

Brainforest Adventures



A Cool Summer Alternative

Brainforest Adventures combines a unique learning experience through physical activity, computerized cognitive remediation training, prescriptive academic remediation, hands on science activities, arts and crafts, field trips and structured group activities to address all aspects of functioning. Children go back to school with higher self-esteem, more developed social skills, better executive function skills, improved cognitive efficiency and better academic readiness for the upcoming school year.

Brainforest Adventures enhances the skills children need to meet their academic potential from both a bottom up approach, enhancing cognitive processing skills in the areas of auditory processing, working memory, processing speed, sensory motor functioning, as well as a top down approach, utilizing the most empirically supported prescriptive tutoring and interventions.

We are one of the premier agencies to provide **Computerized Cognitive Remediation Training** targeted specifically to your child's area of need:

Cogmed

Skills focus on increasing working memory, increasing visuospatial short term memory, improving attention and increasing impulse control. These skills help children focus on following instructions, complete assignments, working independently, planning and problem solving, and following conversations in social settings.

Fast Forward – Language

Helps build foundational reading and language skills such as sound sequencing, fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, pattern recognition, color-shape identification, listening accuracy, phonological awareness, vocabulary, grammar, and syntax.

Fast Forward – Literacy

Greatly increases skills in the areas of phonological and phonemic awareness, listening accuracy, and language structure.

Activate C8 Science

Strengthens brain systems and executive functioning. Improves performance in areas such as sustained attention, working memory, processing speed, reading fluency, comprehension, and mathematics.

SuccessMaker

Through adaptive motion, this program personalizes learning paths for mastery of essential reading and math concepts and delivers outcome-based data to inform educational decision-making.

Beyond Cognitive Remediation, **Computerized Academic Remediation Training** specifically matched to your child's academic needs, will be prescriptively provided:

First In Math

Improves numerical fluency, mathematical skills, problem-solving, and reasoning and communication skills.

Fast Forward – Reading

Increases processing efficiency and builds critical reading skills such as decoding, word recognition, letter-sound association, reading fluency, spelling, vocabulary, punctuation, sentence structure, and reading comprehension.

Word Smart

Builds a higher level of vocabulary through multiple formats, such as column matching, multiple choice, flashcards, sentence completion, and audio discussion.

Prescriptive Tutorial Interventions with a live, one on one tutoring is also a critical component, beyond technology. The hands on touch of an experienced teacher to enhance academic skills development, is at times necessary. Empirically supported strategies delivered by our remediation specialists are also built in to a student's day program when deemed appropriate.

Brainforest Adventures - Executive Functioning Development Skills

Activities designed to strengthen the core components of executive functions focus on initiation, sustaining attention, inhibiting impulses, shifting attention, organizational and planning skills, and self-monitoring. As discussed in this newsletter, preparing kids with the armor to be better at managing aspects of their life is an important skill that can be strengthened at any age.

Sensorimotor training

We are one of the few agencies to offer Wii Lab to those in need of somatosensory training. Nintendo Wii games and products such as Wii Fit and Wii Sports are used to help children strengthen their balance, visuospatial skills, processing speed, and coordination. An upgraded version of these measures has been made available for "Wii Lab" to assist in enhancing all of those skills typically captured through expensive one on one Occupational Therapy.

Brainforest Adventures – Stay In Shape

Structured physical activity can go a long way in providing neurological, physical, and emotional stability for our children. Through our partnership with our local wellness center we are able to provide the opportunity to engage in physical activities with a private coach as part of our daily program.

Outdoor Play

All kids should go outside to run, jump and play! Daily trips are incorporated in which children are transported to local parks for daily recreation such as kick ball, box ball, jump rope, hula hoop, Frisbee, and basketball.

Social Skills Enhancement

Formal groups lead by our trained child psychologist, utilizing the foundations of Michelle Garcia Winner focus on the development of self-awareness, perspective taking, and management of interpersonal relationships with others. We also offer informal group activities with therapeutic oversight to practice skills in science, arts and crafts, bowling, and our fishing adventures.

Exploring the Real World

Weekly field trips designed to enhance the cultural knowledge of our youngsters. We offer trips to locations such as the Planetarium, Fishing Hall of Fame Museum, Science Museum, Young at Art Museum, and many more!

Let's prescriptively build your Brainforest Adventure!

No two kids are the same. Each program is individualized around the family's summer schedules, children's needs, resources and time available. **It's not too early to reserve your spot in either our partial or full day program, please call 954-577-3396 for more information!**