



2025

GAINS SUMMER PROGRAM

WE ARE SO EXCITED!

And we're just waiting for YOU to come and join us as we laugh and learn, run, roll, and play...while making new friends and memories to last a lifetime!

Come and be a part of GAINS, a summer recreation program for children and adults with disabilities, ages 6 and up, held at the Pow Wow site in Menomonee Park.

This goal-based program includes: swimming, canoe trips, dance parties, sing-alongs, yoga, cooking, sensory art projects, gardening, kickball and more. Surrounded by peers and nature, this safe and supportive environment is your special place to grow independence, social skills and self-confidence. Let the adventure begin!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

GAINS welcomes children and adults with intellectual, physical, learning or autism spectrum disabilities, and a variety of other diagnoses. Some Achievers use wheelchairs, walkers, or other devices to enhance mobility, while others require a regimen of medications.

GAINS provides a summer opportunity to build on progress made through special education and therapy. Kids (age 6-21) thrive in an atmosphere where they maintain gains in fine and gross motor skills, speech and language, and socialization. Adult Achievers (age 22+) enjoy the chance to make new friends and challenge themselves to develop new skills and interests.

OUR STAFF!


The GAINS team includes licensed professionals and trained support coaches with backgrounds in allied health, education, and other therapeutic fields. Staff members are dedicated to supporting and empowering Achievers through goal-oriented activities. We offer lifeguards and an on-site nurse.


PROGRAM COMPONENTS!

Each Achiever is accepted, valued, and encouraged to participate in every aspect of the GAINS experience. Activities are group-based in order to foster development of social skills and friendships and are adapted to meet needs of individual Achievers as necessary.

Every GAINS experience includes elements of life skills, fitness, sensory activities, art projects, and waterfront activities. Achiever groups are based on age level and rotate through program areas. Throughout every session, Achievers are encouraged to make choices, meet new people to grow friendships, express feelings and needs, and try new experiences.



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 Instagram: [arch_waukesha](https://www.instagram.com/arch_waukesha)



SUMMER SESSIONS

Each session of GAINS runs M-F, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. in Menomonee Park in beautiful Menomonee Falls, WI. Every session features a variety of fun and interesting activities built around a theme. Apply for one or two sessions, or all that you like!

SESSION 1: July 7 – 11 | Celebrate

Who doesn't love a holiday? Week 1 of GAINS will be exploring the traditions of Halloween, Thanksgiving, and the winter Holidays and a few surprises... All ending in a great party celebrating everyone's birthday. Let the celebration begin!

SESSION 2: July 14-18 | Love of Leisure: Adventure into Hobbies

Ignite your passions as you share your hobbies and explore new ones. From sports and fitness to animals and nature to arts and crafts, you will develop your mind and body through discovering activities that you can enjoy at home or on the go.

SESSION 3: July 21 – 25 | Around the World

Pack your bags because we are going around the world in five days! We'll travel fast as we experience the food, music, art and customs of other places, from Europe to Antarctica and everywhere in between. Join us for this voyage of discovery into other cultures.

SESSION 4: July 28 – August 1 | Community Connections/Color War

Heroes are all around us helping us and keeping us safe. Expect visits from local heroes like police, fire and EMTs as we learn about boundaries and how to get along in the community. All of the activities this week will be competitions between two teams vying for the title of Color War Champion 2025 and the right to "pie" the losing counselors!

NEXT STEPS!

Ready to get your GAINS on? Apply to attend any or all of the sessions that interest you! There are a couple of ways to apply...choose the one that you prefer, but remember to apply by **Friday, February 28, 2025**, or you'll miss your chance at an unforgettable summer!

1. Go to our website @ www.archchangeslives.org
2. Mail your completed Application Form (page 4) to:
419 Frederick Street, Waukesha, WI 53186

Please remember that you must submit your \$50, non-refundable application fee, also by the deadline of Friday, February 28th. (The fee is \$50 whether you apply for one session, or all!)

Either send a check with your completed application page, apply online and make your payment there, or call our office to make your payment with your credit card.

Once your application is received, you will be contacted via email to schedule an in-person assessment for you and your Achiever at the ARCh office in Waukesha. Please schedule this as promptly as possible to increase your chance for admission.

Please note that admission decisions are based on staff availability; thus, it is likely that ARCh will not be able to accept all applicants. You can ensure your best chance of admission by responding to all communication and requests for information in a timely manner.

2025 GAINS TIMELINE:

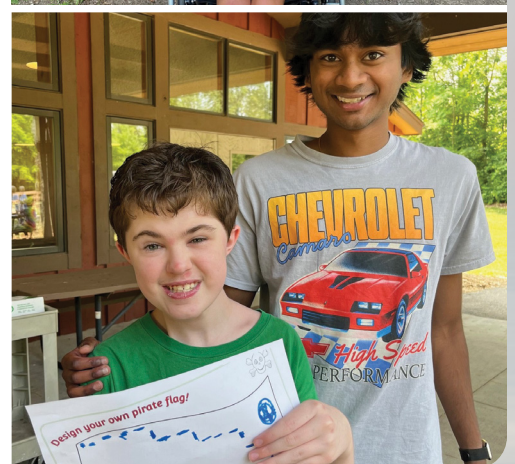
Friday, February 28 – Applications are DUE for summer 2025

April – Admission decisions made

Friday, June 6 – Completed Health Examination Forms are DUE. Your full payment is DUE if you are self-pay

Before your GAINS Session begins you must create an account and purchase your annual park pass at <https://wiwaukeshacountyweb.myvscloud.com/>. Even if you choose to pay the daily entry rate instead, you will still need to create an account on their site to make those payments.

If you have any questions, please email archoffice@archchangeslives.org, or call us at 262-542-9811.



GAINS Application

\$900.00 Per Session

\$50.00 Application Fee Required to Apply

Achiever Name: _____ Age: _____

Check appropriate boxes for each session you are applying to attend.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | July 7 – July 11 | Celebrate | 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday - Friday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | July 14 – July 18 | Love of Leisure: Adventure into Hobbies | 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday - Friday |
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PAYMENT OPTIONS: If this application is accepted, you or your funder will be billed \$900 for each available session you requested. Complete the section that applies to your funding.

1. SELF-PAY: Payment By Responsible Party

I/We will be responsible for payment upon admission to GAINS. I understand that we will be invoiced and can pay by check or credit card.

Signature of Responsible Party

Date

You will not be billed for your GAINS Sessions unless you are admitted.

OR

2. OTHER PAY: Payment through Managed Care Organization, CLTS Waiver Program, IRIS or Other Third Party. The Full Cost of GAINS will be invoiced to the Payer once an authorization has been received. If the Payer does not pay, the responsible party is liable for the FULL COST. Please complete the contact information below:

Agency: _____

Case Manager: _____

Contact Email: _____

Contact Telephone: _____



Do not turn in your application if the Payment Options portion is not completed for either Self-Pay or Other-Pay. Your application will not be accepted without this information and your \$50.00 application fee.

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