Partial scholarships are available based on financial need. Apply for scholarship on the Registration form.

Empowerment3 2025 Summer Camp Program Guide



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Department of Kinesiology

EMPOWERMENT3 (E3) OVERVIEW

<u>Our Mission:</u> We seek to empower **individuals and their families**, **professionals** (in-service and pre-service), and **communities** using physical activity/nutrition/wellness, mentorship, career readiness, and social connection.

What We Do and Whom We Serve: E3 conducts programming, research, and training as we educate, equip, and empower:
Individuals: Weekly physical activity mentorship programs seek to improve underserved populations' quality of life outcomes.
We serve children and adults with disabilities, English language learners, refugees, at-risk youth, veterans, older adults, and others (ages 3 to 100+). To promote social inclusion, all programs have specific spots for peers without disabilities.

Professionals: Professionals trained in the "ability first" and neurobiologically-informed methodologies while gaining hands-on experience serve as 1:1 mentors or program leads.

Communities: We promote system changes (policy, practice, and environmental) to support a community or organization's ability to serve and support all members.

<u>Research:</u> E3 explores the impact of our physical activity mentorship interventions on (1) combating barriers to participation, (2) improvements in physical health and emotional wellness, movement behaviors and social determinants of health, (3) improvements in professionals' ability literacy, attitude toward underserved populations, and instructional efficacy, and (4) policy and practice changes within an organization or community.

PROGRAM POLICY

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PROGRAM ENROLLMENT REQUIRMENTS

 All participants (mentees) must submit all paperwork electronically, mail the forms, or drop off the documents to enroll. Mentees can call E3 (540-568-4877) to complete initial paperwork if needed. <u>Mentees must complete a "consent to participate form,"</u> <u>which requires a doctor's signature to enroll.</u>

2. Mentees must submit all paperwork and program fees at the start of the first program. Spots are limited, and while you may have a space reserved, your program slot is only guaranteed once payment is received. Without submission of the appropriate paperwork, the organization must withhold program participation until all documentation is on file.

3. E3 conducts Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) to determine the impact of our programming on mentees, mentors, caregivers, and instructors. All mentees, with their mentor, complete pre-post testing during each program's first and last week. In addition to research, data collection will establish individualized program goals and assess program improvement at the end. This impact data is essential to our programming and E3's ability to secure external funding to keep fees down!

4. Mentees agree to attend all scheduled programs. <u>If a participant</u> <u>must miss a program due to illness, family conflict, travel/weather</u> <u>concern, etc. – a guardian or caregiver will notify the specified</u> <u>program contact (in advance if possible)</u>. Please remember that our mentors are volunteers; if a mentee does not show up, the volunteer believes they are no longer needed and often drops out, leaving us shorthanded if the participant attends future weeks.

PROGRAM POLICY

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APPROPRIATE PROGRAM ATTIRE

 Please ensure the mentee has appropriate footwear (sneakers/tennis shoes) for land-based programs and clean flip-flops, Crocs, or water shoes for water-based programs.

 Please ensure the mentee wears appropriate athletic wear to programs. Land programs: Shorts or exercise pants and a t-shirt;
 Water programs: One-piece bathing suit, shorts/t-shirt, or two-piece.
 Proper attire ensures safety for participants and mentors.

PROGRAM FEES

1. Program fees are <u>paid to James Madison University</u> (JMU), memo line: Empowerment3. Program Fees for Summer are on a sliding scale - Pay what you can. Partial scholarships are available based on financial need (written justification needed, e.g., fixed income, SSI, or economic hardship). Mentees on scholarship may be limited to one program, depending on program availability.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

1. Programs are automatically canceled if JMU OR Harrisonburg City Schools are closed. We will cancel programs if the weather is unsafe.

2. If we cancel programs the day before, mentees will be notified by email. If we cancel programs on the day of, mentees will receive an email and a call/text. Cancellations are also posted on social media.

PHOTO RELEASE

Empowerment3 takes photos/videos during programs and events to use in our newsletters, training for volunteers and staff, and promotional or educational materials. Participants or Guardians must indicate their photography preference during registration.

E3 PROGRAMMING

FRAMEWORK

Physical Activity & Nutrition: We offer small group and one-on-one programming via face-to-face formats. E3 sees participants through an "ability lens." Our team conducts an ability assessment (pre-post) as we seek to improve physical health, emotional wellness, and quality of life outcomes.

<u>1:1 Mentorship/Coaching:</u> Each participant has a oneon-one mentor who provides **individualized instruction and support.** A mentor **participates alongside their mentee** in all activities.

E3's 1:1 mentors are pre-professional students in 30 academic programs within James Madison University (e.g., kinesiology, health sciences, pre-med, pre-PT, pre-OT, psychology, social work, education/special education, and engineering). We also accept mentors from Eastern Mennonite University, Bridgewater College, and Blue Ridge Community College.

Social Connection: E3 believes same-age and crossage peer engagement is essential! Mentees and mentors engage with other participants during weekly activities to facilitate communication and social inclusion. Participants celebrate and document their successes with mentors and peers each week.

EMPOWERMENT3 PROGRAM EXPLORATION

Empowerment3 is excited to offer a program exploration opportunity. New to Empowerment3: experience our mentorship program model. For returning participants: test out a few of our camp themes.

Each week, **two activity themes** are *offered* for different age groups. Chose one or both themes; Choose whole week, one day or MW/TR.

Participants are divided according to the following age groups: AGES: 4-6, 7-9, 10-13, 14-18, 19+

5:15 - 6:15 pm - Theme 1 (Ages 4-9); Theme 2 (Ages 10 - Adult)

6:30 - 7:30 pm - Theme 2 (Ages 4-9); Theme 1 (Ages 10 - Adult) *Participants staying for both sessions - bring a snack/sandwich*

Program Fees

(Sliding Scale - Pay What You Can)

Full Week Exploration:Single & Dual SessionsOne Program: \$15-25One Session: \$5-10Two Programs: \$25-50Two Sessions: \$10-20

Register using the QR code and link on the front cover! Payment, scholarship, and medical form information on page.

Have questions? Email empowerment3@jmu.edu





PROGRAM EXPLORATION WEEKLY THEMES

MAY 19-22

MAY 27-30

<u>Theme #1:</u> Multi-Sport - Team (Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball, Baseball/Softball,)

> Theme #2: Lego

TUES - FRIDAY

Theme #1: Dance

<u>Theme #2:</u> Arts & Crafts

JUNE 2-5

<u>Theme</u> #1: Multi-Sport - Individual (Tennis, Badminton, Pickleball, Ping Pong)

> <u>Theme #2:</u> Gaming





EMPOWERMENT3 SUMMER CAMP

Empowerment3 is excited to offer an inclusive and engaging Summer Camp this summer. Camps are for **CAMPERS WITH AND WITHOUT DISABILITIES**. We offer weekly sessions for the entire summer (June 9 - August 7)!

Each week, **two activity themes will be** offered in the morning and afternoon for different age groups. You can sign up for Full Day Camp to participate in both themes, OR you can register for a Half Day to get access to one of the themed sessions.

Campers are divided according to the following age groups: AGES: 4-6, 7-9, 10-13, 14-18, 19+

<u>CAMP FEES</u> Sliding Scale - Pay What You Can

Full Day Camp:

Time: 9AM to 4PM (bring bagged lunches) Cost: \$50-100/week

Half Day Camp:

Morning Theme Time: 9AM to 12PM

Afternoon Theme Time: 1PM to 4PM Cost: \$25-50/week

Sign up for as many weeks of camp as you would like Registration Deadline: May 31st

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SUMMER PROGRAM WEEKLY THEMES

JUNE 9-12

JUNE 16-19

<u>Theme #1:</u> Ninja Warrior/Superheros

> <u>Theme #2:</u> Arts & Crafts

<u>Theme #1:</u> Gymnastics

Theme #2: Cooking

JUNE 23-26

<u>Theme</u> #1: Karate/Martial Arts

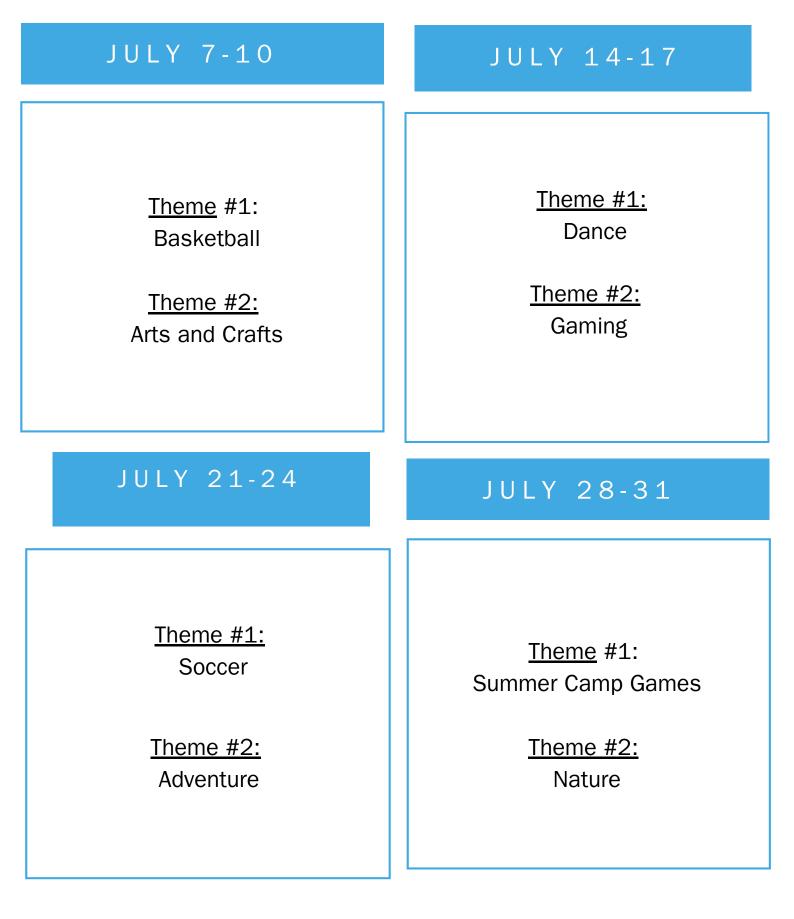
> <u>Theme #2:</u> Outer Space







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<u>Theme #1</u> Multi-Sport - Team (Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball, Baseball/Softball)

<u>Theme #2:</u> Gardening AND Music

AUGUST 11-14

<u>Theme</u> #1: Individual Sports - Dance, Track and Field Events, Gymnastics

> <u>Theme #2:</u> Lego & Gaming







E3 IMPACT PARTNER



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Comprehensive Home Accessibility Information

There are a lot of details to consider. Don't overlook anything important!

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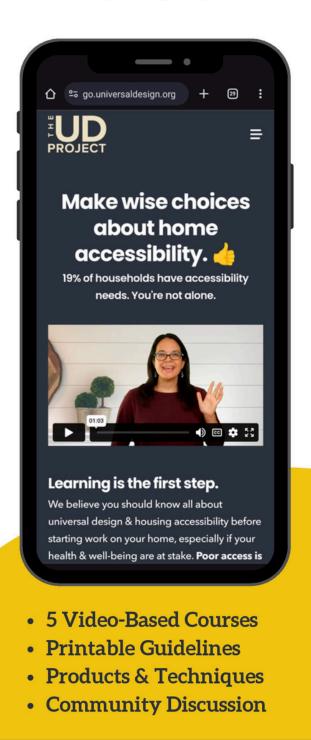
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Look for the "**Got a Flyer? Click Here**." button & then use this discount code for 50% off the All Access Bundle:





Taught by Sarah Pruett, OTR/L, a licensed occupational therapist.

FREE TO JOIN - BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!



Shenandoah Valley Inclusive Wellness Coalition (SVIWC): INDIVIDUALS & CARETAKERS





ABOUT US WHO WE ARE

SVIWC 's mission is to bring together organizations and advocates to make a more inclusive Shenandoah Valley. We strive to provide resources and opportunities to underserved communities such as children and adults with disabilities, English language learners, refugees, seniors, alongside all communities

YOUR ROLE IN SVIWC WE NEED YOUR HELP

Individuals and Caretakers primarily benefit from the Coalition! However, to optimize the SVIWC experience it is important for individuals and caregivers to share their perspectives (e.g., successes struggles, needs, etc.) Your voice will make programs and services more appropriate and inclusive. SVIWC needs you!

HOW SVIWC CAN HELP YOU!



SCHOLARSHIP

Discounted enrollment in community wellness programs for individuals with disabilities.



CONNECTION

The coalition provides a place to connect with other individuals and families who share similar experiences.



SUPPORT

SVIWC will help support and advocate for your needs to make sure that you have access to inclusive programming.

For more information visit the link or contact: valleyiwc@gmail.com or call (540) 568-4877

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Shenandoah Valley Inclusive Wellness Coalition (SVIWC): DISABILITY ADVOCATES AND SERVICE PROVIDERS





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YOUR ROLE IN SVIWC WE NEED YOUR HELP

Disability Advocates and Service Providers are essential in sharing the needs and desires of the population(s) they serve. Advocates are also needed to educate and support wellness organizations about the needs of underserved populations.

HOW SVIWC CAN HELP YOU!



DATA SVIWC collects data regarding gaps and demands for inclusive programming.



CONNECTION The coalition provides a place to network and connect with other organizations and advocates.



ACCLAIM Help the Shenandoah Valley become known for supporting individuals with disabilities!

For more information visit the link or contact: valleyiwc@gmail.com or call (540) 568-4877

WWW.INCLUSIVEWELLNESS.ORG

Many Thanks to our Program Partners











Seeking Program Sponsors & Impact Partners



PROGRAM REGISTRATION

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CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE FORM

Medical Form Signed by a Doctor



(Must be completed every 12 months) Scan QR code or use link:

https://bit.ly/3QBainN

REGISTRATION LINK



Scan QR code or use link:

<u>bit.ly/43APZjL</u>

Currently awaiting notice on our state and federal funding

Please help us find individuals, businesses, and corporations to "stand in the gap." - Direct <u>Donation Link</u> & QR Code below:



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Program or Research Questions??

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