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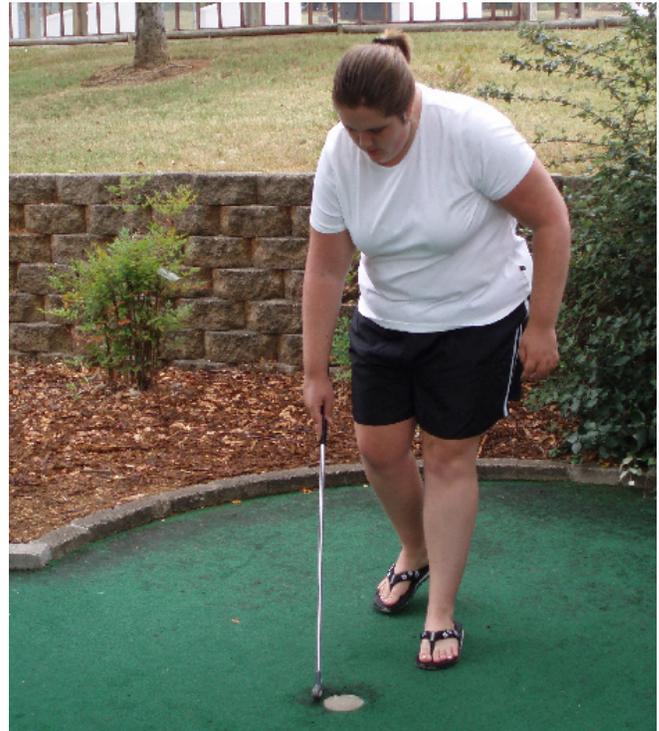
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**IT'S SUMMERTIME!!**

**This issue of the newsletter was composed by the participants of KAP**



Mason Cast makes a splash in the pool while Henry Pepper watches.



Victoria Kelly shoots for a hole in one.



Brayden Raney, Taylor Haney, & Dillion Grimes make flubber for a science experiment.



Will Sutkowski & Noah Hargis enjoy a pizza break after bowling.

***Upcoming Events:***

- July 13th** Middle School Social
- July 20th** Elementary Social

## Director's Desk

Written By: Dr. Marty Boman

There's no place like home! That's where The Kelly Autism Program is this month as all programs have moved into the new space at the Clinical Education Complex! This is an exciting time for the participants, families, staff, and directors. The program was previously operating out of four different locations on campus due to the huge increase in the number of participants. Now, there are adequate classrooms, a fully-furnished kitchen, a large art room, and two sensory rooms.

The summer program at KAP has grown to over 55 participants, which is up from 32 in 2006, and 13 in 2005! All participants over the age of 16 are employed in paid positions thanks to various businesses in the community. Participants under the age of 16 years are volunteering in their community. The elementary group is busy cooking, learning about different countries, making a quilt, developing new friendships, and experiencing various new activities. Every Friday the groups rotate for activity day and are involved in many fun endeavors including swimming, playing at the Imagination Station, bowling, miniature golfing, and having cook-outs.

Plans are underway for the Grand Opening activities, which will be coming soon in the month of September or October. Please join KAP as we thank our community and Western Kentucky University for their support because they have provided many opportunities for KAP to become the program that it has developed into through the last four years!

Also, a very special thanks to Mr. Leo Govoni for providing the resources needed to complete the KAP space at the CEC.



Taylor Haney, Brayden Raney, Collin Tomes, Adam Glass, & Dillion Grimes sit down to enjoy the tasty, no-bake, oatmeal cookies they prepared during group.

## Our Summer at KAP

Written By: Henry Pepper, Michael Vincent, Danny Renshaw, & Mason Cast

So far this summer we have really enjoyed being at the Kelly Autism Program.

We have been working on a foreign country project by making posters and flags from the country we each chose. We have also learned to cook. We made pizza bagels and oat cookies. We've had a lot of fun doing art projects. Our favorite art projects were the shrinky dinks and sponge art. We are currently working on drawings of ourselves. In center time, our group has enjoyed playing with a magic kit, listening to music, building towns with lego blocks, and dressing up like batman! We really liked going to Imagination Play Station and we look forward to other socials that include: swimming, golfing, basketball, or baseball. A movie and game night would be fun too! We can't wait for the second half of the summer to begin!



Mason Cast & Ethan Burden take turns on the water slide.



Danny Renshaw dressed up as Batman in one of the Centers.

# Special Olympics Kentucky Competition

Written By: Clay Hall

On June 2, 2007 I participated in the Long Jump event at Richmond, Kentucky on the Eastern Kentucky University campus. The day was partly cloudy with slight humidity. I competed against three other individuals with a lot of athletic ability as well. The competition was held on the tennis courts of the campus. I won first place, and a Gold Medal was given to me. I felt very proud of myself, and it was fairly easy for me because I am a natural born jumper. This was an outstanding achievement for me, and I wanted to share it with others.



And the gold medal goes to...Clay Hall! Congratulations on this outstanding achievement!

## Our Day at the Park

Written By: Caleb (last), Steven Fowler, Briana (last), Morgan Douglas, & Emma (last)

First, we made peanut butter sandwiches and took them to the park. Then, we got to feed the ducks, baby ducks and geese. We saw a gosling with a splinter in her foot. After feeding the duck, we went to the playground. Caleb liked to play on the T-Rex named Trevor. Briana and Blake played on the swings and went down the slide. Steven and Morgan acted like they were pirates. Emma went on the merry go round with some new friends.

Then we needed a break so we had a picnic with our peanut butter sandwiches. We also has popsicles and juice boxes. Then we played with the Frisbee and the marble maze. We were not ready to go back inside at KAP, and are looking forward to going back to the park.



JUMP! KAP participant, Clay Hall, shows the Special Olympics just what he is made of in the long jump event.

## Summer Fun

Written By: Felicia Vincent

We all know we love to go swimming. Well I love it so much that on June 8, 2007, I got to go with KAP to Russell Sims Aquatic Center to go swimming. You would not believe how many people were there. I guess people like Russell Sims. It was so fun and I will tell you seven things about it that were fun.

1. They had big water slides
2. I got to splash Tara in the face
3. I got to dive off the diving board
4. I went under water
5. I went on the bluegrass blue slide
6. I want to go back someday
7. I just loved it

Sometimes you think your day is going so well but then something comes along and ruins it. Just like what happened at the water park. We were having such a good time then it started thundering and lightning. Unfortunately we had to leave so we went back to KAP and had pizza and sodas.



Tues./Thurs. elementary group feeding ducks at the park.

**Cancellations: If participants are unable to attend their scheduled session, please call the KAP office as soon as possible so staff can be notified.**

## Conference is a Huge Success

Written By: Dr. Marty Boman

On May 12th, KAP hosted a conference titled “Financial Security for Your Child with Special Needs”. About 30 families were in attendance. The day began with Leo Govoni from The Center for Special Needs Trust Administration, Inc., discussing financial planning and setting up a trust for individuals with special needs. Jeff Yussman and Beth McKinney from Wyatt, Tarrant, & Combs explained the legalities of financial planning within the state of Kentucky. A panel discussion followed after lunch with Mark Marsh, from Bowling Green, joining the other presenters. This conference would not have been possible without the assistance of Mary Jones from Atlas Brown and Leo Govoni. Parents and caregivers were able to ask many good questions about their own financial issues.

More conferences will be scheduled within the next year. Thank you to everyone who helped with making this a successful day!



**THANK YOU LEO GOVONI  
FOR ALL OF YOUR HELP  
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KELLY AUTISM PROGRAM!**



Jeff Yussman, Beth McKinney, Wade Markham answer questions during the panel discussion at the conference.

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## Scholarships and Charitable Giving

As always, we ask that everyone remember KAP and the benefits that are being brought to the community. KAP has an endowment fund or consider us in estate planning and other forms of giving. KAP can also grow through your effort of time, talent, and treasure.

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