

Media Advisory

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Nationally-Recognized 4th Annual iMatter Surf Camp for 300 Children with Autism at Cupsogue Beach, Westhampton, NY

**Saturday, August 14, 2010 9:30 AM - 4 PM
Press Pass Required

Three hundred children with Autism from around the country will participate in Community Options, Inc.'s 4th Annual iMatter Surf Camp this Saturday, August 14, 2010 from 9:30 AM to 4 PM at Cupsogue Beach in Westhampton, NY. Press Passes are required for this event.

After opening ceremonies, the children will be paired up with their one-on-one volunteers with whom they will surf tandem with all day. Community Options' iMatter Surf Camp was inspired by research that supports the concept that water is the ideal medium for exercise and to rehabilitate the body. For children with Autism, aquatic therapy helps to improve range of motion, facilitate neurodevelopmental growth, improve body awareness, and increase balance, sensory integration, and mobility skills. Mostly importantly, for the kids, surfing is fun.

Autism is diagnosed in 1 out of 150 children. It's a growing epidemic with no cure.

For more information about the camp, please visit www.comop.org/surf_camp or you can fan the camp on Facebook. There is a press pass required for this event. To obtain a press pass, please contact Jessica Guberman at jessica.guberman@comop.org or 973-390-0357.

iMatter Surf Camp is a program developed by Community Options, Inc. -- a national nonprofit organization that develops innovative housing and employment opportunities for people with developmental disabilities.

Who: 300 Children with Autism and 300 Surfers

What: 4th Annual iMatter Surf Camp with pair the kids with the surfers for a day of fun

When: Saturday, August 14th 9:30 AM – 4 PM

Where: Cupsogue Beach, Westhampton, NY – Press Passes are Required for Entry

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