Walton Options For Independent Living

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MISSION STATEMENT

We strive to empower individuals with any disability and any age to reach their highest level of independence.

Our vision is to empower people of all ages regardless of disability by promoting personal choice, independence, community inclusion, socialization and competitive employment.
CORE SERVICES

- Advocacy
- Information and Referral
- Peer Support
- Independent Living Skills Training
- Transition Services
OTHER SERVICES

- Tools for Life and STAR
- Older Blind
- Employment Services
- Money Follows the Person
- Operation Independence
- WIPA SC
- OH YEA
- TEK QUEST
INTRODUCTION TO OCCUPATIONAL HORIZONS
YOUTH EMPOWERING ACTIVITIES

- TARGET 8TH–GRADE STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
- JOURNEY FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL TO HIGH SCHOOL
- A 16-WEEK /1-SEMESTER TRAINING PROGRAM
- ASSISTIVE -TECHNOLOGY
- IDEA PROVISION
- BASIC CONCEPT OF ADA

OH YEA!
WHAT IS OCCUPATIONAL HORIZONS YOUTH EMPOWERING ACTIVITIES?

- A PRE-TRANSITIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM OF WOIL
- A COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY EFFORT WITH SCHOOL SYSTEMS
- COMPLIMENTARY TRANSITION READINESS
- PROFESSIONAL MENTORS
- ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORTS
INDEPENDENT LIVING

QUALITY OF LIFE
DECISION MAKING POWER
SELF- DIRECTION
SOCIAL ABILITY
SELF-SUFFICIENCY
EMPLOYABILITY
RESPONSIBILITY
OH YEA PURPOSE

- Partner with Georgia schools to deliver needed transition services to students with disabilities
- Prepare students to independently manage transitional situations throughout life
- Empower students, administrators & community through collaborative efforts
- Positive transition outcomes
EMPOWERING ACTIVITIES

- STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ENGAGE IN GOAL-SETTING & QUALITY TRANSITION PLANNING PRACTICES
- STUDENTS ARE INTRODUCED TO DISABILITY AWARENESS
- STUDENTS ARE EXPOSED TO HIGH SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES AND EXPECTATIONS
- STUDENTS DEVELOP AN ACTION PLAN
- SELF-DO / HELP-DO WORKSHEET
- MY TRANSITION PORTFOLIO
SCHOOL SUPPORT ROLE

- ACADEMIC ENCOURAGEMENT
- ENHANCED ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES
- ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY RESOURCES
- IDEA PROVISIONS
- INCREASED STUDENT READINESS
- ENCOURAGE PARENT INCLUSION
OH YEA GOALS & BENEFITS

- Students with disabilities are prepared for transition from middle to high school/ 9th grade and beyond.
- Deliver essential tools & guidance to students with disabilities for achieving independence.
- Motivate & encourage students with disabilities to self-identification post- secondary & career pathways.
OH YEA GOALS & BENEFITS

- Empower students with disabilities with effective preparation tools to engage in the development of his/her IEP
- Students will learn about the values of self-advocacy
- Expose students to meaningful assistive technology
- Makes a great transition into TEK Quest
TECHNOLOGY EMPOWERING KNOWLEDGE

POWERED BY WALTON OPTIONS
With a New Idea...

There are always questions:

- They need to be ASKED...
- They need to be CONSIDERED...
- They need to be ANSWERED...

The goal for today is to both present and answer some of the questions that come to mind with the idea of TEK Quest.
What is TEK Quest?

- A Technology Summer Camp that seeks to introduce kids with disabilities to the wonders of Assistive Technology and is a Youth Outreach Initiative of Walton Options for Independent Living.
- An opportunity to make new friends, to create new memories, and to seek out new and exiting adventures.
- A doorway, a launching pad, a spring board for a journey towards self-empowerment and living life more independently.
Who is TEK Quest for?

- Kids ages 8-12 with disabilities
- Their Parents/Guardians and PCAs
- Parents/Guardians are encouraged to participate right alongside of their camper, but can also be a member of our volunteer staff if they so choose.
- They may also choose to take this time to catch up on date nights, read a book, catch a movie; maybe even just catch their breath!
We are offering two separate camps this year. By offering two camps, we can keep the learning atmosphere personal and interactive for all our participants. It also allows us the opportunity to include parents/guardians and caregivers.

- **1st Camp:** July 20-24 from 6-9pm
- **2nd Camp:** August 3-7 from 6-9pm
Where will TEK Quest be?

This year’s camps will be held at our offices in downtown North Augusta, SC.

We may use additional venues for the last day of camp to allow for maximum participation in the end of camp festivities.
How will TEK Quest work?

TEK Quest is built around the E3 Philosophy:

- ENGAGE campers using an immersive, interactive environment that is centered around Assistive Technology
- EDUCATE campers through games, activities, and adventures
- EMPOWER campers through the promotion of Personal Choice, Independence, and Community Inclusion
How will TEK Quest work?

This year, campers will take part in a Sherlock Holmes mystery where they will help the world’s greatest detective solve the case of the missing friend. Each day, campers will help Holmes learn about different technologies to help solve the case.
Why have TEK Quest?

As technologies become more utilized in schools, it identifies and emphasizes the need for kids to be exposed to these technologies and become familiar with them long before they enter the classroom.

TEK Quest provides a safe, fun environment where kids can be exposed to these technologies, become familiar with them, and learn how to use them before they start back to school, all while having fun, making friends, and creating memories!
For more information on TEK Quest, OH YEA!, or other programs and services offered by Walton Options:

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Any Questions?