

Talisman Programs Parent Sessions

ORIENTATION

On Opening Day of each session, Talisman offers a short orientation for parents following drop-off of campers. Orientation takes place at a nearby hotel at *11am for Sight and Insight*, and *2pm for Foundations, Teens and Young Adults*. These hour-long talks focus on answering questions for our first-time parents, although all are welcome. We will discuss how we handle homesickness, picky eaters, reluctant campers, medical needs, and communication with you. We will also review the camp schedule and take all of your questions. Please plan to check your camper in at the beginning of the check-in period so that you may arrive on time.

Session 1	June 17	<u>All Sessions:</u>
Session 2	July 8	11am–12pm Sight and Insight
Session 3	July 29	2pm - 3pm Foundations, Teens, and Young Adults

LOCATION: TBA (A notice will be sent to all registered parents, and directions will be available at check-in.)

SEMINAR

At the end of every session, Talisman offers optional parent seminars, which take place from 9am - 4:30pm the day before camp is over. Through these seminars we explain the activities we do with our campers, why we do them, and what we hope to achieve from them. We will describe our group problem-solving process, use of natural consequences, and other tools we use to help our campers develop a sense of personal responsibility, improve decision-making skills, and learn new ways of interacting with others. This allows parents the opportunity to learn the skills that utilize elements and principles of our camp philosophy in the home so that each camper's growth and progress can continue beyond the camp experience. The live seminars also give us a chance for discussion about targeted concerns of parents and the sharing of solutions. Finally, the seminar offers the opportunity to build a community of support with other families.

During the seminar, lunch will be on your own at the break. There will be an opportunity to tour Talisman Academy, our boarding school for students in 7th – 12th grade with Asperger's Syndrome and similar learning needs, and learn about Transitions, our independent living program for young adults. If you wish you speak individually with a representative, please call ahead of time to schedule. We will not have child care at the seminar, but your children are welcome to participate or to bring entertainment and relax nearby. Siblings often appreciate the information and contribute a lot to discussions.

Session 1	July 4	<u>All Sessions:</u> 9am – 4:30pm
Session 2	July 25	
Session 3	August 9	

LOCATION: Talisman Academy campus: 2075 N. Rugby Road, Hendersonville, NC, 28791

REGISTRATION: All sessions are free of charge. Please register, so we know to expect you and can send you further information. To register, go to the Parent Resources section of our website and click on "Registration".