

Easterseals Joliet Region

proudly presents a summer group just for siblings!



- Who:** Siblings entering 1st through 8th grade
- When:** Mondays from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m.
June 6th through July 25th (7 weeks, no group 7/4)
- Cost:** \$100, to be paid at enrollment
- Where:** Easterseals at 212 Barney Dr. in Joliet

What are Sibshops?

When a child has a special need, the entire family is affected. Sibshops provide support and guidance to siblings of children with special medical, developmental or learning needs. Sibshops are lively, action packed workshops that celebrate the many contributions made by brothers and sisters of kids with special needs. We acknowledge that being a sib is for some a good thing, for others a not-so-good thing and for many, something in between. Siblings are encouraged to share the challenges and celebrate the joys with other brothers and sisters who are in similar situations. The Sibshop model mixes wacky games, unique crafts and fun discussion activities to let every child know: Sibs R Special 2!

Who runs Sibshops?

Sibshops are run by Easterseals staff members that have been working with children with special needs and their families for many years. The program coordinator has been trained and certified by the Sibling Support Project. Valerie Lentz, a licensed clinical social worker, and Rachel Matthews, a graduate social work intern, will be leading the summer sessions.

Who should attend Sibshops?

Any sibling who will be entering 1st through 8th grade in the fall. We will do large group activities and we will break into smaller groups by age for discussions. Whether your child is currently struggling with being a sib, whether it's something they love or if they are just interested in meeting other sibs – this is the group for them!

Please call Rachel Matthews for more information at 815.725.2194 x210