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## **Camp Via Heads to the Ropes**

**WHAT:** BETHLEHEM, PA – Via of the Lehigh Valley invites media to a special day of Camp Via at the Blue Mountain Ropes Course.

Through a partnership with St. Luke's University Health Network, a week of educational, fun, and healthy activities are planned for the participants, including a day at Blue Mountain Resort's Ropes Course. Via staff and St. Luke's volunteers will be assisting the participants on the course.

Camp Via provides instruction on a variety of skills that help students with disabilities, ages 14-21, achieve their personal goals throughout the summer break. Via's staff work with students and their families to develop these goals, focusing on occupational awareness through career exploration and interview skills, life skills to prepare for a transition from school to adulthood, and recreational activities to develop socialization among peers.

Photo, video, and interview opportunities will be available on site with Via and St. Luke's staff to highlight one of Via's programs that support people with developmental and intellectual disabilities in our community.

WHEN:	Thursday, July 21, 2022 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
WHERE:	Blue Mountain Resort 1660 Blue Mountain Drive
	Palmerton, PA 18071
	Ropes Course

## ABOUT VIA:

Serving our community since 1952, Via helps people reach their full potential. In a typical year, Via provides services to 1,250 children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities living in Lehigh, Northampton, Carbon, Monroe, Bucks and Berks counties. These services include vocational exploration, community employment, educational activities, volunteer and recreational opportunities for teens and adults and early intervention therapies and inclusive education for young children. Visit www.ViaNet.org to learn more.

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Via's Mission: Helping the people we serve reach their full potential.

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