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## Camp Via Invites Media for a Week of Exciting Summer Activities for Teens with Disabilities and Autism

**WHAT:** **BETHLEHEM, PA** – Camp Via, a summer camp dedicated to engaging teens of all abilities in fun and enriching activities, invites members of the media to capture the excitement and joy of our campers during the week of July 21st.

**WHEN:**

*Event Schedule:*

- **Monday, July 21st:** Fitness activities with athletes Dylan Darville (Yale football) and Devyn Demchak (Drexel softball) at St. Luke's Sportsplex, 4636 Crackersport Road, Allentown – 10:00 am – 11:30 am
- **Tuesday, July 22nd:** Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs game, Coca Cola Park, 1050 Iron Pigs Way, Allentown, 12:05 pm start.
- **Wednesday, July 23rd:** Cooking Class with St. Luke's Registered Dietitian Elliott Beadle at Clearview Elementary, 2121 Abington Road, Bethlehem (*please come around back of the school to the gym area*), 10 am – approximately 11:30 am.
- **Thursday, July 24th:** Ropes Course at Blue Mountain, Summit Lodge area, 1660 Blue Mountain Drive, Palmerton, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
- **Friday, July 25th:** Sports and Fitness with athletes Dylan Darville (Yale football) and Devyn Demchak (Drexel softball) at St. Luke's Sportsplex, 4636 Crackersport Road, Allentown – 10:00 am – 11:30 am.

This week will feature a variety of events designed to promote fitness, socialization, and career exploration, while helping teens transition to post high school life. Our partner organization, St. Luke's Sports Medicine, is helping to coordinate the activities and providing the facilities and expert staff for this week of events.

Camp Via provides a supportive environment where teens with intellectual and developmental disabilities and autism can participate in summer fun, explore career areas, practice social skills, and prepare for the transition to work after high school. Each activity is designed to be inclusive and engaging, ensuring that every camper has the opportunity to learn, grow, and enjoy their summer.

"Our students eagerly anticipate Camp Via every summer," says Camp Director Alivia Sinko. "It's a fantastic opportunity for our campers to connect with teens from different schools and dive into a summer filled with fun and educational activities in a supportive environment. We're incredibly grateful to sponsors like St. Luke's Sports Medicine for making this amazing week of activities possible."

We invite the media to join us and capture these special moments. Your coverage will help highlight the importance of inclusive programs like Camp Via and the positive impact they have on our community.



**For more information or to schedule a visit, please contact Christine Bell at 610-317-8000 x436 or [c.bell@vianet.org](mailto:c.bell@vianet.org).**

**About Camp Via:** Camp Via is a summer camp program that engages teens with intellectual and developmental disabilities and autism in a variety of activities aimed at promoting fitness, socialization, and career exploration. Our mission is to provide a fun and supportive environment where every camper can thrive.

**About St. Luke's:**

St. Luke's is a fully integrated regional non-profit health care network with 21,000 employees and over \$4 billion in revenue. With more than 350 outpatient sites, it serves 11 counties in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. St. Luke's hospitals consistently earn numerous national awards, including 'A' grades for safety from Leapfrog, five stars for quality from CMS, and 100 Top Hospitals designations from Premier. St. Luke's has continued to earn numerous employer recognitions, including being ranked as a Top Workplace by the Morning Call, the Philadelphia Inquirer and USA Today. St. Luke's is listed by Forbes Magazine as One of America's Best Employers for New Grads and the best healthcare employer in the nation.

**About Via of the Lehigh Valley**

Serving our community since 1952, Via's mission is to help people reach their full potential through a rewarding career, meaningful relationships, and an enriching community life. Via creates pathways to success through vocation, inclusion, and advocacy. Led by 2023 Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year Award winner, Lisa Walkiewicz, President and CEO, Via was named a Top Workplace in 2023, 2024, and 2025 by The Morning Call.

In a typical year, Via provides services to 1,000 children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities living in Lehigh, Northampton, Carbon, Monroe, Bucks, and Berks counties. These services include vocational exploration, community employment, educational activities, volunteer and recreational opportunities for teens and adults, early intervention therapies, and inclusive education for young children. Visit [www.ViaNet.org](http://www.ViaNet.org) to learn more.

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