



## New this summer! **Teen Troupe**

This summer, our older teens will not sit through traditional pragmatic classes. As teaching a skill is a great way to learn a skill while also having the responsibility of modeling that skill, pragmatics will be taught through “teaching.” This also fosters the development of leadership skills and confidence.

Our teens will work with counselors and other Teen Troupe members in small groups to explore and develop fun and exciting ways of teaching pragmatic language skills to younger students and other teens.

For example, our teens will put on their producing and acting hats and work to develop video guides, such as:

- Short commercials/skits dealing with real life issues.
- Friendship video.
- Survivor’s guide to going to Boston.
- School survivor’s guide.
- Teaching the Importance of Body Language to younger students.

Basic pragmatic language and friendship skills will be discussed and explored as students work to determine which elements are most important and how to relay that in their video skits, guides, and commercials. They will also have opportunities to “try out” their teaching guides on the other students in order to teach such skills, as well as get feedback on their production.

Also, the Teen Troupe will have opportunities to mentor younger campers, and, when appropriate, act as role models or social coaches.

