

OUR BOYS

Boys between nine and fifteen years of age from throughout the country and abroad are admitted to work on issues related to executive functioning, social and relationship challenges, collaboration, competence and learning issues. Many students have multiple diagnoses that represent overlays of long-standing difficulties. The most common disorders that face our students are anxiety disorders, mood disorders, processing deficits, social functioning deficits, organization and attention deficits, developmental challenges and learning compromises.

The intellectual levels of our students range from low-average to superior. The average length of stay is two years before moving to a less restrictive environment.

APPLICATION

Little Keswick School accepts inquiries for admission on a rolling basis year-round. A recent full psychological evaluation is required and upon review you will be asked to fill-out our online application which can be found on our website.

Little Keswick School is a nonprofit school licensed by the Virginia Department of Education and Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, and accredited by the Virginia Association of Independent Special Education Facilities (VAISEF) as a year-round therapeutic boarding and special education school.



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A Therapeutic Summer Experience



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For over 50 years boys have traveled to a small school in Central Virginia to experience the therapeutic educational environment of Little Keswick School (LKS) located on 25 pastoral acres just outside of Charlottesville. The school has a rich history and a national reputation of excellence providing a sense of tradition that supports the academic, social and emotional growth of each student.

LKS has been serving boys with social/emotional challenges and learning disabilities. The small school setting provides warm and nurturing relationships, intensive clinical interventions, and individualized education for 35 boys in a highly structured environment that ensures successful development.



ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Academic instruction during the summer session serves to teach basic student skills, build relationships and allows for assessment in the areas of math, reading and language arts. An abbreviated daily school schedule and class size of eight boys or less allows for intensive, individualized instruction by experienced special educators.



CLINICAL PROGRAM

The Clinical Team at LKS uses a very broad clinical-developmental model which addresses all areas of individual, relational, and social functioning. Change occurs at LKS through immersion in a highly structured and predictable milieu that is designed and calibrated according to the individual and group needs of our students. Family Therapy supports the central role of the family in their son's growth and treatment. This connection also serves to support and shape the family system to allow their son to return home upon transition. LKS employs two full-time doctorate level Clinical Psychologists, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and a consulting Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist. The Clinical Team works to guide and support the relationship-based interactions between all of the staff members and our students. Students meet with their therapist weekly for individual and group therapy, and twice each month for family therapy via face to face sessions or video conferencing.

SUMMER PROGRAMMING

During the summer session, students focus on building social groups and increasing comfort with the classroom environment and current academic expectations. Parents can use the summer programs to assess whether their son would benefit from enrollment year-round. During the summer session, students continue their work on developing individual capacities without risking the regression typically occurring in other settings when students take a long extended summer break. New students begin to practice what it means to be a student in our community.



AN ENHANCED UNDERSTANDING

A select number of students may benefit from a **summer only experience** at LKS. A therapeutic summer experience can provide parents with an enhanced understanding of their child after spending five weeks in our program. Upon completion of the summer program, the assigned clinical staff provides a detailed summary of the child's activities and interactions during the session, along with clinical recommendations.

RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

During the summer the boys are engaged in high interest experiential activities. Highly trained residential staff provide unique, motivating and fun daily activities such as arts and crafts, woodworking, horseback riding, swimming, soccer, basketball, hiking, fishing, camping, biking, canoeing and more. A camp-like feel is important during the summer session. Trips to recreational areas in Virginia are offered each weekend. Optional activities include Boy Scouts, music lessons and private horseback riding lessons.

Little Keswick School in providing any educational service, will adhere to a policy of racial nondiscrimination. The School will admit students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the School. The School will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its student admission policies, employment policies, educational policies, and athletic or other school-administered programs.

