What is UI SPEAKS – Elementary School Camp?
A one week intensive program for children from ages 8 – 12 who stutter, with subsequent one-day follow up sessions.

When is it?
June 4-8, 2018 (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.); with possibly four follow up sessions on June 18, 19, 25, and 26, 2018.

Where is it held?
The Wendell Johnson Speech and Hearing Clinic at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa.

Who is UI SPEAKS for?
Children who stutter between ages of 8 and 12 and their families. Our goal for the program is to help children who stutter to:
- Explore what stuttering is, and what it is not
- Become aware of their own unique way of stuttering
- Identify and learn to use strategies to increase their speech fluency and change their stuttering patterns
- Provide opportunities for practice in a variety of communication situations
- Engage in group settings with other children who stutter and learn to talk openly about their speech.

Our program is designed to give children who stutter a safe and supportive environment in which to examine their speech patterns and learn strategies to control and change disfluent talking. We provide one-on-one therapy as well as group counseling and practice during the course of each day. A key component of our program is to increase each child’s confidence and success using his / her “speech tools” in a wide range of communication situations outside of the therapy room setting (including talking in groups, asking questions, playing talking games, interviewing and introducing others, talking on the telephone, going to stores and restaurants, and so on).

The group counseling activities help the children learn to talk openly about their speech therapy goals as well as their attitudes and emotions related to talking. In addition, the parents of the children participating are invited to attend support and review meetings several times during the course of the program. Further, collaboration with the school-based and / or private speech-language pathologists working with the children is available and encouraged.

How do I find out more?
For more information, or to request an application, contact:
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Deadline: April 15. Applications are also available online at http://clas.uiowa.edu/comsci/clinical-services/summer-programs.
Tuition for the UI SPEAKS camp is $600.
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