



HUNTERDON SPECIAL CHILD HEALTH SERVICES 2024 SUMMER CAMP LISTING

Inside: Information about Day & Overnight Camps for youth who have intellectual / developmental disabilities and/or chronic or acute health conditions.
Websites & Contact Numbers for Additional Camp Listings and Funding Ideas.

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If you are not sure about sending your child to summer camp or have questions about what to ask, what to pack or how to prepare your child and your family, you can go to:



Considerations for Sending
Your Child with a Disability
to Camp for the First Time

National Center on Health, Physical Activity, and Disability (www.nchpad.org, Select Articles then Fun and Leisure, then Camp Resources then Next Page.) Discover Camp is a good resource for parents of youth who have disabilities who are selecting a camp for their youth for the first time. Articles include a “checklist” of questions to ask admissions staff and insight from other parents.



Kids Health (www.kidshealth.org, Type ‘camp’ in the search box, click on Camps, you will find the following article: **Camps for Kids With Special Needs which includes topics such as: Questions to Ask and What are the Benefits of Camp. Also in Spanish.**

TIPS FOR FINDING THE RIGHT CAMP AND FINDING A WAY TO PAY FOR IT...

Many of the resources you will use to find the right camp are also connected to resources that provide financial help. Many camps also provide their own financial aid. If you need help paying for summer camp, ask the camp admission staff if they know of any programs that provide funding for *camperships* or money for camp.

NJ Children's System of Care

Contracted System Administrator — PerformCare®

PerformCare NJ

or NJ State Funding for Summer Camps
for Kids with Developmental Disabilities:

In many cases PerformCare has the ability to provide funding for summer camp for youth who are registered with them as having a developmental or intellectual disability. In some circumstances PerformCare may also fund one to one aides. Funding limits and restrictions apply.

For more information go to

PerformCareNJ.org

or call 1-877-652-7624

If your child has a specific diagnosis such as Spina Bifida, Leukemia, Cystic Fibrosis, Asthma or Diabetes ask your specialist's nurse or social worker, or the local or national chapter of your support organization about funding.

Try 211, or your county helpline,
Hunterdon Helpline: 908-735-4357 /
1-800-272-4630.

Ask your child's child study team Case Manager or Guidance Counselor, they may be aware of summer programs and funding resources.

You can also call your child's Special Child Health Services (SCHS) Case Manager. SCHS Case Managers may be able to help find funding for camp.

SCHS Hunterdon County call (609) 681-7481 or

email sfreedman@hhsnj.org

SCHS Somerset County (908) 725-2366

SCHS Mercer County (609) 588-8460

SCHS Middlesex County (732) 745-3100

SCHS Warren County (908) 475-7960 x7035

Other Counties call (609) 777-7778

Another great place to contact is The Arc.

Each Arc has a family support unit that may be aware of local resources. Most have their own summer programs.

You can also contact the Arc of New Jersey's Family Institute

www.arcnj.org (732) 828-2022 or (732) 246-2526,

They will also give you the number for your local Arc.

The Arc of Hunterdon County www.archunterdon.org (908) 730-7827

The Arc of Somerset County www.thearcofsomerset.org (908) 725-8544

The Arc of Middlesex County www.arc-Middlesex.org (732) 247-8155

The Arc of Warren County www.arcwarren.org (908) 689-7525

The Arc of Mercer County www.arcmercer.org (609) 393-2483

A new place to call is your local **Family Success Center** (counties not listed below go to www.state.nj.us/dcf/families/support/success/)

Hunterdon County Harvest Family Success Center 908-237-0465,
website hcfsc.com

Somerset County 908-722-4400

Warren County 908-213-2674

Mercer- South Ward 609-695-6275, North Ward 609-393-2980

Please Note: Resources and organizations named in this newsletter are provided for your research purposes only. Information about resources and organizations is taken directly from descriptions offered by them. Special Child Health Services, Hunterdon Medical Center or Hunterdon Health are not liable for any conflicts arising from your use of these resources.

SUMMER PROGRAMS IN OR CLOSE TO HUNTERDON COUNTY

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ABILITY CAMP FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS ymcabhc.org/camp/ability



Ability Camp is a “camp within a camp” designed for youth who, in order to be safe and successful, require smaller ratios than what you may find in a traditional camp environment. Ability Camp is a fully mainstreamed, inclusive program that provides support for children and adolescents, in smaller ratios, alongside their age-similar peers of all abilities. Counselors work to provide physical, emotional, behavioral, and cognitive support to help campers fully participate and succeed in outdoor/indoor camp activities. To be successful in Ability Summer Camp, campers should be mainstreamed at least part of the day during school and be successful in a 1:3 ratio. Campers also must be independent with toileting and feeding. Students who require 1:1 support for any of the above are welcome at Ability Camp with the assistance of a personal care aid, TSS, or other support person provided by the family. Season runs through mid August. Ability Camp is available at the following locations: Camp Carr, Deer Path/Flemington, Doylestown, Quakertown. Contact via website or 215-999-9622.



HOPE FOR ALL LEARNERS hopeforalllearners.com

Offers a variety of summer programs. Located in Lebanon, NJ. Ages 5-18. Full day, Half day and Friday programs. Sensory Suite Program for students who need the most support. Summer Nights Out program Wednesdays June 26-August 14. Contact: hopeforalllearners@gmail.com or 908-388-5108.



**RIDING WITH
HEART**
Hunterdon Equine Assisted
Recreation and Therapy

RIDING WITH HEART

www.ridingwithheart.org Pittstown

Inclusive summer Learning Programs bring together children ages 5-13 with and without disabilities in unique lessons designed to promote learning, acceptance, and fun through equine-related activities. Riders can choose from one of their unique specialty equine programs. Students will participate in daily horseback riding lessons, arts and crafts, and horsemanship activities along with activities designed for each specialized session. Team building activities include games, barn chores, and other activities that build new friendships. Contact: info@ridingwithheart.org or 908-735-5912.



MANE STREAM
unbridled possibilities
For Children and Adults
with Special Needs

MANE STREAM SUMMER DAY CAMP www.manestreamnj.org (formerly Somerset Hills Handicapped Riding Center)

Limited Spaces Available, waitlists have started. An inclusive summer day camp for children of ALL abilities where activities are tailored to each camper's individual needs (ages 4 and up). This camp provides an excellent introduction to horses and riding in a safe and secure environment. Activities include: daily riding lessons, horsemanship, games, crafts, and more. Oldwick, NJ.

Contact: Kathy Dermody, 908-439-9636, email: kathy@manestreamnj.org. *accepts PerformCare funding.



SUMMER PROGRAMS IN OR CLOSE TO HUNTERDON COUNTY



THE ARC OF WARREN COUNTY

CAMP WARREN RECREATION SUMMER PROGRAM

www.arcwarren.org 908-689-7525 x209 Knowlton, NJ. Information from prior years: Camp Warren Day Camp is for ages 5 and up. Camp features a low camper to staff ratio of 3 to 1. Campers are grouped according to their age and are involved in daily activities which include swimming, music, sports, nature education, arts and crafts and day trips. Transportation provided free of charge within Warren County. Financial aid may be available. mgubich@arcwarren.org. *accepts PerformCare funding.

THE ARC OF SOMERSET COUNTY CAMP JOTONI www.thearcofsomerset.org



Prior years' information: A day & overnight camp for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Typically runs until Friday before Labor Day. Before and after care have been available in the past for an extra fee. RN or LPN staffs infirmary. In the past has had a session that runs from 1pm-5pm for campers in extended school programs. Facilities include: swimming pool, dining hall and five cabins for residential camp. Transportation may be available. Contact: 908-725-8544 or 908-725-7868, 51 Old Stirling Road, Warren, NJ. * accepts PerformCare funding.



SSBJCC CAMP RUACH AND CAMP CHAVERIM jcccampuach.org

(SHIMON AND SARA BIRNBAUM JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER) hover over "Age Groups" and you will see and inclusion camp for ages 3-14 (1:1 ratio) and Camp Chaverim for ages 15 +. Bridgewater, NJ. For more information contact Alan Sun, asun@ssbjcc.org or 908-443-9037.



THE HUNTERDON COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT 908-782-1158

www.co.hunterdon.nj.us Click on Parks & Recreation. Variety of day camps and programs.



TO FIND CAMPS RUN BY YMCAS go to www.ymca.org . For the Hunterdon

County YMCA see listing on previous page or go to hcyma.org. Also see MAC Camp Program which works with Frost Valley YMCA and Dragonfly Forest at Camp Speers. The YMCA of Greater Somerset and Mercer County Family YMCA have offered programs for youth who have special needs in the past.

MORE SPECIALTY CAMPS

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CAMP AKEELA campaakeela.com

Camp Akeela, "where quirky campers thrive" is a summer camp for social skills. It offers programs for kids who have completed grades 3-12 as well as a family camp. "When neurodivergent kids and teens come together in a traditional camp setting, amazing things happen. This sense of belonging and community – paired with ongoing, informal coaching from our skilled counselors – leads to unmatched growth in social skills, executive functioning, self-advocacy, independence, flexibility, and so much more!" Programs include overnight camp, family camp, life skills and college readiness. Thetford Center, VT Contact: 866-680-4744.



ARTHUR C. LUF CHILDREN'S BURN CAMP www.ctburnsfoundation.org



The Arthur C. Luf Children's Burn Camp is the only one of its kind in the Northeast. All children attend free of charge. All expenses for lodging, meals, arts/crafts, activities and programs are paid for by the Foundation. Active and retired firefighters from fire departments along the East Coast, medical personnel trained in treating burns and burn survivors round out the team of counselors for the children. Youth ages 8-18 from all over the world are welcome. Killingworth, CT. July 21-28, 2024
Contact: 203-878-6744, email: cbcf@burnsfoundation.org.



CAROUSEL CONNECTIONS www.carouselconnections.com

Information from prior years: A supportive summer residential environment that promotes further development of "transition-related" skills and independence. Teenagers and young adults with special needs undergo vocational training and learn essential self care, communication and community living skills. Programs include: Independent Living Experiences, Community Building, Employment Opportunities and Thinking Ahead Planning. Contact: (215) 948-2527. Located in Philadelphia, PA.



CAMP CHATTERBOX CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL

csh.recdesk.com Ages 5-21 Camp Chatterbox is for: Children and youth who currently communicate using dynamic voice output AAC systems, are able to participate in therapy and recreation activities without requiring one-to-one behavioral support, demonstrate a range of skills using AAC devices including but not limited to: engaging in play activities and using device to answer questions with 1 or 2 symbol responses; responding to more complex syntactic abilities addressing critical thinking and/or pragmatic language goals. August 11 to 17, 2024 Contact 908-301-5503, campchatterbox@childrens-specialized.org.



THE DOUBLE H RANCH www.doublehranch.org

Provides specialized programs and year-round support for children and their families dealing with life-threatening illnesses. Double H Ranch offers residential sessions. Campers are children, age 6-16 during regular session and ages 17-21 during the alumni session. Campers must function at a cognitive age of at least 6 years old. The camp gives children dealing with critical or life-threatening illnesses the chance to experience the magic of the Adirondacks. The Double H Ranch provides camp experiences that are medically sound, memorable, exciting, fun and empowering. The fully equipped medical facility is staffed 24 hours a day by onsite doctors and nurses. Medical facility allows the camp to provide a physically safe camp experience for all children.

CAMP INSPIRATION June 12-16, 2024. Double H Ranch hosts Camp Inspiration, a week long family program for children (ages 5-21 years old) who require respiratory assistance, such as BIPAP, CPAP, supplemental oxygen or are ventilator dependent. Camp Inspiration allows campers to participate in typical summer camp activities including swimming, high ropes, arts and crafts, and the chance to participate in a camp dance, talent show and campfire. All programs are FREE. Offers year round programs. Located in Lake Luzerne, NY. Phone 518-696-5676.



DRAGONFLY FOREST/ CAMP SPEERS YMCA

campspeersymca.org On the website for Camp Speers click on "Summer Camp" then on "Dragonfly Forest." The Dragonfly Forest specialty camp is a traditional overnight program for kids with Autism and 22Q, 1:3 staff ratio. They also offer Explorers Camp for ages 18-28, for life skills, 1:4 staff ratio. Other specialty camps include: LGBTQIA+, Farm Camp, Top Chef, Art Attack and Midnight Madness (for kids that like to sleep in). Dingmans Ferry, Pa, Phone 570-828-2329 campers@philymca.org.

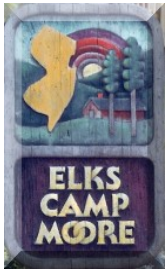




CAMP DUNNABECK AT THE KILDONAN SCHOOL

www.kildonan.org Camp Dunnabeck accepts average to above-average students ages 8-16 who have dyslexia or a language-based learning difference. The camp's outdoor setting,

informal atmosphere, and varied recreational program enables students to work hard without feeling that they are being deprived of a summer. They concentrate on those activities that develop self-confidence and creativity as failure in school seems to inhibit creativity as well as erode confidence. Program runs from June 29 to August 10, 2024. Kent, CT. Contact: (845)-373-8111.



ELKS CAMP MOORE www.njelks.org

Go to www.njelks.org, on left side of screen look for rainbow circle that says Elks Camp Moore, just below that click on "click here." Information from prior years: The primary goal of Elks Camp Moore is to further develop the recreational and social skills of each child. In a relaxed and accepting atmosphere, each camper experiences new adventures, lasting friendships and opportunities that promote independence and greater self-confidence. Ages 7 to 18 years (as well as young adult week 19-21), ratio of counselors to children is usually 2:1 or 1:1. Elks Camp Moore provides 700-800 camperships each summer. Nurses on staff. Each child must be sponsored by their local Elks Lodge, with the full cost of attendance paid by the Lodge. Pompton Lakes, NJ. The children attend at no cost to their families. Parents should contact their nearest Elks Lodge and ask to speak to the Special Needs Children's Chairman. They will help obtain an application for your child. If you experience difficulty in contacting the nearest lodge contact the state office at: **732-326-1300, Clinton Elks 908-735-8531, Flemington Elks 908-782-8759, Lambertville Elks 609-397-4210.**



CAMP FATIMA OF NEW JERSEY www.campfatimanj.org

A place to meet friends, play games and spend time in the sun, regardless of a disability. For over 50 years, Camp Fatima's Summer Camp has provided a special place for school age children, offering campers a chance to pick from one of the week-long sleep away sessions in August. There is no charge for campers to attend Camp Fatima. Each camper is assigned his or her own counselor who provides 24 hour a day individualized care with the help of a team of registered nurses, lifeguards, counselors, administrators, as well as kitchen, arts and crafts, and activities staff. In the past the age range has been ages 5-21, adult programs also offered. Contact: applications@campfatimanj.org.



GROWING GREEN easterseals.com/esep

Scroll down the page and click on *Growing Green overnight camp*. Campers gain environmental awareness and learn organic gardening in specially designed gardens while also enjoying traditional camp activities like hiking, canoeing, arts & crafts, games, music, swimming and campfires. An optional career experience track is available for campers who want to explore career opportunities. On site nurse. Ages 10 and up, Growing Green welcomes campers with a wide range of care needs, staffing ratio is 1:3, Growing Green is located at the Pocono Environmental Education Center within the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. Contact: camp@esep.org, 610-289-0114 x209 (phone number is from prior years).



HAPPINESS IS CAMPING
a camp for kids with cancer since 1982

HAPPINESS IS CAMPING happinessiscamping.org

A free camp for youth ages 6-25 who have or who have had cancer or sickle cell and their siblings, Camps for: ages 6-15, teen program ages 16-17, family camp ages 6-16, young adults weekend ages 18-25, sickle cell family camp ages 5-12. Camp requires that the child's personal physician determine the child is well enough to attend. The medical staff includes oncology doctors and nurses who provide medical supervision of the highest quality. See website for Summer 2024 dates. Hardwick, NJ 07825. Contact: Rich Campbell, Phone: 908-362-6733 E-mail: rich@happinessiscamping.org.





CAMP HAPPY TIMES www.thevaleriefund.org

Click on *For Patients and Families*, then on the left *Camp Happy Times*. The Valerie Fund's Camp Happy Times is a free one-week overnight camp experience for children ages 5-21 who have or have had cancer (regardless of where they were treated). Over 150 children attend each summer. Camp Happy Times is located at the two hundred acre Tyler Hill Camp in Wayne County, Pennsylvania. Tyler Hill is fully accredited by the American Camping Association and Camp Happy Times is a proud member of the International Children's Oncology Camping Association. Contact: The Valerie Fund, Phone: 973-761-0422.



HARBOR CAMPS: CAMP SENEb campseneb.org

For youth ages 8-16 who have skeletal dysplasia and their siblings.

CAMP REFLECTIONS campreflections.org

For youth ages 8-16 who have cleft/craniofacial differences.

Harber Camps also host the first ever summer camp established for transgender and non - binary/gender-nonconfirming youth. Offers programs for youth, older teens and a family camp. New Hampshire. Contact via website or 781-400-1617

HELEN L. DILLER VACATION HOME FOR BLIND CHILDREN



www.dillerblindhome.org A summer vacation retreat for blind and visually impaired children. Located in a residential community two blocks from the ocean, in Avalon, New Jersey. Sessions run June through August and accommodate children ages 7-15 for week-long summer vacations. While attending camp,

campers enjoy a variety of activities that may include: amusement park rides, swimming at the beach, and visiting the boardwalk. All campers participate regardless of the extent of their vision loss, while establishing relationships with other children who may have a similar visual impairment. Having a staff to child ratio of one-to-five, campers must be able to feed, clothe, and bathe themselves with limited assistance, as well as walk up and down stairs. There is no fee for attending this week long camp. Phone 610-329-6133, see website for application and more information.



a seriousfun camp

THE HOLE IN THE WALL GANG CAMP

holeinthewallgang.org Summer program serves seriously ill children ages 7-15, plus Adolescent and Young Adult Programs, who have cancer, serious blood diseases (including sickle cell disease, hemophilia, thalassemia, aplastic anemia, etc.), hereditary and acquired immunodeficiency and metabolic diseases, some children with very rare diseases (e.g., primary pulmonary hypertension, FOP). Family weekend programs include sickle cell,

hemophilia, cancer, metabolic disease, serious blood diseases and immunodeficiencies. Offers a sibling program. All applications are reviewed by the medical team. Decisions are based on the child's inability to attend another camp, the severity of the child's medical problems, whether the child has been to Camp before and other factors. Offers year round programs. Camp locations in Ashford, CT and Maryland, Phone (203) 772-0522.

HOPE WITH HEART hopewithheart.com



A week long camp for children with moderate to severe heart conditions ages 7-17. Established as a summer camp experience, Hope With Heart provides year round support and friendships for its campers. The camp has children with varied heart problems such as valve replacements, pacemakers and transplants. Summer Session August 4-10, 2024. Due date for all COMPLETED applications is April 30, 2023. Contact: phone 201-264-6260 and 973-568-1217, Alissa Gretina email: hopewithheartapp@gmail.com. Please go to website to download application and for further information.





NEW JERSEY CAMP JAYCEE www.campjaycee.org

An overnight camp for ages 18 and older. New Jersey Camp Jaycee is a collaborative effort between the New Jersey Jaycees and the Arc of New Jersey, with a mission of providing quality camping experiences to persons who have developmental disabilities. The goals of Camp Jaycee are centered around developing social skills, improving self-esteem, increasing confidence, learning in a fun environment, developing physical fitness, and establishing meaningful relationships with new friends. The campsite is located in Effort, PA, in the Pocono Mountains. Camp runs June-August and is best suited to campers who can move freely without restriction. Campers must be: able to self feed, on a regular diet, free of restrictive medical problems, free of serious behavioral problems, have physical stamina for active camp program and have independent toilet skills. 4:1 staff to camper ratio. Contact: (732) 737-8279.



CAMP LEE MAR www.leemar.com

Camp Lee Mar is a private residential camp for campers ages 7-21 who have mild to moderate learning and developmental challenges, including but not limited to: developmental disabilities, Down syndrome, autism, learning disabilities, Williams Syndrome, Asperger syndrome, Prader Willi, and ADHD. Curriculum incorporates a strong academic and speech program with traditional camp activities. A structured environment, individual attention and guidance are emphasized at all times. L.I.F.E. Program for ages 18-21. Staff to camper ratio 3:1. Contact: ari@leemar.com, phone 215-658-1708, Lackawaxen, PA.



Seeing beyond disability.

MAC CAMP PROGRAM www.yai.org

(on website write *camp* in the search box). MAC Mainstreaming at Camp works in conjunction with Frost Valley YMCA. MAC campers are between the ages of 8-18. Campers are fully included in all summer camp activities with additional support as needed. Specially trained counselors provide caring guidance in MAC cabins at a ratio of one staff member for every three campers. Knowledgeable and supportive staff adapt the camp experience to your child's needs and abilities. Contact via website to schedule a an initial phone call.



CAMP MARCELLA campmarcella.org

Camp Marcella, NJ Camp for Blind Children, Inc., opened its doors in 1947. It has partnered with the Lions clubs of NJ to provide an outstanding summer program which has brought campers and staff back year after year. Ages 7-17. Adult Camp for ages 18-35. 2024 brochure online: hover over *Camping* and click on *Camp Marcella Brochure*. Contact: director@CampMarcella.org or 973-627-1113. Rockaway, NJ. Also see Facebook page.



MDA SUMMER CAMP mda.org

Hover over *Care & Services*, then under *Recreation Programs* click on *MDA Summer Camp*. In Person and Virtual Camps. Camp gives kids a chance to discover new interests while gaining self-confidence, making lifelong friendships and experiencing the independence of being away from home. Camp offers a variety of activities and programs such as arts and crafts, sports and games, traditional camp activities and more. Every activity is adapted to meet each individuals needs and abilities. Dedicated and trained camp counselors are available to help campers with activities of daily living and personal care. Please see website for updates and to find an area camp. Contact: ResourceCenter@mdausa.org, 800-572-1717.





CAMP NEJEDA campnejeda.org

(for children with type 1 diabetes) **Day and Overnight Camps** (Some information from prior years) The objectives of Camp Nejeda are to provide: an active and safe camping experience for children with diabetes and an opportunity for children to live among their peers and establish close relationships with others who have diabetes. A unique opportunity for diabetes education management skills. Camp Nejeda also offers: Family Camp, BFF Weekend, Adult programs, Spring and Fall Weekend programs and more. Contact camp to confirm ages: overnight camp 7-15, day camp ages 6-15. Email: info@campnejeda.org, phone (973) 383-2611.



NJ CENTER FOR TOURETTE SYNDROME njcts.org

Look under *Programs* **NJCTS Camp FantastIC** and **Tim Howard Leadership Academy**. **NJCTS Family Retreat Weekend**. The weekend allows children and their families to meet others with Tourette Syndrome (TS), learn more about their diagnosis, and engage with peer mentors in a fun, safe environment. Kids enjoy activities such as: canoeing, swimming, wall climbing, arts & crafts. Parents join in many activities with their children but also connect with other parents and share their stories. Powerful workshops provide a safe place for both youth and parents to ask questions about TS and learn from peer mentors. The NJCTS Family Retreat Weekend is popularly known as "the best weekend of the year" to the many families who attend looking for camaraderie, a relaxing getaway from the stress of everyday life, and a chance to learn more about TS. June 21-23, 2024. Contact **908-575-7350** or info@njcts.org.

TIM HOWARD LEADERSHIP ACADEMY The NJCTS Tim Howard Leadership Academy is a four-day program. Participants work, play, eat and sleep at Rutgers' Busch Campus in Piscataway and enjoy a wide range of activities such as: interacting with doctors, psychologists, and other experts in the field to learn more about Tourette Syndrome, being a part of large and small group discussions with other teens and young adults with TS, participating in a variety of recreational activities, creating a project that can be used for their own advocacy efforts and to help advocate for others and meeting successful young adults who serve as coaches, guiding participants through the weekend's events. Contact: admissions@njcts.org. August 1-4, 2024.



CAMP NOVA Family Resource Network

Go to www.familyresourcenetwork.org and type "camp" in the search box.

Information from prior years: Camp NOVA is a wonderful opportunity for children and young adults living with epilepsy and other developmental disabilities to enjoy summer camp. Camp NOVA, is an overnight camp for young people ages 12 and up (confirm ages with camp). Individuals participate in group and individual activities and make memories that last a lifetime. Camp activities include: acting, arts and crafts, boating, swimming, adaptive ropes courses and more. July 21-27, 2024. Contact: Kerrie Hannen 609-455-8595 or 800-336-5843. Accepts Perform Care funding.

PALS CAMP PALS palsprograms.org

PALS Programs provides a place for young adults with Down syndrome and their peers to have fun, grow as individuals, and build transformative friendships. Summer and Holiday Programs. Their model is based on one-to-one pairings between similarly-aged individuals with and without Down syndrome. Campers make many new friends and enjoy many new experiences. Campers will grow more independent and increase their socialization. 2024 PALS summer camp programs: 10 programs throughout the country and a virtual program as well. Locations include: Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Georgetown, CA, NJ, NY, and Philadelphia. Ages vary by venue from 12 and up. Contact via website or 267-477-7257.





PENNSYLVANIA LIONS BEACON LODGE CAMP

beaconlodge.org Information based on prior years: A unique camp that caters to individuals living with a disability. The camp is proudly sponsored by the Pennsylvania Lions as a state project and is primarily funded through their generous donations. During the camping season they offer a full service summer camp experience for youth and adults with a diverse range of disabilities. Offers specialty camps including camps for youth who have ADHD and autism. Multiple summer sessions meet needs of many campers, offers Family Camp. See website for extensive listing of summer programs. Mount Union, PA. Contact: phone 814-542-2511, email: office@beaconlodge.org.



CAMP QUALITY NEW JERSEY campqualityusa.org/nj/

Some information from prior years: Provides free camping experiences and year-round support programs for children who have cancer. Campers must be: kids with cancer between the ages of 5-17 by the start of summer camp (they can be at any stage of treatment or remission, regardless of physical limitations). Camp Quality New Jersey's programs are focused to care for the emotional needs of children who have cancer and their families. Camp is held for one-week during the summer, with additional support programs continuing throughout the year, such as reunions, family camp and family outings. Each camper is paired with an adult companion (18 years or older) who spends the entire week by his/her camper's side. The companion is the camper's friend, cheerleader, and mentor even beyond camp. Through year-round events such as holiday parties and family picnics, campers, companions and families come together to share and support one another. July 28 to August 2, 2024. Sandystone, NJ. Contact: newjersey@campqualityusa.org.



CAMP RAMAPO ramapoforchildren.org

Information from prior years: Camp Ramapo is a residential summer camp that serves children ages 6 to 16 who are affected by social, emotional, or learning challenges, including children affected by autism spectrum disorders. Ramapo provides an opportunity for children with a wide range of needs—from nonverbal elementary-age children to teens needing help building essential conflict resolution skills - to experience success. Offers an Introductory Week one week session. Rhinebeck, NY. Phone: 845-876-8403 or 212-754-7003.



STAFF ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE (SAE) CAMP RAMAPO TRANSITION-TO-

INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18-25. The Staff Assistant Experience (SAE) is a year round residential transition-to-independence program for young adults with social, emotional, or learning challenges. The program offers participants an opportunity to practice vocational and life skills in an inclusive, communal setting that includes typically developing co-workers and role models. Participants improve and reinforce interpersonal, independent living, and job skills, while building resilience and self-determination. Contact via website or 845-876-8403 or 212-754-7003.

RISING TREETOPS AT OAKHURST risingtreetops.org



Inspiring confidence and joy
in those with special needs

(formerly Camp Oakhurst) Some information from prior years, please check with camp to confirm details. Serves children and adults ages 8 and up who have physical and/or developmental disabilities. In past years description of campers welcomed included: disabilities that effect movement, coordination, and stamina, as well as autism spectrum disorders, and Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy, Spina Bifida, Post Polio, Osteogenesis Imperfecta, Traumatic Brain Injury and similar conditions. Children and adults attending summer camp sessions must have a basic level of expressive communication and be able to reside in

communal living environments with others. Individuals who use a wheelchair or who require assistance with activities of daily living are welcome. Most special diets can be accommodated. Full fee per session can be adjusted according to family size and income. Scholarships are available. For children who qualify for state-supported respite services, fees may be covered. For further information and to request an application contact 732-531-0215 or 212-533-4020. Email info@risingtreetops.org.





ROUND LAKE CAMP YMHA & YWHA

<https://njycamps.org/about/round-lake/>

An inclusion program for children ages 7-17 who have learning differences, social communication disorders and ADHD. Round Lake campers are able to integrate into all mainstream activities based on their level of comfort and interest. Facilities and programming are shared with Camp Nah-Jee-Wah and Cedar Lake Camp. Provides comprehensive activities in sports, the arts and the sciences. Program is flexible and individualized so that each camper's interests, needs, goals and supportive services needs can be met. The camp experience is designed to offer campers life skills that lead to success and a feeling of accomplishment, and developed to encourage campers to be part of a group. Friendship and communication are the cornerstones of every camper's goals. Campers benefit from the support of a high counselor to camper ratio. In particular, the campers have strong support during the unstructured parts of the day, for example, during meals, clean up, rest hour, and shower hour. Camp staff includes: occupational therapists, speech therapists and social workers. Milford, PA. Contact: Phone: 973-575-3333, email via website.



CAMP SEQUOIA camp-sequoia.com Camp Sequoia is an overnight summer camp for boys ages 7-17 and girls ages 9-16 to experience social skills success in a dynamic and nurturing environment. Camp population includes those who present with social anxiety, learning differences (which affect social skills development), or present with social learning needs. Innovative program integrates building Frustration Tolerance with Social Learning theory to help campers develop their social skills through a FUN active, traditional camp program. Located in Pennsburg, PA. Phone: 215-671-6944 or contact via website.



SUMMIT CAMP & TRAVEL summitcamp.com

Summit Camp offers 4 programs for youth ages 8 to 23. Summit campers may have any number of diagnoses, but they all share a difficulty making and maintaining age appropriate peer relationships. Clinical diagnoses often fall into one of two categories- ADHD, verbal and non-verbal learning disabilities (NVLD), and oppositional behavioral patterns or disorders, OR, Autism diagnoses (including 'Asperger's', ASD, and PDD-NOS), speech and language disorders, obsessive compulsive disorder, anxiety disorders, and sensory integration issues. Some youngsters may also have issues related to Tourette's or other tic disorders, or other disorders or injuries that have resulted in neurological differences (stroke, TBI, ABI, fetal alcohol syndrome, etc.).

SUMMER CAMP: for youth that have social and emotional learning challenges any age from 8 years to 21 years. Sessions of any length from 1-9 weeks.

TEEN TRAVEL: Amazing adventures for teens struggling with social learning skills that are 15-23 years, program is well supported and intricately designed.

WEEKENDER SOCIAL TRIPS: Friday to Sunday school year trips for teens that are 13-21 who can benefit from a structured, yet exciting, weekend outing with peers.

THE CENTER PROGRAM AT SUMMIT The CENTER Program teaches emerging young adults 18-23 years with significant social learning delays pre-vocational, social, and adaptive life skills as they enter the next phase of their life journey. Contact: info@summitcamp.com or via website.



The Arc
Gloucester

CAMP SUN 'N FUN www.thearcgloucester.org

Camp Sun 'N Fun was founded by The Arc Gloucester in 1962 to offer children and adults who have developmental disabilities an opportunity to participate in and enjoy summer recreational activities. Camp is located on over 30 wooded acres and boasts a variety of amenities, including: screened, wood cabins, barrier-free bathrooms and showers, an Olympic -sized, barrier-free swimming pool, nature trail, and an on-site medical facility that is staffed 24 hours a day. Camp Sun 'N Fun provides opportunities to make new friends, develop independence and gain self-esteem. Campers enjoy nature appreciation, arts and crafts, sports and games, music and dance, themed parties and much more. Contact: 856-848-8648.





TRUE GRIT SCI (spinal cord injury) csh.recdesk.com

A brand new program providing healing, hope and inspiration to adolescents and young adults with spinal cord injuries! True Grit SCI intensive residential program is a 5-day residential (sleepaway) program specifically for adolescents and young adults with SCI. The program takes place on the Rutgers Livingston campus and provides opportunities to gain independence through staying in a dorm with the support of therapists. Participants will experience staying away from home, improving self-advocacy, and identifying possible future opportunities for leisure and recreational interests. Each participant will have the opportunity to work on achieving individual goals with therapists, and will also socialize with peers who they can relate to. Attendees will take part in fun adaptive sports and activities, peer mentorship, and receive education regarding living with an SCI and transitioning to adulthood in a safe, encouraging, and therapeutic environment. The program provides PT, OT, Recreational Therapy, peer mentorship, and psychotherapy services to further improve self-care, mobility, and quality of life. It is a great opportunity to meet and connect with new people, venture beyond your familiar surroundings, and try new experiences that will positively impact your life. csh.recdesk.com AGES 16-21 years old, Monday July 15, 2024 - Friday July 19, 2024, Location: Rutgers University, Piscataway. Email: activityconnection@childrens-specialized.org.



VARIETY CLUB CAMP & DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

www.varietyphila.org For camp information scroll down and click on the red box that says *Summer*. Variety's Overnight Camp program is a fun filled educational

experience open to children and young adults ages 7-21 who have an intellectual and/or physical disability. Overnight Camp creates an atmosphere of warm acceptance and guidance, and encourages participation at whatever level the camper is able. Contact: program.coordinator@varietyphila.org 610-584-4366.

SUMMER PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Pre-college programs are usually held on college campuses in residence halls. You can find out if colleges that your youth is interested in attending have programs. These programs provide students who may have challenges some preview of the college experience and may help them manage their first year with more success.

You may find helpful information about preparing for college and scholarships at the **National Center for College Students with Disabilities (NCCSD)**, nccsd.ici.umn.edu/ click on *CEDAR Database* to gather information on Preparing, Finding & Choosing a College: The NCCSD's Campus Disability Resource (CeDaR) Database has contact information for disability services providers at nearly every degree-granting college and university in the U.S. and its territories. Almost 600 campuses provided detailed information about disability resources, and there are numerous ways to search for information you need.



FOR INFORMATION ON NJ COLLEGE PROGRAMS

FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES- GO TO THE ARC OF NJ FAMILY INSTITUTE

www.thearcfamilyinstitute.org The Arc of NJ's Family Institute's website has a listing

of college programs in NJ designed specifically for students who have intellectual and developmental disabilities. They also have information on relevant scholarships. In addition they offer student tours of college programs throughout the state. Go to: www.thearcfamilyinstitute.org, click on *Advocacy/Awareness* and then *College Programs* or *College Tours*. Contact 732-246-2525 or email via website.



CAMP VICTORY campvictory.org

Camp Victory works with “partner groups” that target specific health concerns, conducting a diversity of camps. Camp Victory was built for children who must live with chronic health problems, physical or mental disabilities, or the aftermath of catastrophic illness. Partner groups fund their own camps and set their own fees. No child is turned away for lack of ability to pay. Camp Victory welcomes inquiries from concerned groups interested in operating a camp at their facility. Phone: (570) 458-6530. Camp Victory is in Millville, PA. Listing/ Dates below are for 2024.

May 25-26

CampEmerge III (Autism Family Camp)

campemerge.org

Jerry Stropnicki (570) 275-8904 BTEI@aol.com



July 28-August 2

Camp HERO (Deaf & Hard of Hearing)

Michelle Paonessa gocamphero@gmail.com

June 7-9 Camp Little People (LPA, Inc.)

(Dwarfism) Josh Maudlin/Sarah Little
camplpdirector@gmail.com



July 28-August 2

Camp ECHO (Heart Disease)

Dawn Bressler (570) 784-1290

Ruby1275@aol.com



June 15-21

Keystone Diabetic Kid Camp kdkc.org

Dave Synnamon thekdkc@gmail.com



August 10-16

Camp Discovery (Skin Disorders)

Matt Palmer (570) 271-8050

mpalmer@geisinger.edu

June 22-27 PA Vent Camp paventcamp.org



Contact: Mike Dettorre/Robin Kingston

(717) 531-5338 info@paventcamp.org

August 31 to September 1

CampEmerge II (Autism Family Camp)

campemerge.org

Jerry Stropnicki (570) 275-8904 BTEI@aol.com



June 29 –July 5 Camp Kydnie (Kidney

Disease) www.campkydnie.org

Devon Nordine (717) 418-9629

campkydnie@gmail.com



September 20-22

Camp Spifida Retreat (18+ years old)

Sasha Hovak (570) 437-3924

sashahovak@verizon.net



July 6-12 Camp Dost (Cancer)

rmhdanville.org/camp-dost/

Chris Lehman (570) 214-2889

clehman@rmhdanville.com



September 27-29

Sibling Camp (for Sibs of children w/ disabilities)

Jennifer Billing jenniferb@handinhand.org



July 13-19 Camp JRA (Arthritis)

Noelle Johnson (859) 787-0459

campjra.pa@gmail.com

October 18-20

Project Beacon (military children respite)

Nick Spease (717) 741-3891 x4102

nspease@eastersealswcpenna.org



July 20-26 Camp Spifida (Spina Bifida)

Sasha Hovak (570) 437-3924

sashahovak@verizon.net



October 25-27

KDKC Teens (Type I Diabetes)

Dave Synnamon thekdkc@gmail.com



July 26-28 Camp Ability

(Family Camp w/ Special Needs)

(570) 416-2704 campability@yahoo.com



OTHER PROVIDERS THAT MAY OFFER SUMMER PROGRAMS

Dreamweaver Equine Center
973-800-7141
Dreamweaverequine.org

Hybridge Learning Group
855-796-7518 option 1
hybridgelearning.com

Kid Therapy
908-879-7067
kidtherapynj.com

Kidz on the Move Peds Rehab Center
908-369-3669 kidzonthemove.org

**Princeton Speech-Language
& Learning Center**
609-924-7080
psllcnj.com

Encouraging Kids Family Resource Center
609-848-1400 encouragingkids.org
*may accepts PerformCare may offer respite

THE LIST BELOW MAY HELP YOU FIND AN APPROPRIATE PROGRAM:

Arthritis - Camp JRA, also see last page
Asthma - www.asthmacamps.org
Augmentative Communication- Camp Chatterbox
Autism, High Functioning / Asperger's – Multiple camps, also see last page
Bleeding disorders – Hole in the Wall, Double H, Dragonfly Forest
Blind/Visually impaired- Hellen L. Diller Vacation Home, Camp Marcella, Pennsylvania Lions Beacon Lodge, Camp Vision
Brain Injury – see last page
Burns- Arthur C. Luf Children's Burn Camp
Cancer - Happiness is Camping, Camp Happy Times, Camp Quality, The Hole in the Wall Gang, Camp Dost, also see last page
Cerebral Palsy – Multiple camps
Cleft Palate/Craniofacial - Camp Reflections, also see last page
Deaf/Hard of Hearing - Camp HERO, also see last page.
Diabetes – Camp Nejeda, Keystone Diabetic Kid Camp, also see last page.
Down syndrome - Camp PALS, multiple camps
Dwarfism –Camp Little People
Dyslexia – Camp Dunnabeck
Epilepsy -Camp NOVA
Heart conditions - Hope With Heart, Camp Echo
Immune disorders - The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp

Inclusion – YAI MAC Camp Program, Summit Camp & Camp Ability Camp Hunterdon YMCA, Camp Ruach, Camp Chaverim, Round Lake Camp
Kidney disease - Camp Kydnie
Learning disability - Camp Dunnabeck
Little People -Camp Little People
Medically fragile – Double H Ranch, Hole in the Wall Gang
Muscular dystrophy – MDA Summer Camp
Physical disabilities – Elks Camp Moore, Camp Fatima, Growing Green, Rising Treetops at Oakhurst, multiple camps
Siblings – Sibling Camp
Skin Disorders - Camp Discovery
Spina Bifida - Camp Spifida, Camp Spifida Retreat, also see last page
Stuttering - Camp SAY, see last page
Tourette Syndrome - NJ Center for Tourette Syndrome Family Retreat and Tim Howard Leadership Academy, Camp Kinder Ring Free To Be Me, Summit Camp & Travel, see last page
Transition to Adult Life Programs - Camp Akeela, Camp Carousel, Going Green, Summit Camp, Camp Ramapo, Variety Club
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MORE PLACES TO FIND THE RIGHT SUMMER PROGRAM

If you don't have internet access, try your local library.
Ask for assistance at the reference desk or from the youth services librarian.

CAMPS FOR YOUTH WHO HAVE CANCER:

Children's Oncology Camping Association
www.cocai.org

CAMPS FOR KIDS & ADULTS W/ SPINA BIFIDA

www.thesbrn.org spinabifidaassociation.org
www.sbawp.org

CAMPS FOR YOUTH WHO ARE DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING

gallaudet.edu and type *camp* in the search box
deafcampsinc.org deafchildren.org

CAMPS FOR KIDS & ADULTS WITH BRAIN INJURY

1-800-669-4323 Brain Injury Alliance of NJ
bianj.org Email: info@bianj.org
Camp TREK for ages 18 +
BIAC Outdoor biacky.org

CAMPS FOR AMPUTEES & CHILDREN WITH LIMB DIFFERENCES OR LOSS

www.amputee-coalition.org Youth Camp
1-888-267-5669, email via website
www.handstolove.org
www.adventureamputeecamp.org
www.nolimitsfoundation.org

CAMPS FOR YOUTH W/ ADHD & LEARNING DISABILITIES

Understood.org type *Camp* in the search box
www.ldonline.org www.chadd.org

CAMPS FOR YOUTH WHO HAVE ASD

AUTISM NJ www.autismnj.org click on *Find a referral*
and type *camp* into the search box
or 800-428-8476

CAMPS FOR YOUTH W/ CRANIOFACIAL DIFFERENCES

www.cleftline.org 919-933-9044
www.ccakids.com
campreflections.org

CAMPS FOR JUVENILE ARTHRITIS

www.arthritis.org/events/ja-camps
also see Camp Victory

CHILDREN'S HEMIPLEGIA & STROKE ASSOCIATION (CHASA)

www.chasa.org
click on *SPORTS* then on *Summer Camps*

CAMPS FOR YOUTH WHO HAVE DIABETES

www.diabetescamps.org

CAMPS FOR YOUTH W/ TOURETTE SYNDROME

NJ Center for Tourette Syndrome (908)-575-7350
njcts.org info@njcts.org
Camp Kinder Ring Free To Be Me
campkr.com/program-description/ 845-221-2771

CAMP FOR YOUTH WHO STUTTER

Camp Say campsay.org

THERAPEUTIC RIDING

www.pathintl.org
PATH Professional Association of Therapeutic
Horsemanship International, scroll down and click on
learn more under the type of program you are inter-
ested in to find a local program.

GENERAL LISTINGS / SEARCH ENGINE SPECIFICALLY FOR KIDS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: SUMMER CAMPS & PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE W/ SPECIAL NEEDS

www.veryspecialcamps.com

MAINSTREAM WEB SITES THAT ALLOW YOU TO SEARCH FOR CAMPS BY SPECIFIC SPECIAL NEEDS:

American Camp Association (ACA) www.acacamps.org
American Camp Association has a great search engine
National # 800-428-2267 or 765-342-8456.

www.mysummercamps.com

www.summercamps.com

www.kidscamps.com



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