



# OPTIONS FOR TOMORROW

*Transition Planning for the Future...*

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## COLLEGE BOUND?

Plan ahead if you are considering testing accommodations for the ACT (ACT or PLAN tests) or College Board Tests (SAT or PSAT tests).

If you are currently receiving testing accommodations as part of your Individual Education Program, you may be able to receive similar accommodations for your college entrance tests.

To find out what accommodations on the SAT & PSAT can be approved, go to: <http://www.collegeboard.com/ssd/student/accom.html>

To find out what accommodations on the ACT & PLAN can be approved, go to: <http://www.act.org/aap/disab/chart.html>

*What do I do to get accommodations for these tests?*

Contact the special education teacher in your school who manages the IEP. Once you receive the form from the school you will submit it to the testing agency for approval. When accommodations are approved you should be notified along with the school. Make sure you take the approval with you on testing day to ensure there is no problem.

For the SAT/PSAT go to their website for dates of tests and application deadlines: <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/about.html>

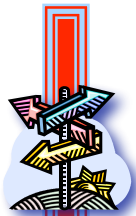
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## BLAZE SPORTS

If you or someone you know is a school aged youth with a physical disability and has ever wanted to play sports such as wheelchair basketball, soccer (wheelchair and ambulatory), cycling (handcycling or traditional), and other sports, check out the BlazeSports Alaska Program. You can visit the Web site at <http://www.challengealaska.org>; hold your mouse over the Sports & Rec link, roll down

to *Physical Disabilities*, and click on *BlazeSports Alaska*. This is the local chapter of BlazeSports America, whose goal is to enhance the lives of youth and adults with physical disabilities through participation in sports and a healthy lifestyle. You can find out additional information about BlazeSports Alaska by contacting Jeff by phone at 344-7270 or by email at [jeff@challengealaska.org](mailto:jeff@challengealaska.org).



# ASD HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER SCHOOL

Locations: Bartlett, Eagle River, East, King Career Center, Service, West.

Dates: June 11 - July 18

Summer school is open to Anchorage School District high school students in grades 8 through 12. Summer school is an excellent opportunity for students who need to work on grade improvement, get remediation to help pass the HSGQE High School Graduation Qualifying Exam, participate in enrichment courses, participate in work experience, and/or to take required courses over the summer to free up scheduling in the fall.

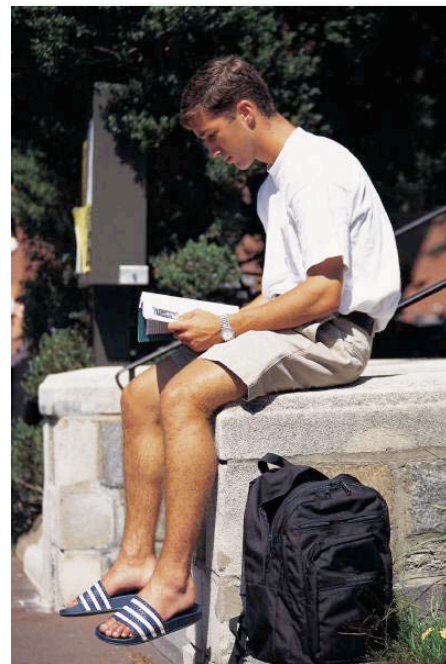
On-site Registration	Friday, June 6, 2008
First day for teachers	Tuesday, June 10, 2008
First day for students	Wednesday, June 11, 2008
Holiday	Friday, July 4, 2008
Last day for students	Friday, July 18, 2008

Sessions:	
Morning:	8-11 am
Afternoon:	11:40-2:40 pm

For more information go to:  
<http://www.asdk12.org/summer/>

***Also approved for ASD credit recovery:***

Sylvan Learning Center:	561-2229
Dr. Hardwick Learning Center:	337-0915



## KING CAREER CENTER SUMMER SCHOOL

*Learn new skills; do cool projects*

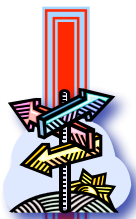
Earn .5 elective credit  
Open to all incoming 9th-12th graders

2 sessions daily: 8am-11am & 12-3pm  
Dates: June 11 - July 18th

Classes offered:

- Carpentry
- Small Engines
- Welding
- Construction & Electricity (am)
- Plumbing & Pipefitting (pm)
- Body and Fender Repair
- Radio & Television Production
- Culinary Arts (at Service High School)
- Cosmetology (am)
- Computer Technology
- Advertising Art & Design
- Emergency Services
- Photography
- Wilderness Recreation (14 Day Intensive: June 9-26 all day)

For more information contact your school counselor or contact KCC at 742-8900



# Bits & Pieces

## FASD NEWS

### FASD Affected Youth Employment Pilot Project

This innovative project is working to support Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders affected youth achieve success at work. They intend to do this by:

- \* Listening to youth, parents, families, and, of course, other experts too.
- \* Bringing together a TEAM of community service agencies in Anchorage.
- \* Educating and providing technical assistance to service providers and families about FASD.
- \* Working with youth, families, and professions to find the accommodations that work!

Space is still available  
Contact: Catie Wheeler  
Nine Star Enterprises: 269-0038

### FAS Trainings

#### FASD 101:

Monday, June 9, 12-4 pm  
Monday, August 11, 12-4 pm  
Mondays, October 6 and 13, 6-8  
Monday, November 10, 12-4 pm

#### FASD 201:

Monday, September 8, 12-4

#### Location:

Stone Soup Group  
3350 Commercial Dr. Suite 100

#### Contact:

Please call prior to the event to assure that there are no changes in date or location:  
561-3701



## SUMMER CAMPS

### 3 Camps this Summer

Camp Alpine I: June 23-28: (ADD/ADHD)  
Ages 7-25

Camp Alpine II: July 26-31: (Partial Assistance)  
Ages 7-25

Camp Alpine III: August 11-15:  
(Age 20 and Older Camp)

Day Outings: 26 outings are planned for this summer to different locations.

Horseback Riding: Alpine Alternatives provides 7 sessions of horseback riding on Wednesdays

Summer programs fill up quickly so call to find out costs and availability.

For more information call: 561-6655 FAX: 563-9232 or go by their office:  
2518 E. Tudor Rd. Suite 105

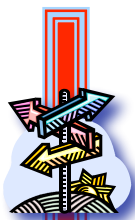
### Camp Shriver

For two weeks this July, Special Olympics Alaska will host Camp Shriver. Thirty athletes (campers with intellectual disabilities) will pair up with thirty partners (peers without intellectual disabilities) to discover the opportunities and experiences of participating in a sports camp program! FREE! Registration required.

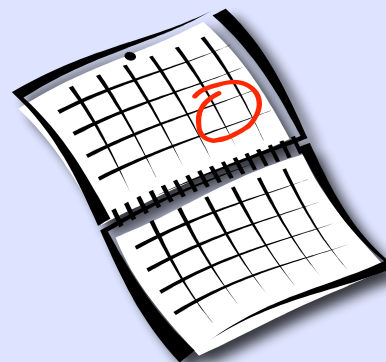
July 21 - August 1, 2008  
Monday - Friday 9:30am - 3:00pm  
Wendler Middle School

For more information call: 222-7625 ext. 629  
Or online:  
<http://www.specialolympicalaska.org/schools.htm>





## Dates to Remember



Last Day of School 07-08: May 22, 2008

Summer SAT tests: June 7, 2008  
(late registration is May 15, 2008) Go to this website  
for more information about fees and deadlines for  
applying: <http://www.collegeboard.com/testing/>

2008/09 Fall Registration for High Schools:

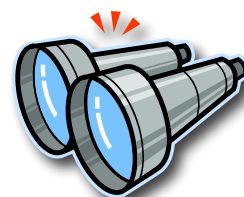
Seniors: August 4<sup>th</sup>  
Juniors: August 5<sup>th</sup>  
Sophomores: August 6<sup>th</sup>  
Freshmen: August 7<sup>th</sup>

First Day of School for the 2008/09  
School Year: August 20<sup>th</sup>

High School Graduation Qualifying Exam  
Fall Retake (11th & 12th graders):  
Oct. 14, 15, 16, 2008

End of first quarter: October 17, 2008

## Looking Ahead



### Disability Mentoring Day (DMD)

October 15, 2008

Disability Mentoring Day is a wonderful opportunity for students who experience a disability and are ages 16 and older. DMD is an academically motivating activity designed to give people with disabilities an up-close look at the world of work. Each student selected is paired with a mentor who they "job shadow" for the day. The students get to see firsthand how the skills learned in school relate to the workplace and answer the question, "Why do I have to learn this?"

Keep checking the website to see when applications are due in September:

[www.akdmd.com](http://www.akdmd.com)

For more information: Catie Wheeler: 269-0038