

2014 SUMMER CAMP DIRECTORY: A FREE RESOURCE GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

WITH CHILDREN WHO HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS

Welcome to the 2014 Summer Camp Directory! Summer camp provides a unique opportunity for growth and development, and provides a period of summertime respite for parents and caregivers. The camp experience may be especially valuable for children who have special needs, as they can be isolated from some of the social experiences that other children take for granted.

The camps in this directory are organized alphabetically by county for camps in North Carolina, and alphabetically by state for camps outside the state. Each entry includes contact information for the camp, type of disability it serves, a description of camp activities, cost, and dates for 2014. We have also included a list of camps organized by specialty/condition.

This directory is a product of the Family Support Program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Social Work. It is a resource for family members and service providers who are looking for summer camp experiences for children. The Family Support Program does not endorse any camp programs, including those listed in the directory.

Happy Camping!

Selecting a Camp

What to Look for in a Camp Program

If you are considering sending your child to a camp program, you will need to make some decisions concerning the type of camp experience that is most appropriate for your child. You can use this guide to gather some basic information about some camps which might be appropriate for children with special needs in North Carolina.

There are camps specifically for children with special needs and camps where children with special needs are included. You can choose a camp that best suits your child's abilities and interests. You may begin by considering whether you are looking for a day camp or a residential (overnight) camp.

Day Camps

Day camps usually offer a variety of recreational activities designed to promote your child's physical and mental well-being. Programs may run full days or half days, five days a week or several days a week, all summer or only a few weeks. Advance registration and a physical exam with complete medical history are usually required. Day camp activities typically include music, swimming, a variety of sports, arts and crafts, hobby clubs, and trips. Most camps accept children 5 years of age and older.

If a program is offered by your local community or municipal recreation department, a fee is often charged. Most private camps typically charge higher fees, although they may offer scholarships or fee reductions based on financial need.

Residential Camps

Residential camps are those in which your child may spend two days, two weeks, or an entire summer away from home. These programs provide a unique living experience for children. In addition to offering some of the same activities available at day camps, “sleep away” camps enable children to live together in cabins or tents under the supervision of qualified staff. A major emphasis of these programs is increasing the independence and self-help skills of each child. Most children are between the ages of 5 and 16.

Advance registration and a complete physical examination are usually required. Fees are generally charged; however, a scholarship program may be available.

Religious Affiliation

Some camps are religiously affiliated. Most of these welcome campers of all faiths. Camp staff can provide more information about camp philosophy and practices.

Suggested Questions

Once you have decided on the type of camp program (day or residential), you may use the list of questions below to help you decide which camp will best meet your child's needs and interests.

- How do you apply?
- What is the deadline for submitting applications?
- What are the camp's opening and closing dates?
- Are there clothing requirements and clothing checklists?
- Is transportation to and from the camp provided?
- Is the program designed for children with specific disabilities?
- Is the program accessible for children with physical disabilities?
- Does the American Camping Association (ACA) accredit the camp?
- Does the camp meet state and local health standards and regulations for the operation of day and residential camps?

General Information

Some general information can be obtained by visiting the camp's web site, requesting a brochure, calling the camp organization directly, or visiting the camp facility to get more specific answers to your questions. Parents can usually make appointments with camp directors in the spring.

Staff

- What are the criteria for selecting a counselor (i.e., what education or experience is required by the camp)?
- What are the counselors' duties?
- What is the ratio of counselors to children?
- Are counselors hired for short periods or for the entire summer?
- Does the staff include a nurse and a doctor?
- (For residential camps) How many counselors live in each of the cabins, tents, or bunkhouses?

Facilities

- What types of facilities are available?
- What is the overall condition of the facilities?
- Are the toilet and shower facilities adequate and accessible?
- (For residential camps) How many children are housed in campers' quarters?
- Is there a well-equipped infirmary on the premises?

Health Emergencies

- Is the camp insured?
- Is your child covered under that insurance policy?
- Is the doctor/nurse on duty 24 hours a day?
- Is there a hospital close by?

Activities

- What types of activities are offered?
- Are activities coordinated and designed according to the age or development of the child?
- Is the program flexible or is it highly structured and formal?

Fees

- Is there a fee?
- What is included with this fee? Does it cover transportation, meals, insurance, linens, laundry, special trips, entrance fees, canteen, health services, and use of equipment? Ask the camp director to itemize any services for which an additional fee is required.
- Is there a membership fee? (Must you join the sponsoring organization in order for your child to participate?)
- Are scholarships or fee reductions available?

Transportation

- What kind of transportation is provided?
- Is it door-to-door or group pick-up?
- Is a counselor or chaperone available to take care of your child while in transit?
- Do the vehicles meet state and local safety regulations for operation of vehicles that transport children?
- How long does your child have to travel to and from camp?
- For long trips, is there a bathroom on the bus?

Meals

- Are lunches provided by the day camp?
- Are the camp menus prepared by a dietitian?
- Are snacks provided during the day? What kind?
- Are special meals available if needed?

Note: Remember to advise camp personnel of any food allergies or special dietary needs that your child may have.

More Things to Remember about Camps

- Camp is intended to be fun, so you can expect it to be a bit messy!
- Remember the setting and make sure your child is appropriately dressed. Good sneakers are a must!
- It is a good idea to label all clothing.
- It is a good idea to keep an extra set of clothes at day camp. Some have cubbies or lockers for this purpose.
- Talk to your child's counselor about your child's likes and dislikes.
- Beware of overstuffing backpacks. They get heavy and can become a nuisance.

- Sunscreen!
- HAVE FUN!

Don't be afraid to ask questions. The more you and your child know, the better the camp experience will be. Sometimes the best references for a camp are previous campers. Camps should be able to provide references.

The preceding section on selecting a camp was adapted from materials prepared by the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Additional Resources

The following agencies have offices in most counties in North Carolina, and they often sponsor camps or have information about camps. You can call them to find out about local camps.

- [Family Support Network™ programs](#)
- Arc chapters
- Churches, synagogues, other faith organizations
- Municipal and county parks and recreation departments
- Public and private schools' summer programs
- United Way
- YMCA, YWCA, YMHA, YWHA
- 4-H Clubs

[American Camping Association](#)

The American Camping Association (ACA) is a community of camp professionals who for nearly 100 years have joined together to share knowledge and experience and to ensure the quality of camp programs. The ACA accredits over 2,300 camps. ACA-accredited camps meet up to 300 standards for health, safety, and program quality. The purpose of ACA is to serve as a knowledge center; to educate camp owners and directors in the administration of camp operations, particularly program quality, health, and safety; and to assist the public in selecting camps that meet - industry--accepted and government-recognized standards. The ACA has an interactive Camp Database on their web site, where you can search accredited camps by specialty, interest area, affiliation, etc.

Other Resources

- [Association of Hole In The Wall Camps](#)
- [Allen's Guide](#)
- [The Camp Channel](#)
- [CampPage Summer Camp Directory](#)
- [CampResource.com](#)
- [DayCamps.net](#)

- [Disability Resources, Inc.](#)
- [goCamps.com](#)
- [Kids' Camps](#)
- [SummerCamps.com](#)
- [MySummerCamps.com](#)

Can't Find What You're Looking For?

Contact a Resource Specialist at 1.800.852.0042 or FSP.CDR@unc.edu

Camps listed by specialty/condition

This listing includes both residential and day camps. Please note that some camps may be listed in more than one category. For more information on each camp, please see the listing of summer camps organized by county.

Asthma

Camp Breathe Easy
Camp Coast

Autism

ABC School of Winston Salem
Camp Boomerang
Camp G.R.A.C.E.
Camp Holiday Trails
Camp Lakey Gap
Camp Royall
Camp Tikvah
Talisman Programs Summer Camp
Tristan's Quest

Developmental Disabilities/Delays

Camp Ann
Camp Escape
Camp Free Spirit
Camp Greenleaves
Camp Joy
Camp Lee Mar
Camp Tekoa
Camp Virginia Jaycee
Community Connections Family Life Center Summer Day Camp
Happy Day Camp
Mecklenburg Therapeutic Recreation Programs
Summer Enrichment Camp
Summer Teen Fun Camp
Summer Theater Camp

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

S.O.A.R. (Success Oriented Achievement Realized)
Talisman Programs Summer Camp

Burns

Camp Celebrate
Cheley Children's Hospital Burn Camp
Camp Holiday Trails

Cancer

Camp Carefree
Camp Courage
Camp Holiday Trails
Camp Sunshine at Sebago Lake
Victory Junction
*Camp Kesem: for children whose parents have Cancer

Chronic Illness

Camp Carefree
Camp Courage
Victory Junction

Crohn's Disease

CCFA Camp Oasis

Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Camp Sertoma
Spring Camp Cheerio

Diabetes

Camp Carolina Trails

Summershine Camp at Lutheridge

Learning Disabilities/Cognitive Delays

Camp Lee Mar
S.O.A.R (Success Oriented Achievement Realized)
Summer Enrichment Camp
Summer Teen Fun Camp
Summershine Camp at Lutheridge
Tristian's Quest

Lupus

Camp Sunshine at Sebago Lake

Muscular Dystrophy

MDA Summer Camp at Bethelwoods
MDA Summer Camp at Camp Carefree

Sickle Cell Anemia

Sickle Cell Camp

Vision Impairments

Camp Abilities at Camp Dogwood

Physical Disabilities

Adventure Amputee Camp
Camp Ann
Community Connections Family Life Center Summer Day
Camp
Camp Escape
Camp Free Spirit
Camp Joy

Inclusive of All Disabilities

All Abilities Camp
ArtVentures
Asheville YMCA
Camp Discover
Camp Easter Seals Virginia
Camp Exploration
Camp Explore
Camp Friendly
Camp Ginger Cascades
Camp Hanes YMCA
Camp Pisgah Girl Scout Camp
Carrboro Recreation and Parks Camps
Durham Recreation and Parks Camps
Happiness Retreat
Hugs Camp
Johnson YMCA Summer Day Camp
Keyauwee Program Center
Summer Theater Camp
Wings of Eagles Ranch

Camps listed by county

Alamance County

All Abilities Camp

4705 Nicks Rd.

Mebane, NC 27302

<http://www.nctridders.org/id47.html>

(919) 304-1009

Type: Day

Age: 5 to 16

Type of Disability: Inclusive

Description: Hosted by the North Carolina Therapeutic Riding Center, this camp is open to children with and without disabilities. Campers participate in a variety of activities, including horseback riding, arts and crafts, learning about farm animals and painting ponies.

Cost: \$375 per week

2014 Camp Dates: Various week-long sessions June-August, Monday-Friday, 9am-2pm.

Session 1: June 16-20

Session 2: June 23-27

Session 3: July 7-11

Session 4: July 14-18

Session 5: August 4-8

Notes: Some scholarships are available, as well as sibling and multi-week discounts

Camp Free Spirit

6657 Kimesville Rd.

Liberty, NC

www.koppertop.org/CampFreeSpirit.html

(336) 565-9723

Type: Day

Age: 2 and up

Type of Disability: Inclusive of physical or developmental disabilities

Description: Camp Free Spirit is an inclusive day camp that uses the outdoors and animals, especially horses, to teach individuals with and without disabilities both everyday living skills and an understanding of animals and the great outdoors. This inclusive program allows campers to learn from each other, and encourages siblings to participate together. Other activities include a hayride, cookout, arts and crafts, and scavenger hunts. Helmets and safety stirrups are provided, and adapted equipment available if needed. All teaching is adapted to each person's needs, and campers can have a 1:1 ratio if necessary. Camp facilities are wheelchair accessible.

Cost: \$25 registration fee, \$175 per week.

2014 Camp Dates: Various week-long sessions June-August, please see website for exact dates. Camp is Monday-Friday, 9am-3pm.

Camp Greenleaves

Lake Cammack Park and Marina

4790 Union Ridge Rd.

Burlington, NC 27217

www.burlingtonnc.gov/index.aspx?NID=1330

(336) 222-5030

Type: Day

Age: 5 to 21

Type of Disability: Mild to moderate developmental disabilities

Description: Camp Greenleaves is a five-week summer day camp for youth with developmental disabilities/delays who reside in Alamance County and attend the Alamance/Burlington school system. Campers are divided

Cost: \$40 registration fee; camp is sponsored by the Burlington Recreation and Parks Department.

2014 Camp Dates: June 17-July 19. Camp is Monday-Friday, 9am-3pm.

into five groups with four counselors per group and will rotate to different areas of camp daily. Activities include swimming, arts and crafts, sports and games, character building, nature studies, and free time. There are also several field trips planned throughout the summer.

Buncombe County

Asheville YMCA Summer Camp

30 Woodfin St.

Asheville, NC 28801

www.ymcawnc.org/centers/asheville/programs/youth/camp
(828) 210-9622

Type: Day Camp

Age: Camp Discovery: Rising K-5th, **LIT (Leaders in training):** Rising 6th-8th, **CIT (Counselors in Training):** Rising 9th-12th

Type of Disability: Inclusive

Description: Activities include nature hikes, camp songs, group games, arts & crafts, swimming, outdoor exploration, water play, drama, sports and games, and weekly field trips.

Cost: \$155-\$165 per week with a one-time registration fee of \$50-\$75 per family.

2014 Camp Dates: Various week-long sessions June-August, organized by camper age and theme. See website for exact dates.

Notes: The Y accepts vouchers for camps at the Buncombe, McDowell and Henderson County locations. There is also financial assistance available.

Camp Lakey Gap

222 Fern Way

Black Mountain, NC 28711

www.christmount.org/camplakeygap/index.htm

(828) 669-8977 or (828) 669-6301

Type: Overnight

Age: 4-17; one week for over 18

Type of Disability: Autism Spectrum

Description: Camp Lakey Gap welcomes anyone on the autism spectrum to come and enjoy a summer camp experience. It offers a unique program approach of therapeutic recreation using visually structured programming, 1:1 and 1:2 positive support from well-trained college and graduate students, development of independent living skills, and opportunities for engaging in social interaction with peers. All activities cater to a camper's individual needs and interests, whether they include insects, reptiles, outer space, Pokemon, Star Wars, or anything else.

Cost: \$200 deposit with application; \$1,725 per week for the first child and \$1,525 per week for a second child.

2014 Camp Dates: Various week-long sessions June-August organized by camper age and level of functioning. See website for exact dates.

Notes: Payment plans and some scholarship options are available based on family income.

Camp Tikvah

Asheville Jewish Community Center

236 Charlotte St.

Asheville, NC 28801

www.jccasheville.org/index.php?submenu=CampRuach&src=gendocs&ref=camptikvah&category=CampRuach

(828) 253-0701, x107 (Camp Director)

Type: Day Camp

Ages: Rising 1st-3rd grade

Type of Disability: Autism Spectrum

Description: Camp Tikvah enables children on the autism spectrum to enjoy the fun and community of Camp Ruach in

Cost: \$330 per week for Asheville JCC members; \$430 per week for non-members.

2014 Camp Dates:

-June 17-21

-June 24-28

-July 1-5

-July 8-12

Camp is Monday-Friday, 9am-3:30pm.

Notes: Space is limited to six campers per session;

an individually monitored and highly structured program. A collaboration between Autism Consulting and Training, Inc. and Camp Ruach, Camp Tikvah is a unique four-week experience that allows these special kids to participate in as many peer activities as is individually appropriate. Well-trained counselors focus on sensory issues, communication, socialization, community and fun.

Summer Enrichment Camp

West Asheville Recreation Center
970 Haywood Road
Asheville, NC 28802

www.ashevilleenc.gov/Departments/ParksRecreation/recreation/TherapeuticPrograms.aspx

(828) 259-5483

Type: Day

Age: 6 to 13

Type of Disability: Inclusive

Description: Summer enrichment camp is a 9 week camp for youth with and without disabilities. Campers enjoy activities in an inclusive group environment such as group games, arts and crafts, nature exploration, special events and field trips.

Summer Teen Fun Camp

West Asheville Recreation Center
970 Haywood Road
Asheville, NC 28802

www.ashevilleenc.gov/Departments/ParksRecreation/recreation/TherapeuticPrograms.aspx

(828) 259-5483

Type: Day

Age: Middle & High School

Type of Disability: Mild to moderate cognitive or developmental delays

Activities: This is a week-long camp for youth with and without disabilities. Campers enjoy activities in an inclusive environment, including group games, arts and crafts, nature exploration, special events and field trips.

Summer Theatre Camp

Dr. Wesley Grant Southside Community Center
285 Livingston Street
Asheville, NC 28802

www.ashevilleenc.gov/Departments/ParksRecreation/recreation/TherapeuticPrograms.aspx

(828) 277-1315

Type: Day

Age: All ages

Type of Disability: Inclusive

Description: This is a four-week camp for youth, teens and adults with disabilities who want to experience acting and drama. Campers will work together to put on a small production at the end of camp.

registration opens February 10, contact Seth Kellam (Camp Director) to arrange an interview: (828) 253-0701 x107

Cost: TBA

2014 Camp Dates: *Exact dates will be posted in April.*

Registration begins in May. Camp is Monday-Friday, 9:30am-5:30pm.

Notes: Asheville Parks and Rec provides financial assistance for campers. To find out if your child qualifies, apply in advance at the West Asheville Recreation Center (970 Haywood Road, (828) 251-4031). Applications may take up to two weeks to process.

Cost: TBA

2014 Camp Dates: Various weeks June-August, *exact dates will be posted in April.*

Registration begins in May. Camp is Monday-Friday, 10am-5:30pm.

Notes: Asheville Parks and Rec provides financial assistance for campers. To find out if your child qualifies, apply in advance at the West Asheville Recreation Center (970 Haywood Road, (828) 251-4031). Applications may take up to two weeks to process.

Cost: TBA

2014 Camp Dates: Camp runs through June and July. *Exact dates will be posted in April.*

Notes: Asheville Parks and Rec provides financial assistance for campers. To find out if your child qualifies, apply in advance at the West Asheville Recreation Center (970 Haywood Road, (828) 251-4031). Applications may take up to two weeks to process.

Summershine Camp at Lutheridge

2049 Upper Laurel Dr.
Arden, NC 28704

www.novusway.com/our-programs/summer-camp/summershine.aspx

(828) 684-2361

Type: Overnight

Age: 15+

Type of Disability: Mild to moderate learning and developmental disabilities.

Description: The focus of this camp is on building faith and having fun. Campers are challenged to make new friends and experience new adventures. All programs are designed for campers who are independent in personal hygiene, non-aggressive and generally compliant. There are two different programs: **Holiday Summershine** is for ACTIVE campers, with activities that include games, hiking, arts and crafts, swimming, canoeing, and bible study. **Hilltop Summershine** is for campers who are less mobile (although campers still go on hikes so this program would not be appropriate for individuals in wheelchairs). Activities include crafts, games, bible study, and karaoke, with lots of opportunities for rest periods in between.

Cost:

- Register by March 12: \$474 per session
- Register March 13-April 11: \$499 per session
- Register April 12-May 11: \$508 per session
- Register after May 12: \$518 per session

2014 Camp Dates:

- Holiday Summershine:** June 8-14 or July 20-26 (Christmas in July theme)
- Hilltop Summershine:** July 13-19

Notes: Campers may only attend one session. Some scholarships are available based on family income.

Camp Tekoa Special Needs Day Camp

United Methodist Camp Tekoa
211 Thomas Road
Hendersonville, NC 28793

www.camptekoa.org/summer-camps/summer-camps/special-needs#

(828) 692-6516 or (828) 696-3699

Type: Day

Age: 8 to 12

Type of Disability: Developmental disability

Description: Special Needs Day Camp is an inclusive program where campers with developmental disabilities can enjoy full participation in activities alongside other elementary day campers. The camper to staff ratio is lower in these weeks to be able to encourage and support all campers. Activities include arts and crafts, games, songs, zip line, boating, swimming and nature hikes.

Cabarrus County

Cost: \$50 registration fee; \$215 per session

2014 Camp Dates: June 23-27 or July 7-11. Camp is Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm.

Notes: Partial scholarships are available for a limited number of campers.

Wings of Eagles Ranch

4800 Faith Trails
Concord, NC 28025

www.wingsofeaglesranch.org

(704) 784-3147

Type: Day

Age: 4 and up

Type of Disability: All disabilities

Cost: \$50 deposit; \$200 to \$300 per week depending on session (see website for exact pricing).

2014 Camp Dates: Various week-long camps June-August, see website for exact dates. Camps are Monday-Friday, 8am-3pm.

Notes: Camp registration opens February 15

Description: Wings of Eagles Ranch is a nonprofit specializing in therapeutic horseback riding, which provides benefits such as increased flexibility and balance, increased confidence and self-esteem, enhanced socialization skills and more. Camp activities include organized therapeutic horseback riding, a ropes course and other outdoor activities. A variety of themes are offered during different weeks throughout the summer, please see website for more details.

Camp Ginger Cascades

2090 Scout Rd.

Lenoir, NC 28645

www.gingercascades.org/

(828) 758-5321

Type: Day and Overnight

Age: 7-17 (Girls only)

Type of Disability: Inclusive of physical disabilities, mild to moderate developmental disabilities, deaf or hard of hearing, vision impairments and ADHD

Description: Located in the foothills of Western North Carolina, this camp is operated by the Girl Scouts and open to all girls. The camp offers an inclusive environment and aims to help campers develop into strong, confident leaders with a passion for the outdoors and a dedication for helping. There are a wide variety of day and overnight camp options throughout the summer, organized by length, age group and theme. Activities may include boating, climbing wall, nature, arts & crafts, swimming, etc.

Caldwell County

Cost: \$150 to \$405 per session, depending on length and type (day or overnight). See website for exact prices

2014 Camp Dates: Various three, five and six day long sessions June-August, organized by age and theme. See website for exact dates

Notes: Girls do not have to be a member of the Girl Scouts to attend this camp. Discount for those who register before March 17.

Camp Abilities at Camp Dogwood

7062 Camp Dogwood Dr.

Sherrills Ford, NC 28573

<http://www.raisingcane.org/?section=camp-abilities-nc>

(828) 478-2755

Type: Overnight

Age: 10-17

Type of Disability: Visual impairment/blindness

Description: Camp Abilities is a week-long sports camp designed to meet the unique needs of children with visual impairments. Campers explore and learn individual and group sports to optimize their potential to improve and sustain health and well-being throughout their lives.

Catawba County

Cost: \$100; sighted individuals may attend for \$150

2014 Camp Dates: July 7 – 12.

Catham County

Camp Royall

250 Bill Ash Rd.

Cost: \$1,700 per overnight session, \$500 per day session

Moncure, NC 27559

www.camproyall.org

(919) 542-1033

Type: Overnight and Day

Age: 4 to adult

Type of Disability: Autism Spectrum

Description: Operated by the Autism Society of North Carolina, this is the nation's largest summer camp for people on the Autism spectrum. Campers participate in typical camp activities such as swimming, hiking, boating and arts and crafts in a structured environment designed to meet the unique needs of each camper. Counselor to camper ratios are 1:1 or 1:2. Campers are assigned to weeks according to their age and level of functioning.

2014 Camp Dates: Various week-long sessions June-August organized by age and level of functioning, see website for exact dates. Each camp begins on Sunday afternoon and ends on Friday afternoon.

Notes: 10% discount for second child registered and 20% discount for each additional child. For overnight sessions, fees are based on a tier system. Families can choose to pay the full cost, \$1,300 or \$900 depending on income level. A limited number of full scholarships are also available.

Durham County

ArtVentures

Holton Career and Resource Center

401 N. Driver St.

Durham, NC 27701

<http://durhamnc.gov/ich/op/prd/Pages/Home.aspx>

(919) 560-4355

Type: Day

Age: 10 to 21

Type of Disability: Inclusive

Description: This is a theater-based program for youth with and without disabilities that provides an encouraging environment in which to explore various components of the arts such as visual arts, dance, singing, and acting. Throughout the course of this 3-week camp, participants, volunteers, and staff will work together using the skills they have learned to create a live theater production to be performed at the conclusion of camp.

Cost:

-City residents with Play More card: \$118.75 per session

-City residents w/out Play More card: \$132 per session

-Non-city residents with Play More card: \$141.25 per session

-Non-city residents w/out Play More card: \$157 per session

2014 Camp Dates: June 30-July 18. Camp is Monday-Friday, 7:30am-6pm

Notes: Discounts available for families registering multiple children. Payments can be made based on a sliding scale fee based on family income. Application is available online.

Camp Discover

Lyon Park

1200 W. Lakewood Ave.

Durham, NC 27701

<http://durhamnc.gov/ich/op/prd/Pages/Home.aspx>

(919) 560-4355

Type: Day Camp

Age: 5-11

Type of Disability: Inclusive

Description: This program offers participants the opportunity to gain the full summer camp experience in a supportive environment with a 1:3 staff to participant ratio. Campers will be encouraged to utilize existing skills as well as develop new ones. If a camper requires individualized support at a 1:1 ratio, the family may be required to provide additional care.

Cost:

-City residents with Play More card: \$118.75 per session

-City residents w/out Play More card: \$132 per session

-Non-city residents with Play More card: \$141.25 per session

-Non-city residents w/out Play More card: \$157 per session

2014 Camp Dates:

-June 16-20

-June 23-27

-June 30-July 3

-July 7-11

-July 14-18

-July 21-25

-July 28-August 1

-August 4-8

-August 11-15

Camp is Monday-Friday, 7:30am-6pm

Notes: Sibling and multi-week registration discounts available. Payments can be made based on a sliding scale fee based on family income. Application is available online.

Camp Explore

Holton Career and Resource Center
401 N. Driver St.
Durham, NC 27701
<http://durhamnc.gov/ich/op/prd/Pages/Home.aspx>
(919) 560-4355

Type: Day

Age: 13 to 21

Type of Disability: Inclusive

Description: Campers will be given the opportunity to develop life skills and expand their leisure interests in a supportive environment at a 1:4 staff to participant ratio. If your adolescent is relatively independent and you believe inclusion is not the best option, or if he/she is older than 16 (the maximum age for inclusion in other programs in Durham Parks and Rec camps), you are welcomed to register for this camp.

Cost:

- City residents with Play More card: \$118.75 per session
- City residents w/out Play More card: \$132 per session
- Non-city residents with Play More card: \$141.25 per session
- Non-city residents w/out Play More card: \$157 per session

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- June 16-20
- June 23-27
- June 30-July 3
- July 7-11
- July 14-18
- July 21-25
- July 28-August 1
- August 4-8
- August 11-15

Camp is Monday-Friday, 7:30am-6pm

Notes: Sibling and multi-week registration discounts available. Payments can be made based on a sliding scale fee based on family income. Application is available online.

ABC School of Winston-Salem

3902 Old Vineyard Rd.
Winston-Salem, NC 27104
www.abcofnc.org/services/summer-program/
(336) 251-1180 ext. 107

Type: Day

Age: 3-21

Type of Disability: Autism Spectrum

Description: ABC of NC Child Development Center's Summer Education Program combines the fun of a summer day camp with an evidence-based educational program. Children learn through peer and play interaction in a fun and inclusive group environment. Each child's camp experience is tailored to his or her unique needs through the creation of an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) by a team of experienced education professionals prior to the beginning of camp. Please note that children attending the Summer Education Program must have no significant aggressive, self-injurious or destructive behaviors.

Forsyth County

Cost: \$2,625 per session for students with autism; \$400 per session for typically developing students

2014 Camp Dates:

- April-May: IEP meetings
 - Camp sessions: June 18-August 5
- Camp is Monday-Friday, 8:45am-2:45pm

Notes: Some scholarships are available for families with income less than \$50,000 per year or less than \$70,000 per year if registering multiple children

Guilford County

Camp Ann

High Point Lake City Park
602 W. Main St.
Jamestown, NC 27862
www.highpointnc.gov/pr/special_pop.cfm
(336) 883-3481 or (336) 883-3477

Type: Day

Age: 5 and up

Type of Disability: Inclusive of physical & developmental disabilities

Description: Campers can participate in activities such arts & crafts, swimming, outdoor recreation and field trips in an inclusive environment. Lunch and one snack are provided.

Cost: \$55 per week

2014 Camp Dates: Various week-long sessions June 11 – August 22, see website for exact dates.

Camp Carefree

275 Carefree Ln.
Stokesdale, NC 27357
www.campcarefree.org
(336) 427-0966 or (336) 427-0962

Type: Overnight

Age: 6 to 18

Type of Disability: Neurological disorders, cancer, spina bifida, hemophilia, sickle cell, muscular dystrophy, siblings of children with a chronic illness, children of a chronically ill parent.

Description: Camp Carefree provides children with serious health problems an opportunity to play, learn and have fun with other who encounter similar difficulties. Activities include horseback riding, canoeing, fishing, climbing a rock wall, zip lining, arts & crafts, and more.

Cost: Free

2014 Camp Dates: Various week-long camps offered June-August organized by disorder, including weeks for siblings of a chronically ill child and children of a chronically ill parent; see website for exact dates. Each session is Sunday-Saturday.

Camp Joy Day Camp

5920 Hagan-Stone Park Rd.
Pleasant Garden, NC 27313
www.greensboro-nc.gov/index.aspx?page=1097
(336) 373-2954

Type: Day

Age: 5 to adult

Type of Disability: Physical or developmental disabilities, hearing and visual impairments

Description: Camp Joy offers two three-week sessions for individuals with developmental disabilities and a one-week session for individuals with physical disabilities. Facilities include six cabins, a multipurpose building, an arts and crafts shelter, a playground, and a pool. Activities include arts and crafts, music, swimming, sports and outdoor activities as well as talent shows, dances, movie days, and theme weeks. Campers who need personal assistance are welcome to have personal assistance accompany them at camp.

Cost: \$55 per week

2014 Camp Dates:

For campers with developmental disabilities:

-June 16 – July 3

-July 14 – August 1

For campers with physical disabilities:

-July 7 - 11

Community Connections Family Life Center Summer Discovery Camp

153 E. Bellevue Dr.
High Point, NC 27265
www.healthy-triad.org/index.html
(336) 884-7179 or (336) 883-0650

Type: Day

Age: 1 to 12

Type of Disability: Inclusive of physical & developmental disabilities

Description: Camps are designed to foster emotional, cognitive and physical growth through art, stories, drama, music, computers and outdoor exercise. All children are taught in a literacy-rich environment that offers a variety of activities within a developmentally appropriate curriculum that addresses school readiness, character development and social skills. Speech, physical and occupational therapy is also available for campers who require those services.

Cost: TBA

2014 Camp Dates: Please contact the center for exact dates; weeks and pricing may vary.

Hugs Camp

Haw River State Park
339 Conference Center Dr.
Browns Summit, NC 27214
www.dionc.org/youth/hugs-camp.html
(800) 448-8775

Type: Overnight

Age: 8 and up

Type of Disability: Inclusive

Description: HUGS is a unique camp for unique people, bringing together young people of diverse abilities. Campers with special needs are paired with one or more "helper" campers, who assist the special-needs campers with all the activities of camp life. Needs may range from needing assistance in bathing, eating, and/or dressing to help getting around or just having a friend to encourage participation. Helper Campers take part in a day of training with counselors and nurses to learn how to care for the campers.

Cost: \$390

2014 Camp Dates: July 6-13

Notes: Scholarships are available to participants who have their scholarship application form signed by a priest or youth minister at their parish.

Sickle Cell Camp

PO Box 2094
Greensboro, NC 27420
www.piedmonthhealthservices.org/Camp.htm
(336) 274-1507

Type: Overnight

Age: 6 to 15

Type of Disability: Sickle Cell Disease

Description: The goal of this camp is to foster the social, emotional, and physical growth of children with sickle cell disease and encourage self-confidence and independence, social skill-building and development of peer relationships. Activities include swimming, horseback riding, arts and crafts, fishing, talent show, field trips, motivational speakers, sports

Cost: Free

2014 Camp Dates: July 27-August 1

and movie nights.

Tristian's Quest

115 S. Walnut Cir.

Greensboro, NC 27409

www.tristansquest.com/programs/summer-camp

(336) 547-7460

Type: Day

Age: Rising K-3rd

Type of Disability: Autism, Asperger's, Bipolar Disorder, ADHD, Sensory Processing Disorder, Depression, Anxiety, Genetic/Chromosomal Disorders, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders and general behavioral/social concerns

Description: Tristan's Quest summer camp is an inclusive, engaging and well-supervised camp for children with and without social, emotional, behavioral and academic challenges. Staff to camper ratio is 1:3 with a maximum of ten campers per week. Each week has a different theme, please see website for more details.

Cost: \$25 registration fee; \$170 per session

2014 Camp Dates: Various week long sessions June-August organized by theme; see website for exact dates. Camp is Monday-Friday, 9am-1pm.

Notes: Campers attending five or more weeks receive a 10% discount on tuition. Siblings of campers are welcome to attend.

Talisman Programs Summer Camps

64 Gap Creek Rd.

Zirconia, NC 28790

www.talismancamps.com

(855) 588-8254

Type: Overnight

Age: 8 to 22

Type of Disability: ADHD, learning disabilities, Asperger's Syndrome and high-functioning Autism

Description: Designed to provide a fun, safe atmosphere where campers can develop increased self-esteem, trust in self and others, and the basics of good decision-making. Activities include backpacking, rock climbing, whitewater rafting, high ropes course, swimming, nature studies, arts & crafts, and special events.

Henderson County

Cost: \$2,995 per session for 13 day programs; \$4,085 per session for 19 day programs

2014 Camp Dates: Various 13 and 19 day long sessions June-August, organized by age of camper and type of disability. See website for exact dates

SOAR (Success Oriented Achievement Realized)

PO Box 388

Balsam, NC 28707

www.soarnc.org

(828) 456-3435

Type: Overnight

Age: 8 to 25

Type of Disability: Learning disabilities and ADHD

Description: Features a success-oriented, high adventure program for preteens, teens, and adults. Emphasis is placed on developing self-confidence, social skills, problem-solving techniques, a willingness to attempt new challenges and the motivation which comes through successful goal orientation.

Jackson County

Cost: \$250 registration fee; tuition is \$2,900 to \$4,400 per session depending on length; family week is \$1,000 per family

2014 Camp Dates: Various 12, 18 and 26 day long sessions June-August, organized by theme; see website for exact dates. Family Adventure Weekend is May 9-11

Notes: There are a limited number of scholarships available based on family income.

Activities include backpacking, rafting, rock climbing, llama trekking, fishing, surfing, kayaking, scuba diving and more. Includes a weekend-long family adventure camp.

Lee County

Happy Day Camp

Lee County Parks and Recreation

2303 Tramway Rd.

Stanford, NC 27331

www.leecountync.gov/Departments/ParksRecreation/RecreationPrograms/tabid/274/Default.aspx

(919) 775-2107

Type: Day

Age: 5 to 15+

Type of Disability: Developmental Disabilities

Description: Happy Day Camp is designed to involve individuals with special needs in recreational activities to increase their self-esteem and confidence. One-week sessions are held for different age groups. During camp participants have the opportunity to interact with their peers through activities such as arts and crafts, nature studies, boating, swimming and special field trips.

Cost: Free

2014 Camp Dates:

-Age 5-10: June 23-27

-Age 11-14: July 7-11

-Age 15+: July 14-18

Notes: Registration is May 1-June 20

Mecklenburg County

Camp Boomerang

9760 Happy Valley Drive

Charlotte, NC 28270

www.ymcacharlotte.org/branches/siskey/youthdev/camp/campboomerang.aspx

(704) 716-4329

Type: Day

Age: 5 to 15

Type of Disability: Autism

Description: All campers will participate side by side in an inclusive environment with typically-developing children in age appropriate activities that include nature, parachute, field sports, low ropes, tower, fishing, swimming, devotions, and arts and crafts. Campers will also take part in specialized enrichment activities several times a week. Peer buddies, 1:2 and 1:1 support can be provided for campers who have autism.

Cost: \$225 per session for Charlotte YMCA members; \$250 for non-members

2014 Camp Dates:

Session 1: June 30-July 4

Session 2: July 7-11

Session 3: July 14-18

Session 4: July 21-25

Session 5: July 28-August 1

Session 6: August 4-8

Notes: Registration takes place on a first-come first-serve basis, and campers are limited to two sessions. Financial aid is available based on family income.

Johnson YMCA Summer Day Camp

3025 N. Davidson St

Charlotte, NC 28205

www.ymcacharlotte.org/programs/youthdevelopment/camp/camp.asp

(704) 716-6362

Type: Day

Age: 5 to 12

Type of Disability: Inclusive

Description: Campers discover and build skills while working

Cost: \$65-\$125 per session for Charlotte YMCA members; \$85-\$162 for nonmembers. Prices vary by session, see website for exact rates.

2014 Camp Dates: Various week-long full and half day sessions June-August, organized by age group and theme. See website for exact dates

Notes: Registration opens February 15

as a team doing activities like swimming, games and challenges. Several different camps with different themes are offered, please see the website for more details.

MDA Summer Camp at Bethelwoods

1515 Mockingbird Ln.

Charlotte, NC 28209

www.mda.org

(704) 567-2312

Type: Overnight

Age: 6 to 17

Type of Disability: Muscular Dystrophy

Description: Activities include swimming, karaoke, boating, fishing, adaptive sports, archery, horseback riding, scavenger hunts, arts and crafts, dances and talent shows, and campfires. All activities are specially designed to be inclusive of campers who have limited mobility or who use wheelchairs.

Cost: Free

2014 Camp Dates: August 4-9

Notes: Only children registered with the Muscular Dystrophy Association are eligible to apply

Mecklenburg Therapeutic Recreation Programs

2219 Tyvola Rd.

Charlotte, NC

<http://charmec.org/mecklenburg/county/ParkandRec/Therapeutics/SummerDayCamp/>

(704) 432-4328 or (704) 432-4327

Type: Day Camp

Age: 2 to 16

Type of Disability: Developmental Disabilities

Description: The Mecklenburg Department of Parks and Recreation offers a wide variety of day camps for individuals who have disabilities that focus on their abilities and encourage them to attain their highest level of functioning by increasing leisure skills, improving social and communication skills, increasing independent living skills and increasing awareness of and involvement in community recreation activities. There are various types of camps over the summer that are organized by age group, please see website for more details.

Cost: \$100 per session

2014 Camp Dates: 8 week-long sessions, June 23 – August 15, organized by camper age and theme. Camp is Monday – Friday, 7:30am – 6 pm. See website for exact dates.

New Hanover County

Spring Camp Cheerio

1430 Camp Cheerio Rd.

Glade Valley, NC 28627

www.springcampcheerio.org

(704) 545-6688

Type: Overnight

Age: 0-15+ and family

Type of Disability: Deaf and hard of hearing

Description: This camp is designed to teach strategies for development of spoken language, including Cued Speech methodologies. During this camp weekend, children are placed in age appropriate classes where they participate in activities such as crafts, games, hiking, canoeing, archery, a

Cost: Varies by family size and type of accommodation (lodge, cabin or motel); see website for details

2014 Camp Dates: May 16-18

Notes: Registration opens in March. A limited number of scholarships are available based on family income

hillside waterslide, and more while parents attend educational sessions that include cued speech training, language facilitator training and time for sharing experiences.

Orange County

Carrboro Recreation and Parks Camps

100 N. Greensboro St.

Carrboro, NC 27510

www.carrbororec.org/

(919) 918-7392

Type: Day Camp

Age: 6 to 17

Type of Disability: Inclusive

Note: Multiple camp themes available including music, art, sports, crafts, nature and more, please see website for details. Placement based on Parks & Rec's ability to aid camper in fulfilling their needs.

Cost: \$40 registration fee; \$90-\$165 per week depending on camp

2014 Camp Dates: There are a variety of camps June-August organized by camper age and theme. Each camp is Monday-Friday and lasts for 3-4 hours per day. See website for exact dates

Camp Celebrate

101 Manning Dr.

Chapel Hill, NC 27514

(919) 966-8539

www.med.unc.edu/burn/aftercare-programs-temp/camp-celebrate-1

Type: Overnight

Age: 7 to 18

Type of Disability: Burn Survivors

Description: An annual camping experience for children who are current or former patients of the NC Jaycee Burn Center at UNC Hospitals. This camp provides opportunities to play, run, laugh, talk and have fun with campers who have had similar experiences. Activities include swimming, canoeing, arts and crafts, fishing, and an annual Sunday family picnic. Teens ages 16-18 can serve as Counselors-in-Training.

Cost: Free

2014 Camp Dates: May 16-18

Teen camp: August 22 – 24

Family Camp: September 26 - 28

Pitt County

Camp Coast

604 Medical Dr.

Greenville, NC 27835

(252) 847-6834

www.asthmacamps.org

(252) 847-6834

Type: Weekend Retreat

Age: 5 - 17 +families

Type of Disability: Asthma

Description: Camp Coast is a medical camping program that serves children with asthma and their families. Activities include canoeing, arts & crafts, hayrides, archery, swimming and more. In addition, medical professionals offer educational sessions to help campers understand asthma and how to control it.

Cost: Free

2014 Camp Dates:

-Spring Retreat: May 16-18

-Fall Retreat: September 19-21

Camp Escape

Drew Steele Center
1058 South Elm St.
Greenville, NC 27858

[www.greenvillenc.gov/departments/rec_parks_dept/informat
ion/default.aspx?id=8906](http://www.greenvillenc.gov/departments/rec_parks_dept/informat
ion/default.aspx?id=8906)

(252) 329-4270

Type: Day

Age: 5 to 21

Type of Disability: Developmental or physical disabilities

Description: Each camp is one week long and has a different theme, including art, dance, sports and nature. Please see website for more information about specific activities for each camp.

Cost: \$45 per session for Greenville residents; \$68 per session for non-Greenville residents

2014 Camp Dates: Various week-long sessions June-August organized by theme, see website for exact dates. Camps are Monday-Friday, 9am-3:15pm

Notes: Registration begins February 3

Randolph County

Keyauwee Program Center

2574 Sweetbriar Rd.
Sofia, NC 27350

www.keyauwee.com

(336) 861-1198

Type: Day and Overnight

Age: Entering grades 1-12

Type of Disability: Inclusive

Description: Keyauwee Program Center is a 350-acre facility with lakes, a swimming pool, hiking trails, a craft house, and a covered arena for horseback riding. It is owned and operated by the Girl Scouts. A variety of sessions are offered through the summer organized by theme and age group. Camp activities include swimming, boating, rock climbing, horseback riding and traditional camp activities. Please see the website for detailed information on what is offered for each session.

Cost: \$125 per day camp session; \$210-\$495 per overnight camp session; see website for details

2014 Camp Dates: Various week-long sessions in June and July organized by age group and theme, see website for exact dates. Day camps are Monday-Friday, 8:45am-4pm

Notes: Scholarships are available for current Girl Scouts. Save \$50 by registering before March 17

Camp Kesem

Keyauwee Program Center
2574 Sweetbriar Rd
Sophia, NC 27350

www.campkesem.org/northcarolina

(260) 225-3736

Type: Overnight

Age: 6 to 16

Type of Disability: Children with parents who have cancer

Description: Camp Kesem is a college student-run summer camp for kids with a parent who has (or has had) cancer. Each of the two one-week camp sessions in August are a chance for kids ages 6-16 to have a fun-filled week and just be kids. Camp Kesem focuses on giving campers the most fun week possible, while providing the extra support and attention that they need.

Cost: Free

2014 Camp Dates:

-Session I: August 4-9

-Session II: August 11-16

Notes: Campers may only attend one session.

Victory Junction

4500 Adam's Way
Randleman, NC 27317
www.victoryjunction.org
(877) 854-2267

Type: Overnight

Age: 6 to 16

Type of Disability: Chronic or serious disease, complete list on website

Description: The mission of Victory Junction is to provide life-changing camping experiences that are exciting, fun and empowering in a safe and medically-sound environment. During the summer, Victory Junction offers disease-specific sessions with up to 128 children per session.

Cost: Free

2014 Camp Dates: various week-long sessions June-August organized by type of illness; see website for exact dates. Sibling camp is July 27-31

Notes: Siblings are only admitted to the sibling camp session if their brother or sister is attending another Victory Junction camp session

Camp Sertoma

1105 Camp Sertoma Dr.
Westfield, NC 27053
www.campsertoma.org
(301) 620-2254

Type: Overnight

Age: 8 to 16

Type of Disability: Hearing impaired

Description: This camp gives individuals with hearing impairments an opportunity to experience the world and life through a unique camping program that allows them to learn more about themselves and others through a variety of experiences in a natural outdoor setting. Activities include swimming, ropes course, archery, arts and crafts, horseback riding and nature walks; older campers (ages 15 and 16) can enjoy river tubing, swimming, canoeing and rock climbing.

Richmond County

Cost: \$75 deposit; \$425 per session (additional \$25 if registering after May 1)

2014 Camp Dates: June 22-27

Notes: Campers are accepted on a first-come first-serve basis

Camp Carolina Trails

2418 Blue Ridge Rd. Suite 206
Raleigh, NC 27607
www.campcarolinatrails.org
(888) 342-2382 ext. 3217 or (919) 743-5400

Type: Overnight

Age: 8 to 17

Type of Disability: Diabetes

Description: This camp is designed to give campers the tools they need to lead happy, healthy and balanced lives. Camp activities include sports, swimming, hiking, canoeing and arts & crafts combined with diabetes education and support.

Stokes County

Cost: \$700

2014 Camp Dates: June 15 - 21

Notes: Fee may be waived in cases of financial hardship

Camp Hanes YMCA

1225 Camp Hanes Road
King, NC 27021

Cost: \$175 registration fee; \$670-\$1,429 per session, depending on camper age and day or overnight camp

www.camphanes.org

(336) 983-3131

Type: Day and Overnight

Age: 6 to 16

Type of Disability: Inclusive

Description: Nestled at the base of Sauratown Mountain 25 miles north of Winston-Salem, Camp Hanes is a Christian-led camp with staff dedicated to providing an excellent camping experience for all youth regardless of their ability. Camp Hanes offers various camps including day, residential, family, and more; see website for details.

2014 Camp Dates: Various week-long sessions June-August organized by age, theme and day or overnight session; see website for exact dates.

Notes: \$50 discount for YMCA of Northwest North Carolina members and those registering more than one camper; some financial assistance is available through the Open Doors Program (call (336) 983-3131 for more information)

Swain County

Adventure Amputee Camp

176 Saddleback Ln

Winchester, VA 22602

www.adventureamputeecamp.org

(703) 568-0074

Type: Overnight

Age: 8 to 17

Type of Disability: Missing one or more limb/Has a difference in one or more limbs

Description: This camp emphasizes outdoor adventure and hands-on learning. Activities include river rafting, high ropes and water skiing as well as bowling, crafts, games, swimming and horseback riding. All activities are modified as necessary to meet the ability and interest level of each camper.

Cost: \$25-\$50 per session

2014 Camp Dates: July 9 – 13

Notes: Scholarships are available based on family income

Transylvania County

Camp Pisgah Girl Scout Camp

570 Girl Scout Camp Rd.

Brevard, NC 28712

www.camppisgah.org

(828) 862-4435

Type: Overnight or Day

Age: Girls 4 to 17

Type of Disability: Inclusive

Description: Camp Pisgah offers a wide variety of camps for girls ages 5-17 lasting three, six or twelve days. Campers learn skills like teamwork, leadership, cooperation and compromise and take part in activities such as rock climbing, ropes course, swimming, boating, fishing, sports, horseback riding and hiking. There is also a weekend-long family camp.

Cost: \$50 registration fee; day camps are \$180 per week; prices for overnight camps vary, see website for details

2014 Camp Dates: Various week-long sessions June-August organized by age, theme and day or overnight camp; see website for exact dates. Family camp is August 1-3

Notes: Girls do not have to be members of the Girl Scouts to participate but may have to pay a small additional fee. Some scholarships are available based on family income

Wake County

Camp Exploration

2401 Wade Avenue

Raleigh, NC 27607

www.raleighnc.gov/home/content/PRecRecreation/Articles/S

Cost: \$125 per week

2014 Camp Dates: Various week-long sessions June-August organized by age and theme; see website for

[RSSummerCamps.html](#)

(919) 996-2149

Type: Day

Age: 11 and up

Type of Disability: All disabilities

Description: The focus of Camp Exploration is to provide leisure education skills that enhance independent abilities. The days will be filled with activities including sports, cooking, nature, crafts, aquatics, field trips, and more. Campers needing a higher level of supervision or 1:1 assistance must provide their own personal assistant, self-toileting needed.

Camp Friendly

2401 Wade Avenue

Raleigh, NC 27607

<http://www.raleighnc.gov/arts/content/PRecParks/Articles/ParksRecreationPublications.html> (Summer Camp 2014 Listing)

(919) 996-2110

Type: Day

Age: 6 to 21

Type of Disability: All disabilities

Description: Campers participate in active games, nature, music/movement, arts/crafts, and field trips created for participants with various developmental and/or physical disabilities. Camp is offered at 2 locations: Durant Nature Park and Carolina Pines Community Center. Ratios are 1:2 for ages 6-15 and 1:3 for ages 16-21; there are some mini and personal assistant sessions available for those needing 1:1 support, see website for details.

Camp G.R.A.C.E.

9216 Baileywick Rd

Raleigh, NC 27615

www.ymcatriangle.org/programs-and-services/camps/camp-grace-north-raleigh

(919) 845-3883

Type: Day

Age: 5 to 15 (willing to interview other ages)

Type of Disability: Pervasive Developmental Disorders or Autism

Description: Camp G.R.A.C.E. (Growth, Recognition, Achievement, Character, Encouragement) offers a typical camp experience filled with opportunities to have fun, grow, learn and make new friends. Camp is organized into alternating two-week sessions: **Social Skills**, which has a 1:3 ratio and is designed for children who do not require one-on-one assistance, and **Building Blocks**, which has a 1:2 ratio to allow for individual attention.

Happiness Retreat

Baptist Convention

205 Convention Drive

Cary, NC 27512

exact dates. Camp is Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm

Notes: Some scholarships are available for requests made by June 1; contact Raleigh Parks Department at (919) 996-4800 to apply

Cost: \$135 per week

2014 Camp Dates: Various week-long sessions June-August organized by age and theme; see website for exact dates. Camp is Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm

Notes: Some scholarships are available for requests made by June 1; contact Raleigh Parks Department at (919) 996-4800 to apply

Cost: \$432 per session for Finley YMCA or Triangle YMCA members; \$496 per session for non-members

2014 Camp Dates: Various two-week long sessions June-August organized by camper:staff ratio; see website for exact dates. Camp is Monday-Friday, 9am-2:30pm

Notes: Some financial assistance is available based on family income

Cost: Free

2014 Camp Dates:

www.ncbaptist.org

(800) 395-5102

Type: Overnight

Age: All ages

Type of Disability: Developmental, physical and hearing impairment.

Description: Happiness retreat is a 3 day, 2 night retreat for people with developmental disabilities and delays. Sponsored by the NC Baptists, the retreat is set up similar to vacation Bible School and includes Bible study, puppets, creative movement, pool time, handbells, worship and a talent show.

-July 19-21

-July 21-23

-July 24-26

-July 26-28

Out-of-State Camps

Colorado

Cheley Children's Hospital Burn Camp

13123 E. 16th Ave.

Aurora, CO 80046

(720) 777-8295

Type: Overnight

Age: 8 to 18

Type of Disability: Burn injured

Description: This program is designed to promote physical and emotional rehabilitation, social living skills and personal growth. Activities include hiking, mountain biking, camping, challenge courses, horseback riding, mountain climbing, fishing, crafts, archery, riflery, and swimming. There is also a week for families.

Cost: \$380 per camper per session

2014 Camp Dates: August 18-25; Family Camp is June 20-25

Notes: Register by June 1

Maine

Camp Sunshine at Sebago Lake

35 Acadia Way

Casco, ME 04015

www.campsunshine.org

(207) 655-3800

Type: Overnight

Age: Children (campers accepted on a case-by-case basis)

Type of Disability: Children with life threatening illness

Description: Nestled alongside the shores of beautiful Sebago Lake, Camp Sunshine provides respite, support, joy and hope to children with life-threatening illnesses and their immediate families through various stages of a child's illness. This program gives families the opportunity to rebuild their relationships together and meet other families facing similar challenges.

Cost: Free

2014 Camp Dates: Various wee-long sessions June – August, organized by type of disability/medical condition. See website for exact dates.

Pennsylvania

Camp Lee Mar

805 Redgate Rd.

Dresher, PA 19025

www.leemar.com

(215) 658-1708

Type: Overnight

Age: 7-21

Cost: \$10,100

2014 Camp Dates: June 25-August 12

Type of Disability: Mild to moderate learning and developmental disabilities.

Description: Camp Lee Mar is a seven-week residential summer camp combining traditional camp activities with an Academic and Speech program. Campers enjoy traditional camp activities as well as academics, speech and language therapy, music and art therapy, daily living skills, sensory-motor-perceptual training, and computer skills. There is also therapeutic horseback riding, a zip line and overnight trips. A structured environment, individual attention and guidance are emphasized at all times.

Georgia

Camp Breathe Easy

600 Means St.

Atlanta, GA 30318

www.campbreatheeasy.com

(404) 231-9887 ext. 223

Type: Overnight

Age: 7 to 13

Type of Disability: Asthma

Description: A 6-day, 5-night camp giving children with asthma the excitement and fun of a traditional summer camp with the advantage of staff who are responsive to their health concerns. Activities include swimming, fishing, archery, canoeing, tennis, ropes course, and arts and crafts. An extensive asthma education curriculum is incorporated into campers' weekly activities.

Cost: \$30 registration fee; \$245 per session

2014 Camp Dates: June 8-13

Notes: Scholarships are available based on family income

South Carolina

Camp Courage

Pleasant Ridge Camp and Retreat Center

4234 Highway 11

Marietta, SC 29661

scddc.recreation.state.sc.us/?q=ghsch/accessible-activity-in-sc/camp-courage

(864) 455-8741

Type: Overnight

Age: 5 to 19

Type of Disability: Blood Disorders and Cancer

Description: A program of the GHS Children's Hospital. Campers are free to play, laugh, explore and grow in a normal developmentally appropriate way. Trained counselors help to nurture campers' self-confidence and provide therapeutic opportunities for individual development. Staff provide 24-hour medical supervision to campers. Activities include traditional camp activities as well as dances, fireworks, massage therapy, therapeutic art projects and karaoke.

Cost: Free

2014 Camp Dates:

Age 5-12: June 20-27

Age 13-19: August 1-9

Virginia

Camp Easter Seals Virginia

900 Camp Easter Seals RD

New Castle, VA 24127

www.campeastersealsucp.com

(540) 777-7325

Type: Overnight

Age: 6 to adult

Type of Disability: All disabilities

Description: Camp Easter Seals Virginia offers several summer sessions for people with disabilities of all ages, as well as a family week. Campers can participate in activities such as canoeing, swimming, sports and games, climbing wall, arts and crafts, horseback riding, performing arts and much more.

Camp Holiday Trails

400 Holiday Trails Lane

Charlottesville, VA 22903

(434) 977-3781

Type: Overnight

Age: 5 to 17

Type of Diagnosis: Various diagnosis including special weeks for Autism, bleeding disorders, burn victims and siblings.

Description: Since 1973, Camp Holiday Trails has been committed to providing a positive camp experience for children with special medical needs and chronic illnesses and their families. Campers can enjoy activities such as canoeing, fishing, hiking, archery, arts and crafts, athletics, drama and music.

Camp Virginia Jaycee

2494 Camp Jaycee Road

Blue Ridge, VA 24064

www.campvajc.org

(540) 947-2972

Type: Overnight

Age: 6 to 18+

Type of Disability: Intellectual and developmental disabilities

Description: Camp Virginia Jaycee is designed to give campers new outdoor experiences that provide opportunities for socialization and recreation. Activities include swimming, arts and crafts, music, sports, dances, hayrides, skit and talent shows, campfire programs, scavenger hunts, puppet shows, singing carnivals and magicians.

Cost: \$25 registration fee; \$300 per week

2014 Camp Dates: Various week-long sessions June-August, organized by age; see website for exact dates. Family camp is August 11-16.

Notes: Some scholarships are available based on family income to cover a portion of the cost of camp; no full scholarships.

Cost: Prices are \$125-\$600 per session; see website for exact prices.

2014 Camp Dates: Various week-long sessions June-August, organized by age and disability; see website for exact dates.

Notes: Some financial assistance is available based on family income

Cost: \$775 per session

2014 Camp Dates: Various week-long sessions (Sunday-Friday) June-August organized by age; see website for exact dates. Family Camp is June 13-15.

Notes: Weekend/respite stay is available between sessions for \$250

West Virginia

CCFA Camp Oasis

Camp Tall Timbers
Route 1 Box 472
High View, WV 26808

<http://www.ccfa.org/get-involved/camp-oasis/find-a-camp/>
(703) 865-6130

Type: Overnight

Age: Grades 2 to 10

Type of Disability: Crohn's Disease/Ulcerative Colitis

Description: This week-long, co-ed residential camp program enriches the lives of children with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis by providing them with a safe and supportive camp community. Activities include visual and performing arts, land and water sports, ropes course and leadership development programs.

Cost: \$300

2014 Camp Dates: June 17-21

Notes: A limited number of partial scholarships are available based on family income