



## ***Heart of Hope Academy Summer Inclusion Camp***

Heart of Hope Academy provides campers with autism and developmental delays a unique opportunity to participate in a typical day camp experience at High Meadows Day Camp. Through education and training all camp facilitators work together to successfully integrate special needs and typical campers in activities and social settings for a thoroughly inclusive camp experience.

High Meadows Day Camp is located in on Willeo Road in Roswell, Georgia ([www.highmeadowscamp.org](http://www.highmeadowscamp.org)). This 40 Acre Camp hosts approximately 800 typical campers each summer. Staff at High Meadows consists of 120 members, most of which are teachers, college students, and childcare and recreation professionals.

Heart of Hope Academy maintains a low camper to staff ratio during camp (ratio may vary depending upon the camper's level of functioning and independence). This allows staff to fully and successfully integrate our campers into the activities that their peers are involved in. Activities include swimming, horseback riding, dance, music, woodworking, animal care, gardening, arts and crafts, and archery. These activities give our campers the ability to improve both fine and gross motor coordination skills, improve socialization skills with both typical and special needs peers, and gain a stronger sense of self esteem by completing the tasks their peers are participating in.



High Meadows Camp offers a knighthood program. Campers work on various skills to progress through levels of accomplishment, which include Page, Squire, Sentry, and Knight. Not all typical kids choose to participate in this program. However, those who participate and accomplish various skills receive certificates of accomplishment and gain the title of Page, Squire, etc...Special Needs campers are also encouraged to progress through the program. When appropriate some adjustments are considered to allow special needs campers to enjoy and participate in the full camp experience.

Registration for Hope in the Meadows begins in February. Heart of Hope Academy has eight spaces available for each of three summer sessions. For further information about camp please contact Heart of Hope Academy at (404)816-3967.