Camp for People with Autism Slated for June 14-17

California State University, Chico’s Autism Clinic will host its Freedom in Elements camp June 14-17 focusing on increasing social skills and developing interpersonal relationships through movement, theatre, art, drama and music.

Now in its third year, the program is designed to give teens and adults who are on the autism spectrum a pre-college experience. Campers stay in the dorms, eat in the dining halls and participate in programming each day related to arts and movement. This year’s program will serve 15 local participants.

“For many (people with autism), their school settings don’t include much exposure to the arts,” said kinesiology professor Rebecca Lytle, who founded the Autism Clinic and co-directs Freedom in Elements. “They end up creating amazing songs, paintings and poetry. They think, ‘I can do this.’”

About eight CSU, Chico kinesiology students will work with campers throughout the four days, along with several international facilitators.

The program closes with a culminating exhibition the afternoon of June 17, during which campers present or perform their work for family and community members.

To learn more about the camp, please visit www.facebook.com/freedominelements.

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