 3, 2011.**

Call 713-743-0915, if you have any questions. We look forward to meeting you "*Over the Rainbow.*"

Sincerely,

Cougar Communication Groups  
The University Speech, Language, and Hearing Clinic (USLHC)



## **Cougar Communication Groups 2011 Summer Program Packet**

**We are excited that you are considering our Cougar Communication Groups for summer 2011. Our goal is to provide quality and intensive speech and language treatment for your child.**

**The Clinical Director and Enrollment Coordinator determine admission to the program. The groups are designed for children, ages 2 and up, who are able to be successful and learn in a group environment with minimal behavior support. Placement in a group is only made if there is a group available that matches your child's skills and needs. If it is determined that an appropriate group placement is not available in the summer program, an individual therapy placement will be offered.**

### **ADMISSION PROCEDURES:**

**Please check the circumstance that best fits your situation:**

- Current University Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic (USLHC) client:** No additional paperwork needed.
  
- Received assessment at USLHC:** No additional assessment needed, although ARD paperwork or previous assessment reports are helpful.
  
- Assessment Completed Outside of USLHC:** Must provide ARD paperwork or previous speech/language testing reports to USLHC prior to admission in groups. Completion of the USLHC case history form is also required.



## 2011 Summer Program Enrollment Form

Client's name:

Date of Birth:

Parent's Name:

Home Phone:

Work/Cell:

Address:

Email:

### **GROUP SELECTION:**

Children attending the Summer Program will be organized into groups with other children working on similar goals (2-6 students). Groups for the summer will target the most important goal area for each client. These goals will be determined by considering input from parents, clinicians, previous clinicians, and diagnostic results.

### **If known, please check the preferred goal area(s) for summer:**

(select no more than 3 areas)

- Language (understanding, communicating at an age appropriate level, retelling past events, using correct grammar, vocabulary skills)
- Articulation (sounds, saying words clearly)
- Fluency or Stuttering
- Social Skills (interacting and playing with peers appropriately)
- Voice Skills
- Literacy or Reading Skills
- Other:

### **Please write two specific communication goals for your child:**

1.

2.

### **SCHEDULING:**

Times and days are dependent on group enrollment and availability. However, we will work to accommodate your schedule as much as possible. Please indicate preferred days and times below:

#### **Choose preferred days:**

- Monday/Wednesdays       Tuesday/Thursdays       No preference

#### **Choose preferred group time slot:**

- 10:00 am – 12:00 pm       1:00 – 3:00 pm       No preference

Are there any days or weeks that you will miss due to vacations or other events?

If so, specify: \_\_\_\_\_.

# All About Me

Please complete this form with your child.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I go to school at \_\_\_\_\_. I am in \_\_\_\_\_ grade.

My favorite subjects are \_\_\_\_\_.

My least favorite subjects are \_\_\_\_\_.

I get help with \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_.

I learn best when \_\_\_\_\_.

My speech teacher's name is \_\_\_\_\_.

I see her/him \_\_\_\_\_ time(s) a week to work on my \_\_\_\_\_.

I like to snack on \_\_\_\_\_.

I am allergic to \_\_\_\_\_.

When I am happy, I \_\_\_\_\_.

When I am upset, I \_\_\_\_\_.

At home, I play \_\_\_\_\_.

The sports/games I like are \_\_\_\_\_.

My favorite TV show is \_\_\_\_\_.

I like books about \_\_\_\_\_.

The pets I have are \_\_\_\_\_.

I would like to be in a group with my friend \_\_\_\_\_.

Please tell any more information or draw a picture on the back.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Summer Program 2011**

#### **What times are the groups available?**

Groups are available at 4 different times during the summer: Monday & Wednesdays 10:00 - 12:00, or 1:00 - 3:00, Tuesday & Thursdays 10:00 - 12:00, or 1:00 - 3:00. Your preferred group may only be available during certain time slots depending on room availability, openings in the group, and clinician availability.

#### **What are the dates for the Summer Program?**

The dates for the Summer Program are June 6<sup>th</sup> to July 15<sup>th</sup>. **The clinic will be closed in observance of Independence Day on Monday, July 4, 2011.**

#### **Where is the Summer Program located?**

The clinic's physical address is 4505 Cullen Blvd, Houston, TX 77004-6018, located at the University of Houston's main campus, Entrance #8.

The mailing address is:  
100 Clinic Research Center  
Houston, TX 77204-6018

#### **Who do I contact for information about enrollment?**

Contact Ingrid Bowling or Dena Linda at 713-743-0915.

#### **Who do I contact for information about payment?**

Contact Jackie McWhirt at 713-743-2898 or  
Michele Leonard at 713-743-0915.

#### **What is the tuition rate and when do I pay?**

The tuition for group is \$70 daily (for a two hour session) or \$840 for the full 6-week summer term. As always, the clinic uses an income-based sliding scale, so families can apply and may qualify to pay only a portion of the full tuition.

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#### **Who leads the groups?**

A Speech- Language Pathologist will be assigned to supervise your child's group. One to two graduate clinicians will be assigned to lead your child's group. The clinicians for the groups are graduate students in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at University of Houston. All clinicians are guided by experienced and fully certified Speech-Language Pathologists.

#### **What are the groups working on?**

Each group will have an overall focus for the summer. The focus could be Language, Articulation, Voice Skills, Fluency (Stuttering), Reading Skills, Social Skills and other communication needs. Clients are grouped with other children who have similar needs. During the groups, clients will

participate in group activities such as story, art, science, work time, and other activities designed to increase their skills with the goals of the group.

**How do I know if a group is right for my child?**

A child might benefit from a group if they have been in speech and language therapy before, if they are able to learn and interact with other children, if they need to learn to transfer their new skills into the school and/or home environment. If a child has some behavioral difficulties, resists a group environment, needs one to one support to be successful, or is working on skills several years behind same age peers, they would likely make more progress in a one-to-one or individual therapy setting.

**What is the attendance policy?**

Attendance is required. Families are encouraged to consider their summer plans when selecting their preferred group days (M/W or T/Th) to ensure that the child gains the maximum benefit through reliable attendance. A child's benefit from the group program is dependent on consistent attendance. Tuition will not be refunded for absences.

**Do I get a progress report for how my child is doing?**

Yes! The graduate clinician assigned to your child will prepare a progress report that will be provided during the final parent conference at the conclusion of the Summer Program.

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