

Social Communication Specialists

Summer 2026 Programs

Social communication groups for ages Kindergarten through young adult

Who Is a Good Fit for Our Programs?

Our approach to social learning is heavily language-based. Children we work with have average to above-average language skills and are able to attend to a task relatively independently. SCS is not able to serve students who require significant support, have behavioral outbursts, or are not able to communicate their needs verbally. We do not have the environment or staff to support these students in a safe manner.

Summer Groups

From Me to We | Ages K–2nd Grade

Boost Social Skills Through Play!

Give your child a social skills boost before the new school year! In this small-group setting (maximum 4 participants), children will learn essential communication skills and strategies for successful peer interactions. Through a mix of direct instruction, engaging activities, and guided play, we help kids build confidence in navigating social situations and develop the skills they need to connect with peers, in the classroom, on the playground, and beyond.

Session 1: 6/23, 6/25, 6/30, 7/2, 7/7, 7/9 \ M/W \ 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Session 2: 7/14, 7/16, 7/21, 7/23, 7/28, 7/30 \ M/W \ 3:00 - 4:00 PM

\$510 per session | \$816 for both sessions (save 20%)

LEGO® Builders! | Grades 3–5

For Kids Who Love Building with Lego!

Our LEGO® Builders group helps children develop essential social skills while doing what they love. Through teamwork and creativity, kids will practice sharing ideas, compromising, resolving conflicts, and working cooperatively toward a shared goal. They'll also strengthen communication and active listening, key skills for building strong friendships. Each session includes direct instruction of social concepts, collaborative building of large-scale LEGO® sets, and a group creative project where students draft a narrative story and bring it to life through stop-motion filmmaking.

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Session 2: 7/14, 7/16, 7/21, 7/23, 7/28, 7/30 \ M/W \ 4:00 - 5:30 PM

\$765 per session | \$1,224 for both sessions (save 20%)

Social Skillbuilders | Grades 3–5

Building Friendships & Social Confidence!

As children transition into the more complex world of friendships in 3rd grade and beyond, navigating social interactions can feel challenging. In this group, elementary students will receive direct instruction in key social communication concepts alongside hands-on practice through engaging activities. Students will learn to express their thoughts and feelings effectively, engage in positive peer conversations, and build strong social connections. Through guided discussion and interactive activities, they'll explore the importance of perspective-taking and empathy while practicing strategies for resolving conflicts and making positive choices in social situations.

Wednesdays: 6/24, 7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29 | 4:00–5:30 PM

\$765

Crafting & Connection | Grades 5–7 (Girls)

Creativity Meets Connection!

Grab your glue gun and let's get creative! In this creative and engaging group, girls will explore fun hands-on crafting projects while building essential social communication skills. Through collaborative making, girls will practice sharing ideas, giving and receiving feedback, and working cooperatively toward a shared creative goal. Each session weaves social skill development naturally into the crafting experience, helping girls strengthen friendships, build confidence, and practice the everyday social skills that matter most. No crafting experience necessary, just bring your creativity!

Mondays: 6/22, 6/29, 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27 | 4:00–5:30 PM

\$795 (materials included)

Cooking Club | Grades 6–8

Cooking, Connecting, and Building Life Skills!

What could be more social than cooking and sharing a meal together? In this hands-on group, middle schoolers will develop beginner cooking skills while strengthening the executive functioning and social communication skills they use every day. Working together in the kitchen naturally requires planning, flexibility, teamwork, and communication. And when things don't go as planned (and in cooking, that's part of the fun!), students get real-time practice in problem-solving and flexible thinking. Each session wraps up with the best part: enjoying the meal they created together.

We can accommodate gluten-free participants; however, this is not a strictly gluten-free environment. We cannot accommodate nut or other serious food allergies. Please contact us to discuss any dietary concerns.

Tuesdays: 6/23, 6/30, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21 | 5:00–7:00 PM

\$900 (food included)

Figuring Out Friendships | Rising Grades 6–12

Navigating Friendships, Peer Pressure & Social Changes!

Middle and high school bring a whole new social landscape. Shifting friendships, complex group dynamics, and increasing peer influence are all part of the picture. In this group, students receive direct instruction in key social communication strategies while also having the opportunity to discuss and process the real social situations they're navigating every day. Through guided discussion and interactive activities, students will build skills for managing changing friendships, handling peer pressure, and advocating for themselves with confidence. Middle school groups focus on navigating new social landscapes and building confidence, while high school groups tackle more complex peer dynamics and the changing nature of friendships as young adults.

Middle school and high school students grouped separately

Mondays: 6/22, 6/29, 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27 | 5:30–7:00 PM (Middle School 6th - 8th)

Wednesdays: 6/24, 7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29 | 5:30–7:00 PM (High School 9th -12th)

\$650 per group

Quest for Growth | Grades 7–12

Therapeutically Applied Role-Playing Games!

What if developing real-world social skills could feel like an adventure? In this unique group, teens use therapeutically applied role-playing games (TARPGs) to build key social and executive functioning skills in a way that feels anything but clinical. Working together to solve problems, make group decisions, and navigate imaginary worlds, players develop five core competencies: regulation, collaboration, planning, perspective-taking, and pretend play. These skills translate directly into real-life social success. Whether navigating group projects at school or building friendships outside the classroom, the skills practiced here matter. And through role-playing, teens naturally develop empathy by experiencing situations from perspectives other than their own. No prior gaming experience required. Just bring your imagination!

Mondays: 6/29, 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 8/3 | 5:30–7:00 PM

\$765

Registration & Policies

Consultation — New Students

A free 30-minute consultation is required for new students. This meeting helps us get to know your child to ensure the best group fit.

Absence Policy

Because each child holds a dedicated spot that cannot be filled by another student, full payment is required for the entire session regardless of attendance. We encourage families to review all scheduled dates before enrolling.

In the unlikely event that a group does not reach minimum enrollment, families will be notified promptly and offered a full refund or transfer to another group.

Payment & Cancellation/Change Fees

A deposit of \$250.00 is due along with the completed registration form. This deposit is applied towards your child's balance for the summer session(s). **If we are not able to place your child in an appropriate group, the full deposit will be refunded.

We understand that unforeseen circumstances may occur and occasionally, cancelling your enrollment cannot be helped. However, due to the complexities of scheduling appropriate groups, cancellation fees will be taken from your deposit as follows:

- \$25.00 change fee if you change your child's availability after submitting the registration form.
- \$50.00 administrative fee for each canceled session prior to the group start date.
- After the group start date, the entire deposit is non-refundable.

Payment Policy

Payment for the summer session is due in full by the first day of your child's group session. You will receive an invoice indicating your balance due. SCS accepts checks and all major credit cards.

Ready to Enroll?

1. Complete and email the registration form to janet@socialcommunicationspecialists.com
2. If you are new to SCS, Janet will contact you to schedule your free 30-minute consultation.
3. Janet will contact you for payment information to collect your \$250.00 deposit and reserve your child's spot.
4. Please note that groups require a minimum enrollment to run. If a group does not reach minimum enrollment, you will be notified promptly and your deposit will be fully refunded.

Questions? Email janet@socialcommunicationspecialists.com or call 858-558-9552.

SOCIAL COMMUNICATION SPECIALISTS - SUMMER 2026 REGISTRATION FORM

Student Name: _____ Age: _____

Grade (Spr 2026): _____ Parent(s) Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

TO ENROLL: Complete and email this registration form to janet@socialcommunicationspecialists.com

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<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Lego® Builders - Grades 3-5</u> \$765 one session or \$1,224 for both (save 20%)	<u>Session 1 - 6/23 - 7/9</u> 90 mins, 2x week for 3 weeks M/W 4:00-5:30	<u>Session 2 - 7/14 - 7/30</u> 90 mins, 2x week for 3 weeks M/W 4:00-5:30
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<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Figuring Out Friendships - Grades 6-12 Middle & High School groups</u> \$650	<u>Middle School</u> 90 mins, 1x wk for 6 wks <input type="checkbox"/> Mon 5:30-7:00 6/22, 6/29, 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27	<u>High School</u> 90 mins, 1x wk for 6 wks <input type="checkbox"/> Wed 5:30-7:00 6/24, 7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29
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