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Getting your AAC user ready for summer fun!

As people who interact with AAC users on a daily basis, it can be easy to forget that our AAC users not only rely on their devices to help them communicate in therapy and at school, but also to communicate during leisure activities. With summer right around the corner, make sure that they have appropriate vocabulary for summer fun in their device and they know how to access that vocabulary. So if your family goes camping every year on Memorial Day, make sure they have all the camping essentials in their device such as tent, flashlight, sleeping bag, swimming etc. (You might consider buying a battery backup for your device so it can continue to be functional for the duration of the trip!!!) Especially useful are comment phrases like **“Wow! Cool!”**, **“This is fun!”** or **“Let’s do that again!”** that allow the AAC user to participate in the conversation (although you might think twice about adding **“Are we there yet?”** to your AAC user’s repertoire. ☺)

Save the Date!

- June 2nd- AAC Outing/ Scavenger Hunt at West Hylebos Wetlands Park- 10:00am-11:30pm

<http://hylebos.org/west-hylebos-wetlands-park>

- Spring groups end the week of June 15th

Switchamajig



Switchamajig is a great new device that turns any iPad or iPhone into a switch to be used with a switch toy. For people with disabilities that limit their motor skills, switches allow them to access toys that their typically developing peers play with. Switchamajig can also be used with household appliances that are operated by switch such as a blender or a food processor. Unlike its manual counterparts, Switchamajig can control up to 6 devices/appliances at one time.

Switchamajig carries a hefty price tag (\$279 from switchamajig.com) but its versatility and functionality make it worth it! The app that Switchamajig uses to interface with the iPad is available for download at no additional cost from the iTunes app store.