



2026

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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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 13 – July 17 | Exceptional Explorations!

Ready for an adventure? Join us for a week of exploring! Dig into the past, imagine the future, solve mysteries, and discover something new about the world every day! If you're curious and love to learn, this is the week for you! Make new friends as together you enjoy a journey of discovery!

SESSION 2: July 20 – July 24 | Hooray for Hobbies!

What do you like to do for fun? From beads to building and beyond, there is so much to learn about the wonderful world of hobbies! Come, share your interests and develop new skills and pastimes that will last long after summer fades away! Discover what brings you joy, confidence and new friends!

SESSION 3: July 27 – July 31 | Fabulous Festivals!

Celebrate all week long as GAINS turns into one big festival! Ranging from local celebrations like Summerfest to festivals around the world, each day is packed with music, games, and outdoor experiences! Celebrate traditions and create new ones, too! Come and experience the joy of celebration while making lifelong memories and friendships!

SESSION 4: August 3 – August 7 | Color War – Bold and Brave!

Get ready for an action-packed week of friendly competitions as two teams vie for the coveted title of 2026 Color War Champions! Join us to meet local heroes and discover the superhero within you as we spotlight everyday bravery, teamwork and caring for yourself and others! Ready, set, go!

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 27, 2026**, 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 27th. (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.

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

2026 GAINS TIMELINE:

Friday, February 27 – Application are DUE for summer 2026

March – Applicant assessments

May – Admission decisions made

Friday, June 5th – Completed Health Examination Forms and Policies and Procedures are DUE. Your full payment is DUE if you are self-pay

Friday, July 31 – Visitors' Night

GROWING FOR GAINS

Want to help make this summer unforgettable for Achievers? Choose an item from our list—art materials, medical supplies, cleaning essentials, and more—or make a financial contribution so we can purchase ingredients for cooking projects and other activities.

Explore our supply list or make a donation here:
<https://bit.ly/GrowingForGAINS>.



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 13 – July 17 | Exceptional Explorations! | 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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