



Summer Camps and Activities for Students with Special Needs

***Please call and check with the provider for current prices and information.
Some information below was obtained from the
ARC of Greater Tarrant County**

CAMPS

Adaptive Summer Day Camp

Designed for special students ages 12 and up, meeting the needs of physically and developmentally challenged youth and adults through variety of fitness and leisure activities, group and individual games, field trips, arts and crafts and more.
Contact: Alison Taylor (817) 275-1351

ARC of Greater Tarrant County

Reading, Money-management and Computer classes for Adults with IDD. Social and recreational activities throughout the month for adult self-advocates including a dance on the 3rd Friday of each month for adults with intellectual / developmental disabilities. The dance is held at:
The Resource Connection
2300 Circle Drive Fort Worth, TX
www.arcgtc.org

ARC of Dallas Adventure Camp

Adventure Camp is a spring and summer day camp for children and teens, ages 5-21. Activities include crafts, games, entertainment, computer fun, swimming and field trips. Summer dates are held in two-week sessions throughout the summer. Space in camp is limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Children and teens of all ability levels, including siblings, are welcome at Adventure Camp. (214) 634-9810.
www.arcdallas.org

Camp Aurora

American Diabetes Association Camp Aurora is a day camp for children with diabetes. The program offers an exciting week of outdoor activities such as swimming, fishing, horseback riding and canoeing, while learning valuable lessons on positive diabetes management.

ADA Camp Aurora, YMCA Camp Carter,
6200 Sand Springs Road, Fort Worth, TX
Sherry Hill at shill@diabetes.org or (972) 392-1181

Camp C.A.M.P.

CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION FOR MAXIMUM POTENTIAL

Camp C.A.M.P provides integrated camping for children with disabilities and their siblings. provide overnight camping experiences to children/ adults ages 5-21 with special needs/ developmental disabilities. They welcome campers with no verbal communication or self-help skills or with need for multiple medications around the clock, when appropriate health care providers can be enlisted. The camp provides a wide range of fun-filled and educational activities. Located in Center Point. (210) 292-3566 or (210) 292-3567

www.serve.com/campcamp

Camp Carter, Fort Worth TX

Camp Can-Do is a week of day camp for children ages 6-12 that are blind or visually impaired. The camp is lead by professionals in the field of visual impairment and orientation and mobility. Activities are designed for the student to use all sense to enjoy the natural surroundings, make new friends, improve communication skills, and learn new skills. Campers participate in traditional camp activities such as swimming, archery, canoeing, horseback riding, arts and crafts and nature study. Camp Hours are:
Monday-Friday 8:30am - 4:30 pm (817)738-9241
www.campcarter.org

Camp Friendship

Ages: A social day camp for children ages 7+ And teens with Asperger Syndrome, PDD, High-Functioning Autism, ADHD, CAPD and other challenges that make socialization difficult. Camp Friendship offers kids a fun environment for developing and practicing the skills required for meaningful friendships and social interaction. Located in Plano. (972) 633-8244
googahly@aol.com

Camp John Marc

United Cerebral Palsy Association of Texas hosts an inclusive weekend camp each semester at Camp John Marc for children with disabilities and their friends and/or siblings, ages 6-17. The camp has wheelchair accessible, air conditioned cabins and an accessible challenge course. Contact the camp for dates. Camp John Marc also partners with community and health professionals and organizations to provide high quality camping experiences year round to campers who have a chronic illness or physical disability. The camp offers summer camps, weekend camps, and family getaways. (214)360-0056

www.campjohnmarc.org

Camp John Marc

Camps for Kidney disease; Spin Bifida; Congenital Heart Disease; Cancer; Sickle Cell Anemia; Grieving Children; Asthma; Crohn's Disease or Ulcerative Colitis; ADHD; Diabetes. There are many titles for the camps that serve children with chronic illnesses and major physical disabilities, and the families of those children, by making possible high-quality, year-round camp experiences at Camp John Marc, a unique camp facility in Bosque County, Texas. Please call regarding their fees. Ages: 6-21

(214) 360-0056, or Betsy Hilliard at (682) 885-4180

www.campjohnmarc.org

Camp New Horizons – North

ADA Camp New Horizons South,

Southern Cross Ranch,

1800 Dowdy Ferry, Dallas, TX

American Diabetes Association's Camp New Horizons South is a day camp for children with diabetes and their siblings. The program offers an exciting week of outdoor activities such as swimming, fishing and karate while learning valuable lessons on positive diabetes management. Camp concludes on Friday with a field day and a family picnic. Sherry Hill (972) 392-1181

shill@diabetes.org

Camp Peace

Summer day camp for kids 6 years or older with AS, HFA, PDD, and/or Autism.

dbarb@mckinneyisd.net

Camp Summit, Inc

Camp Summit provides a residential, barrier-free camping experience for persons with special needs ages 6-50+. Recreational and educational programming includes swimming, horseback riding, performing arts, a rope challenge course, wilderness and nature study, arts and crafts, fishing games, camping and group activities. All activities are adapted to the individual camper's ability. The camp is located north of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex in Argyle, Texas. Call or see website for dates.

2915 LBJ Freeway, Suite. 185, Dallas, TX. 75234
(972) 484-8900

www.campsummittx.org

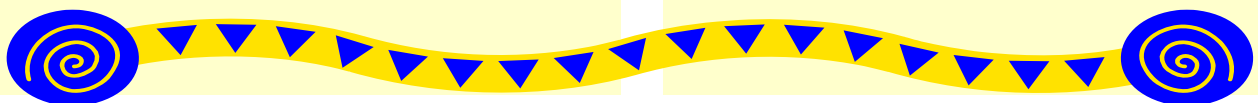
Charis Hills Camps

Charis Hills is a Christian Summer Camp for kids with learning and social difficulties who have average to above average intelligence, such as ADD, AD/HD, and Asperger's disorder. The camp is located in the beautiful Texas Hill Country, northwest of San Antonio, near Kerrville. Campers receive academic reinforcement each day while participating in a traditional summer camping program geared to encourage success and reward positive behavior consistently. Siblings and friends are welcome. 1-888- 681-2173

www.charishills.org

Funtastics Camp

Funtastics Summer Day Camp Program provides youth with disabilities in Carrollton, Texas and surrounding communities with enriching educational and purposeful summer recreation and leisure experiences in a safe environment, supportive of independence. Camp starts June 5 and ends July 28, Monday thru Thursday, 7:30am - 6:00 and Friday, 7:30am - 4:00 pm. An assessment of independence is required prior to acceptance into this camp



Green Oaks School

A Christian-based independent school in Arlington, for students with Down syndrome and similar developmental delays. Serve children from ages 8 to young adult and the primary focus are to teach academics at the ability and interest levels of our students. Offers several summer programs including: Language Camp, Private or Paired Tutoring, and others. (817) 496-5100

greenoaksschool.org

Joni and Friends Family Retreats

Since 1991 Joni and Friends Family Retreats has hosted five-day summer programs across the United States where families affected by disability can find hope and get a break from the challenges of everyday life. Activities include: fishing, swimming, talent show, celebration dance, bible/worship time, parent seminars and group activities, craft time, etc.

(214)739-2523

www.joniandfriends.org

Marbridge Summer Camp

For young men and women with a variety of developmental disabilities and cognitive challenges. Campers must be independent in their basic activities of daily living or in need of minor verbal prompting or cueing. Hiking, nature walks, greenhouse, swimming, socialization, and interpersonal skill development 12 Miles south of Austin Ages: 16-30 Contact: Will Hoermann, (512) 282-1144

www.marbridge.org

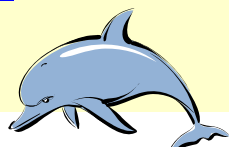
Sea Camp Kids

Texas A&M University @ Galveston's Mitchell Campus Ages 10-18

A hands-on marine adventure, this week long camp explores the wonders of the marine environment of Galveston Island area. Open to children with special needs, but due to the nature of the activities, please call to discuss your child's individual needs and whether the camp can accommodate them.

You can register on-line. (409) 740-4525

seacamp@tamug.edu



Summer Events for Exceptional Kampers (SEEK)

SEEK is for children and adults with cognitive, orthopedic, visual, hearing impairments, or emotional disabilities. Three camp sessions are offered each summer. One is for children 9-14 years of age, one is for youth 15-21 years of age, and the third is for persons 21 years of age and older. The camp is sponsored by the Methodist Church, though it is non-denominational. It is located near Lake Texoma and fees are charged.

(214) 357-5656

Texas Elks Camp

“Free” if qualified/ "first-come, first-serve" basis Eligibility: Any Texas resident with special needs, ages of 7-15. The camp provides children an opportunity to try new things and to make new friends. Campers are encouraged to make their own decisions and become more independent. Located north of Gonzales, 210 miles southwest D/FW.

www.texaselks.org

Texas Lions Camp

“Free” residential camp for children ages 7-16 with physical disabilities, hearing or vision impairments and Type 1 diabetes, and cancer. The Camp is located on over 500 acres in the beautiful Texas Hill Country, and is designed to introduce the "Can Do" philosophy to children dealing with special medical conditions. Located in Kerrville, TX

(830) 896-8500

www.lionscamp.com

The Pines Catholic Cam

Catholic/Christian non-competitive. Bible study, arts and crafts, drama, swimming, boating, horseback riding, and field games. One-on-one counselor assigned as needed to campers with special needs, have served children with Down Syndrome and those who are blind. Please sign-up on line, also, for questions please call Ms. Anne Letteer by phone or go on-line for additional information. Ages 7-16 Big Sandy, TX (214) 522-6533

www.thepines.org

Art Therapy Anita Mester, ATR, CCDS, LPC

6301 Gaston Ave. Suite 620 Dallas, TX 75214
Social skills group for children dealing with emotional, learning and physical disabilities.
(214) 370-5333

www.lakewoodtherapy.com

Art Therapy The Art Station

The Art Station is a nonprofit organization offering individuals and groups art therapy and community programs to children and adults. (817) 921-2401

www.theartstation.org

Achievement Center of TX

It is the mission of the Achievement Center of Texas to provide day care, day habilitation (life skills training), educational assistance and community inclusion for children and young adults with disabilities so they can develop functional living skills and self-confidence working toward greater independence and a more satisfying way of life. (972) 414-7700

Challenge Air

Offers motivational, inspirational and life-changing experiences to physically challenged children and youth through aviation. 501 C3 organization for challenged children 1-877-FLY-KIDS

www.challengeair.com



Emler Swim School

Teaching methods to ensure that each student is comfortable and confident in the water. Small group and private lessons are available during both daytime and evening hours. May offer private or semi-private swimming lessons to children with special needs.

Colleyville (817) 481-SWIM
Plano (972) 599-SWIM
Arlington (817) 275-SWIM

iswimemler.com

Equine Angels

Free: Provides Horseback Therapy & Aquatic Therapy for children with special needs. The Center is the ONLY Licensed Physical Therapy Center offering BOTH of the Physical Therapy Specialties Horseback Therapy & Aquatic Therapy, provided by a Licensed Physical Therapist, in a Year-Round Program, to Children with disabilities, for FREE!

www.equineangels.org

Fourth Street School Summer Club Private Academic & Therapeutic Environment

Fourth Street School, 6409 West Poly Webb Road, Arlington, Texas 76016

Therapeutic day camp designed to help children who are experiencing socialization problems, difficulties responding to appropriate maturity demands or low self-esteem.

Ages: 3-13 children with special needs
Contact: Anthony Avery (817) 275-2314

www.fourthstreetschool.com

Flint Academy

The academy is an inclusive-model school, educating all students, together in the same classroom, whether they are gifted, typically developing, or have any special education needs (including Autism, Down Syndrome, learning disabilities, dyslexia, and/or ADHD). The school offers fun and educational summer day camps. (817) 277-0620

www.FlintAcademy.com

Giggles Therapy

905 Roberts Cut Off, River Oaks, Texas
Works with clients with autism and offers social skills training education therapy, one-on-one therapy, group therapy, life skills training, community support, and respite. All services as based on Applied Behavioral Analysis

Contact: Britney Brandi (817) 731-2293

www.giggles-therapy.com



Handwriting Clinic

A licensed occupational therapy facility providing summer camps and all year round classes and therapy in fine motor and pre-handwriting development at an early age to PREVENT problems. The classes are designed to use a multi- sensory format to develop hand strength, fine motor manipulation skills, stroke development and pre-handwriting skills for children who have readiness skills or mild delays in fine motor skills. (972) 633-1974

www.thehandwritingclinic.com

Horseback Riding/ Hippotherapy

Equest Therapeutic Riding
Equest is an internationally recognized nonprofit that provides therapy using horses for children and adults with disabilities and learning differences. Located in Wylie, Tx (972) 412-1099

www.equest.org

IASIS Learning Center: Drama and Theater

Through drama lessons, children can practice and gain the social skills they need to be successful in relationships, in school, and in a career. Services include: Social instruction for all children, in groups as well as individualized format, including those with Autism Spectrum Disorders, Attention Deficit, or in Gifted and Talented programs. Located in Denton. (214) 395-3045

www.iasislearningcenter.com

Marshall Sciences in Fitness

Offers a self defense class for individuals with special needs. It is an opportunity to gain self-confidence that carries over to many areas of life. Ages 16 on-up
1325 Brown Trail, Bedford, Texas 76022
(817) 590-8585

Mary's House

Mary's House will offer its clients a variety of activities and therapeutic options. They will serve both school-age children and adults with physical and developmental disabilities. Services will range from before and after school childcare, summer programs to day habilitation.

7007 Snowy Owl Street, Arlington, TX 76002
(817) 791- 8418 michelle@maryshouseinc.org
www.maryshouseinc.org

Miracle League Field at Randol Mill Park

YMCA of Arlington North Branch, 1005 Skyline Dr. Arlington, TX 76011 No Fee
Baseball for boys and girls 5-19, regardless of their ability or disability, offered through the YMCA of Arlington (817) 548-9622
www.ymca-arlington.org

Music Therapies Speech Therapy and Recreational Music (S.T.A.R.)

Classes for children with communication needs, Ages 18 months-6, accompanied by their parents. Techniques combine music, movement and language to reach specific objectives. Only 8 children per class. Located in Plano. (972) 839-0312
www.startherapyprograms.com

Music Therapies

Private music therapist will provide parents with a comprehensive list of music therapist located throughout Tarrant County, as well as information on music therapy (Grapevine).
Kathleen Coleman RMT-BC
www.preludemusictherapy.com

Play Options

A gymnastics program for kids with special needs that combines play and activity. Gross motor development, self-esteem, and social interaction skills are enhanced in a non-therapeutic, non-competitive environment. Classes are offered in small groups with emphasis on individual needs. Children must be 3 years or older and able to follow simple directions and rules. Private lessons are available for approved situations. (214) 207-6161
www.playoptions.com

Reata Rehabilitation

Reata Rehabilitation is a non-profit organization offering therapy to adults and children in the Dallas - Fort Worth area. Located on a ranch setting in Ponder, Texas, where therapists (occupational, physical and speech) use horses, Hippotherapy and clinic to provide comprehensive rehabilitation for people with physical, mental or emotional challenges. Aquatic therapy offered in the summer (940) 479-2612

www.reatarehabilitation.org

Riding Unlimited

Founded in 1990, Riding Unlimited provides safe and affordable therapeutic horseback riding instruction for individuals with physical, mental and emotional disabilities in Dallas, Tarrant, Denton, Wise and Collin counties.

Ranch in Ponder off FM 156
(940) 479-2016 ridingunlimited@aol.com

Richland Youth Association - Super Kids

7250 Chapin Road, North Richland Hills 76180
Super Kids is a league for mentally and/or physically challenged children and adults. Ages 4+
VOICE MAIL ONLY: Tim Early (817) 656-4004

www.myrva.com

Rocky Top Riding Center

Rocky Top Therapy Center is Located in Keller and is recognized by the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (NARHA). Provides Therapeutic horseback riding for children with disabilities and may have combined program for siblings. (817) 379-5717

www.rockytoptherapy.org

SNAP (Special Needs Assistance Partners)

Programs and Activities include:
Education (workshops, training for employment and interview skills, problem solving on the job, interpersonal and independent living skills, reading programs, etc) Sibs Group (2nd Monday at 7pm at the SNAP office) Social Program (supper club, bowling, movies, dances, and other planned activities) Girls' Night Out (meets on 4th Monday at 6:30pm at SNAP office and activities provide the

young ladies with information concerning self-advocacy, finances, proper health, self-image, socialization).

P. O. Box 3294 Grapevine, TX 76099
(817) 399-050 or (817) 481-6522

Special Needs Gymnastics

Special Needs Gymnastics in the Dallas/Ft Worth area. The coach works with each student on an individual basis with a program to allow each athlete to achieve success at their own level.
1-806-438-3227

www.specialneedsgymnastics

Special Olympics Texas

Provide year-round sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics Texas offers 20 sports including: aquatics, athletics, basketball, bowling, skating, golf, gymnastics, sailing, soccer, softball, table tennis, tennis, volleyball and more. (214) 943-9981

www.sotx.org

Sport Activities/ Water Therapy

Camp Do It All/ Coppell Aquatic Center
A popular day camp offered during the major Summer. Catered to kids' ages 6- 12, activities include swimming, movies, field trips, and arts and crafts. May be able to accommodate some children with special needs. Call for Specific information.
(972) 304-7032

www.cit.coppell.tx.us

Stadjuhar Stables

Provides 3 programs- hippotherapy, therapeutic riding, and an equine assisted mental health program. Hippotherapy refers to the use of the movement of a horse as a tool by trained therapists to address impairment and functional limitations in people with disabilities. The horse is used as a part of an integrated treatment program to achieve functional outcomes. Located in Colleyville (817) 849-1999

www.stajduharstables.org

Swan View Therapeutic Riding Center

Swan View Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc. is a non-profit, volunteer staffed organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for the special needs community by providing NARHA based therapeutic riding activities. 7905 Briar Rd., Azle, TX 76020 Cathleen Thatcher (817) 444-8499

www.svtrc.org

Trips Inc.

Special Adventures, dedicated to providing travel outings to people of various abilities in a safe, fun, and respectful atmosphere. Trips are designed for those with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities who need staff assistance for a safe and enjoyable vacation. 1-800-686-1013

www.tripsinc.com



You Can Ski

Non-profit, volunteer driven organization (Metroplex Adaptive Water Sports (MAWS) dedicated to providing opportunities for persons with all types of disabilities to experience water sports. The emphasis is on water skiing, utilizing specialized "sit skis" to provide a safe, enjoyable experience, regardless of the level of disability. (214) 803-9955

www.youcanski.org

Child Care Associates

Provides child care and early education services through multiple programs.

3000 E. Belknap, Fort Worth, TX 76111
(817)-838-0055 (817)-838-8422

Beyond Sitters

A babysitting database that connects families with college students.

5209 Threshing, Fort Worth, Texas 76179
Jennifer@beyondsitters.com

www.beyondsitters.com

Sitters Are US, Inc

Inclusive drop-in day care. Children with special needs accepted on an individual basis.

Friday and Saturday until Midnight.

Six weeks to 12 years of age.

1900 S. Main, Suite 103, Grapevine, Texas
(817) 410-2866

National Respite Locator Service

Operates 8:30am to 5pm EST Monday through Friday. Service for parents and professionals caring for children with disabilities or at-risk.

1-800- 677-1116

www.respitelocator.org

Easter Seals

1424 Hemphill, Fort Worth, TX 76104

Respite Care Services: For families who have a member with a disability or progressive disabling condition living at home who does not need skilled nursing care, or extensive medical monitoring, or have severe acting-out behaviors. Contact Easter Seals for a complete list of programs and activities. (817) 332-7171 or 1-888-617-7171

www.easterseals.com

Northwood Church Revive Program

Revive is a free parents night out program for children with special needs twice a month. Dates vary, so please call for more information. There is an application form that will need to be filled out. There are also Sunday school classes available for children with special needs every Sunday morning. Classes last about half an hour.

1870 Rufe Snow Dr, Keller, TX 76248

817-431-2088 x 135 Becky Done or Diana Kirby

www.northwoodchurch.org

REACH Resource Center on Independent Living

Support group for persons with all disabilities, independent living skills training, social activities, speakers. "Consumer Control Class" for young adults, 16 on up, which addresses being your own best advocate. Loaner Equipment and Advocacy. Assists transfers from nursing centers to assisted living. 1205 Lake Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102 (817) 870-9082





Additional Resources

Summer vocational training and camp
www.goodwillfortworth.org

Lake Grapevine Camps
www.adventuredaycamps.com

CAMP for Special Needs Children and
their Families Centre Point, TX
www.campcamp.org

Great Gluten Escape
Camp Gilmore Gilmont, TX
www.dallasrock.org

Camp for All
special needs camp
Washington County, TX
www.campforall.org

Camp Summit
for Students with Disabilities Argyle, TX
www.campsummittx.org

Mission Possible
For special needs
Lake Brownwood, TX
www.texas4hcenter.tamu.edu

Texas Elks Camps
For emotional and physical needs
Ottine, TX
www.texaselkscamp.org

Texas Lions Camps
for physical disabilities
Kerrville, TX
www.lionscamp.com

Camp Aranzazu
For chronic illnesses or disabilities
Rockport, TX
www.camparanzazu.org

List of Camps & Activities for Students
with Special Needs
www.camp2010.dallaschild.com

List of Summer Camps
www.camps4kidz.com

Theme Park for Special Needs in San Antonio
www.morganswonderland.com

Outdoor adventures for special needs
www.riseadventures.org

Texas Occupational Therapists Association
www.tota.org/camps

Camp Channel
www.campchannel.com

Very Special Camps
www.veryspecialcamps.com

Friend to Friend Social Camp
(214) 684-8940
Home_Therapist@comcast.net18

FUNTASTICS Camp
For individuals with disabilities ages 8-21 years.
(972) 466-9151

North Texas Conductive Education Camp
Conductive Education for children with
motor disabilities (469) 964-1216
orsi@ntxce.org
www.ntxce.org

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