



Summer, 2011

Dear Parents,

Autism Resource Community Hub of Lehigh Valley is pleased to announce Sibshops, an exciting program just for brothers and sisters of kids with autism spectrum disorders. At a Sibshop, brothers and sisters will

- Meet other brothers and sisters of kids with autism spectrum disorders
- Have fun
- Hang-out and interact with others who “get it” about the good (and sometimes not so good!) parts of having a sib with autism spectrum disorder
- Learn more about disabilities and the services that people with disabilities receive
- Have some more fun!

What are Sibshops? Sibshops are lively, action-packed 2 hour workshops that celebrate the many contributions made by brothers and sister of kids with autism spectrum disorders. Sibshops acknowledge that being the brother or sister of a person with special needs is for some a good thing, for others a not-so-good thing, and for many, something in between. They reflect a belief that brothers and sisters have much to offer one another-if they are given a chance. The Sibshop model mixes information and discussion activities with new games designed to be unique, off-beat, and appealing to a wide ability range.

Who are Sibshops for? Sibshops are for 8 to 13-year-old brothers and sisters of kids who have autism spectrum disorders.

Who runs Sibshops? Our Sibshops are run by a team of people who have a professional and, in some cases, a personal understanding of the impact a child’s special needs can have on brothers and sisters. Equally important, they all have great kid skills!

When and where are Sibshops held? Sessions will be held on the second Saturday of each month from September, 2011-February, 2012 at **ARCH of LV** 1347 Hausman Rd. Allentown, PA 18104. Sessions will run from 10:00am-12:00pm. (See page 2 for exact dates)

What is the cost of a Sibshop? The program cost is \$75.00, which includes (6) 2 hour sessions, snacks and all materials. Payment is requested at the time of registration. A limited number of scholarships are available.

Sounds great! How do I let you know that I am interested? Please complete the interest form and return to ARCH of Lehigh Valley.



REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and return this form if you would like to register your child for ARCH of LV Sibshops. You will then be contacted with further information.

Participant Child's Name: _____

Birth Date: _____ Age: _____ Gender: _____

Has your child ever attended a Sibshop before? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, where? _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Parent(s) Name(s): _____

Home address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Alternate phone: _____

Email address: _____

Does the participant have any allergies or special needs that we should be aware of?

2011-2012 Sibshops Dates (all times are 10:00am-12:00pm)

09/10/2011 10/08/2011 11/12/2011 12/10/2011

01/14/2012 02/11/2012

If a session should be cancelled due to inclement weather, a make-up session will be held on 03/10/2012. There will be only one make-up session.

Please return this form and payment of \$75.00 by Friday August 26, 2011 to:

ARCH of Lehigh Valley 1347 Hausman Rd. Allentown, PA 18104

Phone: 610-573-2500 Fax: 610-573-2598

Checks should be made payable to: Elwyn/ARCH of Lehigh Valley

For more information, contact Robin Urenko at 610-295-2110 or urenkor@elwyn.org