



2020 SUMMER CAMP DIRECTORY:

A FREE RESOURCE GUIDE FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WHO HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS

Welcome to the 2020 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 2020*. 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!

*Please note that some camps are still in the process of finalizing camp details for 2020. This directory will be updated as we receive this information.

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 that 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 wellbeing. 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™ of North Carolina Affiliates](#)
- [The Arc of NC 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](#)

- [Camp Page 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

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

Camp Ginger Cascades

Camp Pisgah Girl Scout Camp

Keyauwee Program Center

SOAR (Success Oriented Achievement Realized)

Talisman Camp

Autism

ABC School of Winston-Salem

Camp Boomerang

Camp G.R.A.C.E.

Camp Holiday Trails

Camp Lakey Gap

Camp Royall

Camp Tikvah

Camp Virginia Jaycee

Talisman Camp

Burns

Camp Celebrate

Camp Holiday Trails

Cancer

Camp Carefree

Camp Sunshine at Sebago Lake

Chronic Illness

Camp Carefree

Camp Holiday Trails

Camp Sunshine at Sebago Lake

Victory Junction

Crohn's Disease

CCFA Camp Oasis

Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Camp Ginger Cascades

Camp Joy

Camp Pisgah Girl Scout Camp

Camp Sertoma

Happiness Retreat

Spring Camp Cheerio

Kayauwee Program Center

Developmental Disabilities/Delays

Camp Ann

Camp Escape

Camp Ginger Cascades

Camp G.R.A.C.E.

Camp Green Leaves

Camp Joy

Camp Lee Mar

Camp Living Wonders

Camp Pisgah Girl Scout Camp

Camp Trusted Parents

Camp Virginia Jaycee

Happiness Retreat

Happy Day Camp

Keyauwee Program Center

Mecklenburg Therapeutic Recreation Programs

Summershine Camp at Lutheridge

Inclusive of All Disabilities

Blended Abilities Camp
Camp Ann
Camp Easter Seals UCP
Camp Exploration
Camp Explore
Camp Friendly
Camp Hanes YMCA
Carrboro Recreation and Parks Camps
Durham Parks & Recreation Summer Camp
Durham Arts Council Summer Camps
Johnston Summer Day Camps
Hugs Camp
McCrorey YMCA Summer Day Camps
Summer Enrichment Camp
Wings of Eagles Ranch
YMCA Camp Watia
YMCA of Western North Carolina Summer Camps

Learning Disabilities/Cognitive Delays

Camp Lee Mar
Camp Living Wonders
Camp Trusted Parents
Camp Virginia Jaycee
SOAR (Success Oriented Achievement Realized)
Summershine Camp at Lutheridge
Summer Teen Camp

Lupus

Camp Sunshine at Sebago Lake

Muscular Dystrophy

Camp Carefree
MDA Summer Camp at Bethelwoods

Physical Disabilities

Adventure Amputee Camp
Camp Escape
Camp Ginger Cascades
Camp Joy
Camp Pisgah Girl Scout Camp
Camp Virginia Jaycee
Happiness Retreat
Kayauwee Program Center

Sickle Cell Anemia

Camp Carefree
Camp Sunshine at Sebago Lake
Sickle Cell Camp

Vision Impairments

Camp Ginger Cascades
Camp Joy
Camp Pisgah Girl Scout Camp
Keyauwee Program Center
Student Adventure Camp (SEE) at Nantahala Outdoor Center
Student Enrichment Experience (SEE) – Asheville
Student Enrichment Experience (SEE) – Winston-Salem
SEE Camp Abilities H2O at Camp Dogwood

CAMPS LISTED BY COUNTY

Alamance County

Camp Green Leaves

Registration forms sent to:
Burlington Recreation and Parks Main Office
1333 Overbrook Road
Burlington, NC 27215
Camp location:
Lake Cammack Park and Marina – Citivan Building
4790 Union Ridge Road
Burlington, NC 27217
<https://www.burlingtonnc.gov/1967/Camp-Green-Leaves>
336-222-5030

Type: Day

Age: Children and adults, grouped by age

Type of disability: Developmental disabilities

Description: Camp Green Leaves is a summer day camp coordinated by the City of Burlington Recreation & Parks Department for children and adults with developmental disabilities. The camp schedule includes activity rotations in the outdoors, including swimming, arts and crafts, music, sports and games, and supervised free time. The camp also features daily active field trips on busses/vans to local parks and recreation facilities, as well as trips around the Piedmont area. Participants are grouped by age.

All participants must be independent with mobility, feeding, toileting and all self-care needs. Participants should participate in group activities and must be able to stay with the group. Participants who are not self-sufficient will be required to have a one-on-one personal assistant, which the parent/guardian must provide. Participants must have manageable behaviors and healthcare needs. They must be exempt from any extreme health-care conditions or needs. Camp Green Leaves is not able to accommodate participants needing assistance with ambulation due to uneven and rugged terrain. Staff to participant ratio is 1:2.

Cost: See website for details

2020 Camp Dates: See website for details

NC Therapeutic Riding Center Inclusive Summer Camp

4705 Nicks Rd.

Mebane, NC 27302

<https://www.nctrcriders.org/inclusive-summer-camp>

(919) 304-1009

info@nctrcriders.org

Type: Day

Ages: 5 - 12

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

2020 Camp Dates: Various week-long sessions June-August, Monday-Friday, 9am-2pm.

June 29 - July 3

July 6 – 10

July 13 – 17

July 20 – 24

July 27 – 31

August 3 – 7

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

Buncombe County

YMCA of Western North Carolina Summer Camps

40 N. Merrimon Ave., Suite 301 Asheville,

NC 28804 www.ymcawnc.org/day-camp

(828) 251-5910

Type: Day Camp

Ages: Varies by Camp: Camp Discovery and Explorer: Rising K-5th; Adventure Camp: Rising 4th – Rising 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: \$210 per week.

2020 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 and McDowell locations. There is also financial assistance available.

Camp Lakey Gap

222 Fern Way

Black Mountain, NC 28711 www.camplakeygap.org

(828) 669-8977

jon@camplakeygap.org

Type: Overnight

Ages: 4-18+

Type of Disability: Autism Spectrum Disorder

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; \$2,250 (includes the \$200 deposit) per week for the first child and \$2,050 per week for a second child.

2020 Camp Dates: * Indicates *High Functioning Weeks*, Check website for more information.

June 21 - June 26 Ages 18 & up

June 28 - July 3 Ages 4-11

July 5 - July 10 Ages 4-11*

July 19 - July 24 Ages 12-17

July 26 - July 31 Ages 12-17*

August 2 - August 7 Ages 18 & up

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

<https://www.jcc-asheville.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/camp-brochure-for-web.pdf>

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

daniel@jcc-asheville.org

Type: Day Camp

Ages: Rising 1st-8th grade

Type of Disability: Autism Spectrum

Description: The only summer day camp of its kind in Western North Carolina, Camp Tikvah enables children on the autism spectrum to enjoy the fun and community of Camp Ruach in an individually monitored and highly structured program. Each one-week session runs interwoven with Camp Ruach (9 am -3:30 pm) — and enables these awesome kids to participate in as many peer activities as are individually appropriate. Specially-trained counselors continuously monitor each camper’s sensory environment to help facilitate communication, socialization, and of course, community and fun. All Camp Tikvah staff complete an intensive training with the Camp Tikvah Program Co-Director, Jennifer Lingle, M.Ed., who is also the Director of Autism Educates. Camp Tikvah is open to rising 1st graders and up. To ensure it is the right setting for each child, and because space is limited to six campers per session, families must be interviewed prior to registration.

Cost: Camp Ruach - \$280.

Gesher for middle schoolers - \$300

Camp Tikvah - \$355

Gesher Tikvah - \$400

2020 Camp Dates: Camp is Monday-Friday. There are 9 weekly sessions, June 8 – August 7.

Student Enrichment Experience (SEE) Day Camp - Asheville

West Asheville

<https://ifbsolutions.org/programs-services/see-summer-camps/day-camp-asheville/>

828-335-1136

jhardwig@ifbsolutions.org

Type: Co-Ed Day Camp

Ages: • Ages 5-18

Description: It’s our 10th year of SEE Summer Day Camp in Asheville, and we’ve got two special weeks in store.

June 15 – June 18: Foods and Cooking Camp for kids who want to learn their way around the kitchen. We’ll plan, shop, chop, cook, and clean, and learn about local food and flavors.

June 22 – June 25: Young Explorers Camp for kids who love the outdoors. We’ll walk, ramble, listen, learn, hike, splash, and paddle in the woods and wilds around Asheville.

Each week, we’ll also work on independent living skills, and provide functional opportunities for kids to use their braille, assistive technology, and cane skills. Camp instructors include certified Teachers for the Visually Impaired, Orientation & Mobility Specialists, and adults with blindness and visual impairment. Come to one, or come to both!

Cost: Free.

2020 Camp Dates: 9 am-2:30 pm June 15-June 18 and June 22-June 25

Therapeutic Recreation Youth Summer Camp

West Asheville Recreation Center
970 Haywood Road
Asheville, NC 28802

<https://www.ashevillenc.gov/department/parks-recreation/recreation/therapeutic-recreation/>

(828) 232-4529

Type: Day

Age: 6 – 22

Description: A recreation program developed for youth with mild to moderate cognitive or developmental delays who meet eligibility requirements. Daily activities include group games, arts and crafts, nature exploration, special events and field trips. There is a camp for youth 6 – 12 and teens 13 – 22.

Cost: See registration page for details -

<https://webtrac.ashevillenc.gov/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/search.html?module=ar&category=therapeutic%20recreation>.

2020 Camp Dates: Weekly programs June 8 – August 14.

Notes: Registration opens February 17, 2020.

Summershine Camp at Lutheridge

2049 Upper Laurel Drive
Arden, NC 28704

https://lutheridge.org/summer_camps/summershine-hilltop-lakeside/

(828) 209-6329

Type: Overnight

Age: 15+

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

Description: Teens 15+ and adults with developmental delays who can manage self-care and walk unassisted will love camp with modified activities. Campers make friends and engage with other campers. Rough terrain and trails are a poor fit for campers in wheelchairs. There are daily activity periods and afternoon rest.

Lakeside SummerShine for ACTIVE Campers: SummerShine Campers enjoy *active* games, hiking, crafts, swimming, canoeing, Bible lessons, and worship! Campers participate in CHRISTMAS in JULY festivities: Christmas Crafts, a visit from St. Nicholas, acting out the Christmas story, and Christmas worship. Counselor-to-Camper ratio is 1:4.

Hilltop SummerShine for LESS ACTIVE Campers: Hilltop campers *less mobile and active* and reside near the dining hall and meeting spaces. They sleep in lower bunks--up to three campers per room and counselor in a nearby room. Activities include: crafts, games, Bible lessons and worship, "Show & Tell," Talent Show, Karaoke. Counselor-to-Camper ratio is 1:3

Cost:

\$529 through March 15 (Early Birds)

\$569 through April 30

\$594 after May 1

2020 Camp Dates:

Lakeside Summershine: June 28-July 4

Hilltop Summershine: June 7-June 13; July 12-July 18

Notes: Scholarships are available based on need. Campers may attend more than one week of camp but will need to call the registration office to check availability. (828) 209-6329

Cabarrus County

Wings of Eagles Ranch

4800 Faith Trails

Concord, NC 28025

<http://wingsofeaglesranch.org/summer-camps.html>

(704) 784-3147

Type: Day

Ages: 4 and up

Type of Disability: All disabilities

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.

Cost: \$50 deposit; \$275 per week (Outdoor Adventures) or \$400 per week (Horse Lover's Camp).

2020 Camp Dates: Various week-long camps June-August, see website for exact dates. Day Camps are Monday - Friday, 8am-3pm (Outdoor Adventures) or 8am-5:30pm (Horse Lover's Camp).

Our summer camps serve the special needs community along with their typically developing peers.

June 22-26 OUTDOOR ADVENTURE I (Ages 4 & up)

This camp is specifically designed to accommodate our special needs population as it is staffed with the OTA students from Cabarrus College of Health Sciences.

Camper Hours - 8:00 - 3:00

\$250.00/Week

(Deposit \$50)

July 6-10 OUTDOOR ADVENTURE II (Ages 4 & up)

Designed for persons with special needs who are more independent and their typical developing peers.

Camper Hours - 8:00 - 3:00

\$250.00/Week

(Deposit \$50)

July 20-24 OUTDOOR ADVENTURE III (Ages 4 & up)

Designed for the special needs who are more independent and their typical developing peers.

Camper Hours - 8:00 - 3:00

\$250.00/Week

(Deposit \$50)

August 3-7 HORSE LOVER'S CAMP (Ages 7 & up)

Notes: New campers must attend the open house. It is scheduled for June 6, 3pm - 5pm, or June 10, 3 pm – 5 pm.

Caldwell County

Camp Ginger Cascades

2090 Scout Rd

Lenoir, NC 28645

<http://www.camplikeagirl.org/camp-ginger-cascades-summer-resident-camp>

(336) 369-7427

Type: Day and Overnight

Ages: 5-17 (Girls only)

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

Description: Girl Scout camp is the perfect place to make new friends, try something new and just have fun! Our camps are open to any girl, whether she is a registered Girl Scout or not. 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, archery, nature, arts & crafts, swimming, etc.

Cost: \$200 to \$720 per session, depending on length and type (day or overnight). See website for exact prices.

www.camplikeagirl.org. "Camperships" are available for those with financial need. Campership applications will not be accepted after March 25th, 2020.

2020 Camp Dates: There are many sessions that vary in length, from 3 days to 2 weeks, during 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. Prices increase after March 25th.

Catawba County

Camp Dogwood

Location: 750 Camp Dogwood Road

Cherrills Ford, NC

<https://nclionscampdogwood.org/>

(828) 478-2135; Ext. 230

tammy@nclionsinc.org

Type: Overnight

Ages: 18 - 100

Type of Disability: Blindness and Visual Impairment

Description: Camp Dogwood is a recreational facility located on Lake Norman in Catawba County. We operate a recreational program consisting of one week overnight sessions for adults with blindness and visual impairment. This recreational/vacation experience includes but is not limited to boating, fishing, swimming, tubing, art, crafts, mini golf, and off campus trips to shopping, seminars, bowling, the art museum and zoo. The staff to camper ratio is usually one to six. In addition to staffing the various activities, our staff serve as sighted guides, assist serving meals, and in other capacities that serve our visually impaired and blind guests. Our goal is to provide a week of fun and fellowship. Campers must be able to provide their own self-care. If they need assistance with self-care they may bring a caregiver with them.

Costs: \$225 for NC resident campers/\$175 for sighted companions/\$275 for a caregiver

\$40 transportation fee to and from bus/train stations in Charlotte

2020 Camp Dates:

May 17th – May 22nd

May 24th – May 29th

May 31st - June 5th

June 7th – June 12th

June 14th – June 19th

June 21st – June 26th

June 28th – July 3rd

SEE Camp Abilities H2O at Camp Dogwood

7602 Camp Dogwood Drive

Sherrill's Ford, NC 28673

<https://ifbsolutions.org/programs-services/see-summer-camps/see-camp-h2o/>

(336) 437-2170

Chris Flynt at cflynt@ifbsolutions.org.

Type: Residential

Ages: Grades 7-12

Type of Disability: Blind or visually impaired

Description: SEE Camp Abilities H2O is an overnight water sports camp for co-ed rising 8th-12th graders who are blind or visually impaired. We'll swim, row, kayak, water-ski, and splash around from our home base on the shores of Lake Norman as well as throw in a trip to the National Whitewater Center in Charlotte for good measure. Novices are welcome, and life jackets plentiful: all that's required is a willingness to try new things and get wet. We'll have evening activities too.

Cost: Free

2020 Camp Dates: July 5-July 11, 2020

Notes: For more information, contact Jay Hardwig at A Brighter Path Foundation: (828) 667-9778 or jhardwig@ifbsolutions.org

Chatham County

Camp Royall

250 Bill Ash Rd

Moncure, NC 27559

www.camproyall.org

(919) 542-1033

camproyall@autismsociety-nc.org

Type: Residential and Day

Ages: 4 to Adult

Type of Disability: Autism Spectrum Disorder

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.

Cost: \$1,750 per residential session, \$675 per day session

2020 Camp Dates: Various week-long sessions June-August organized by age and level of functioning, see website for exact dates. Each residential camp week begins on Sunday afternoon and ends on Friday afternoon, Day Camp is Monday-Thursday 9am - 5pm and Friday 9am – 2:30 pm.

Notes: We have scholarship funding to help any family in need. We work hard to make sure the cost of camp does not affect any camper's ability to attend. Sibling discounts and payment plans are available.

Campers may only attend one week of residential camp per summer, but may attend more than one week of day camp.

Durham County

Camp Shelanu

1937 W Cornwallis Rd

Durham NC 27705

www.levinjcc.org/camp

Inclusion program:

<https://levinjcc.org/camp-shelanu/inclusion/>

919-354-4938

mseltman@levinjcc.org

Type: Day

Ages: 5 - 13

Type of Disability: Physical, social, sensory, or behavioral

Description: Camp Shelanu offers an inclusion program integrated in our traditional summer camp offerings, which include activities like swimming, arts, sports, music, science, electives, and more. We provide additional staffing and individualize accommodations but not one-on-one support or help with personal care. Campers learn about Jewish culture but campers come from all backgrounds.

Cost: \$228-\$333

2020 Camp Dates: Weekly sessions June 8 – August 26

Notes: Applications for inclusion program due January 31; financial aid available. Our facility is wheelchair accessible.

Durham Arts Council Camps

120 Morris Street
Durham, NC 27701

<https://durhamartscouncilcamps.com/summer-camp/>
919-560-2726

Type: Day

Ages: 5-13

Type of Disability: Inclusive

Description: The Durham Arts Council offers one and two-week camp sessions. Our one week Mini Arts Camps are flexible daily or weekly programming to fill the space right after schools gets out and right before school begins. DAC two week Cultural Camps are centered on global themes that introduce youth to the arts of the world. Each session offers a variety of tracks so students can choose the area of interest.

Cost: Varies, see website for details.

2020 Dates: Various dates and themes June – August; see website for details.

Notes: Multi-child discounts and scholarships available

Durham Parks & Recreation Summer Camp

Durham, NC 27701

<http://www.durhamsummercamps.com/index.html#Durham-Summer-Camps-Art>

919-560-4355

Type: Day

Ages: Ages vary depending on camp

Type of Disability: Inclusive

Description: Durham Parks and Recreation (DPR) summer camp programs offer a safe, inclusive environment where all children are encouraged to participate. We are committed to the development of our campers' life skills through group activities and exposure to diverse athletic and educational experiences

Cost: City Resident: \$132 per week

Non-City Resident: \$157 per week

2020 Camp Dates: Weekly sessions Monday – Friday, June 22 – August 14, 7:30 am – 6 pm.

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.

DPR encourages participation of all school-age children in its School-Age Care (SAC) Program. To provide quality services and activities to all its participants, children needing significant assistance with personal care (i.e. toileting), behavior management, support to participate in activities, constant eyes-on supervision, and/or hands-on support, or who have trouble communicating needs/wishes for more than 30% of the time may be required to bring a care provider (at no expense to DPR) to provide 1:1 support. DPR will assess each participant's abilities and notify the parents/guardians if 1:1 support is required. DPR will reasonably accommodate participants needing such support. 1:1 care providers must pass a background check prior to supporting a participant in the SAC program

Forsyth County

Student Enrichment Experience (SEE) Day Camp – Winston-Salem

Tracy's Little Red School House

Winston-Salem, NC

<https://ifbsolutions.org/programs-services/see-summer-camps/day-camp-winston-salem/>

336-245-5669

kflanagan@ifbsolutions.org

Type: Day

Ages: Co-Ed Ages 5-18

Type of Disability: Blind or visually impaired

Description: It's our 14th year of SEE Summer Day Camp in Winston-Salem, and this year we're focusing on arts, crafts, and creativity. We'll cook, act, make, sing, learn, laugh, and build, and bring back the Family Meal. We'll also work on independent living skills, and provide functional opportunities for kids to use their braille, assistive technology, and cane skills. Camp instructors include certified teachers, community educators, and adults with blindness and visual impairment.

Cost: Free

2020 Camp Dates: Monday-Thursday, June 15-June 25

Guilford County

Camp Ann

High Point Lake City Park

602 W. Main St

Jamestown, NC 27282

<https://sites.google.com/site/guilfordinventory/social-recreational/camp-ann>

(336) 883-3481 or (336) 883-3477

Type: Day

Ages: 6 and older

Type of Disability: Inclusive

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

Cost: \$50 per week for campers receiving transportation to & from camp, \$35 per week for campers not receiving transportation to & from camp

2020 Camp Dates:

Elementary School: June 18-June 22, June 25-June 29
Middle and High School: July 16-July 20, July 23-July 27
Adult: June 11-June 15, July 30-August 3

Notes: Transportation to and from camp is provided at \$15/week for residents of High Point. Scholarships are available for High Point residents.

Camp Carefree

275 Carefree Lane
Stokesdale, NC 27357
www.campcarefree.org
(336) 427-3123

directors@campcarefree.org

Type: Overnight

Ages: 6 to 16

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

2020 Camp Dates:

June 21 – June 27	SIBLINGS - well children with a chronically ill sibling
June 28 – July 4	NEURO - epilepsy & neurological disorders
July 5 – July 11	CANCER - leukemia & other cancers, JRA
July 12 – July 18	SPINA BIFIDA - spinal cord disorders & injuries
July 19 – July 25	KIDS - well children with a chronically ill parent
July 26 – August 1	HEMOPHILIA - blood disorders, von Willbrand's & Turner's
August 2 – August 7	SICKLE CELL – Administered by Piedmont Health Services; for information call 336.274.1507

Camp High Five

Haynes-Inman Education Center
1103 N Elm Street Suite 300
Greensboro, NC 27401

<https://www.camphighfive.org>

(336)-207-1178

info@camphighfive.org

Type:

Ages: 5-10

Type of Disability: Hemiplegia

Description: A Constraint Induced Movement Therapy (CIMT) Camp. Campers are selected by invitation only; basic criteria for campers is they should have hemiplegia and be at least 5 years old.

2020 Camp Dates: Call or email for details

Cost: Free

*Potential campers or therapists with recommendations should contact Ashley Collier at 336.207.1178 or info@camphighfive.org.

Camp Joy

5920 Hagan-Stone Park Road
Pleasant Garden, NC 27313
Sharon Williams at (336) 373-2954

<https://www.greensboro-nc.gov/departments/parks-recreation/adaptive-inclusive-recreation/camp-joy>

Type: Day, 9am-3pm (9:30 am – 2:30 pm during Blended Mobility Week).

Ages: 5 and up

Type of Disability: Various abilities including developmental, vision and hearing impairments, and physical disabilities

Description: Camp Joy is an inclusive camp for ages 5 and up of all abilities. The camp is a program of the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department, provided through the Adaptive and Inclusive Recreation Services. Campers are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis with a completed and approved application and medical form. There are a limited number of spaces available in each cabin.

There are several weeks designed for campers with various abilities, including but not limited to developmental disabilities and visual and hearing impairments. Blended mobility week is specifically designed for persons 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 a personal assistant accompany them at camp.

Cost: \$65 per week

2020 Camp Dates:

Various disabilities: June 22 - 26, June 29 – July 2, July 6 – 10, July 20 – 24, July 27 – 31, August 3 -7

Camp LEAP-IN

Mailing Address for registration:

SENSES Therapies, LLC-6 Beech Grove Court
Greensboro, NC 27455

Camp Location:

Canterbury School
Greensboro, NC

<https://sensestherapies.org/camp-leap-in/>

(336) 314 - 0760

Type: Half-day, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Ages: 5 – 12

Type of Disability: Sensory processing skills, motor skills, and social skills

Description: This camp will provide a sensory-rich environment for all children to encourage the development of age appropriate sensory processing skills, motor skills, and social skills. Camp is sure to be loads of sensory fun and social enrichment as children Learn to Explore and Play in Nature (LEAP IN)!

2020 Camp Dates: Each week has different nature – related themes. Visit the website for details.

June 15 – June 19

July 14 – July 17

July 20 – July 23

July 27 – July 30

Cost: \$280/week (this includes a \$25 supplies fee) for all weeks; A \$50 deposit is required with your application to reserve a spot for each camper. Some scholarships are available.

Camp Reach

Summerfield First Baptist Church
2300 Scalesville Road
Summerfield, NC 27358

<http://campreach.org/>

Type: Half-days, Monday – Friday

Ages: Various ages from children to young adults

Type of Disability: Severe language challenges, Augmentative Communication Issues

Description: Camp R.E.A.C.H. is a summer camp for children and young adults with special needs who have severe language challenges. Augmentative communication is addressed for each individual camper. We will be offering 6 summer camps over three weeks this summer.

Cost: \$150.00 per session

2020 Camp Dates: See website for details

Hugs Camp

Haw River State Park
339 Conference Center Drive
Browns Summit, NC 27214

https://www.episdionc.org/digital_faith/events/3179924

(800) 448-8775

Type: Overnight

Ages: 8 and up

Type of Disability: Inclusive

Description: HUGS is a unique camp for unique people, bringing together young people of diverse abilities. They overcome barriers of real and imagined differences and build bridges of understanding. **Helping Understand God through Sharing:** HUGS is about acknowledging the good creation in each of us, and more fully knowing and loving our God through it. The great differences among campers and staff help all of us learn to appreciate and celebrate our diversity as we recognize our common ground.

HUGS is about shared experiences: 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.

Throughout the week, the campers live, play, and sing together. Camp is held at [The Summit](#) in [Haw River State Park](#). The Camp family stays in the cabins and activities are in gym/pool area, the lodge, youth facility, and games on the recreation field. Come join in a camp where diversities are celebrated and understood!

Cost: \$420

2020 Camp Dates: Monday, July 13 – Saturday, July 18.

Notes: Registration form can be found through event page. Print, fill out, and mail registration form to:

Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina

Attn: Youth Dept.

200 W. Morgan St., Suite 300,

Raleigh, NC 27601

Include a picture if you are a new camper.

iCan Swim Greensboro

Greensboro Aquatic Center

1921 W Gate City Blvd

Greensboro, NC 27403

<https://icanshine.org/ican-swim-greensboro-nc/>

336-207-1178

icanswimgreensboro@gmail.com

Type: Day

Ages: 3 and up

Type of Disability: Any disability

Description: The iCan Swim goal is to teach the foundation for safely enjoying the aquatic environment and promoting as much independent movement in the water as possible. The iCan Swim program is not aquatic therapy, rather a program to teach and encourage enjoyment of the water as a leisure recreational activity.

Cost: TBD

Camp Dates: June 15 – June 19

Notes: Registration link coming soon

iCan Bike Greensboro

Greensboro Coliseum

1921 W Gate City Blvd

Greensboro, NC 27403

<https://icanshine.org/ican-bike-greensboro-nc/>

336-587-4698

icanbikegreensboro@gmail.com

Type: Day

Ages: 3 and up

Type of Disability: Any disability

Description: The iCan Bike goal is to teach participants how to ride a two wheel bicycle independently. Camp is open to those with disabilities, age 8 or older, and who meet other criteria such as minimum height and maximum weight.

Cost: \$185

Camp Dates: August 12-16th

Notes: A parent, guardian, or caregiver must remain on-site during the program.

Other Summer Camp Resources:

High Point Parks and Recreation- <https://www.highpointnc.gov/1988/Summer-Camp>

Our Lady Of Grace Summer Camps

201 S Chapman St.

Greensboro, NC 27403

<https://sites.google.com/olgsch.org/olgsummer/>

336-275-1522

jfergus@olgsch.org

Type: Day

Ages: 4-12

Type of Disability: Various disabilities

Description: Each week will have a different camp theme. You may register your child for one, for multiple camps, or for all of them if you wish! Camps are open to any child ages 4-12. If your children are OLG students, please register under the 'OLG Student Registration' tab. If your children are not students, please visit the page titled 'Camp Registration' in order to sign up. Our Lady of Grace Catholic School has a history of providing fun and educational camps for children ages 4-12. The camp is open to the general public.

Cost:

Weekly

Early Bird Rates: (registered before May 15th)

Lunch Provided: \$165 for one child/\$155 for each additional child

Bring your own lunch: \$145 for one child/ \$135 for each additional child.

Regular Rates:

Lunch Provided: \$175 for one child/\$165 for each additional

Bring your own lunch: \$155 for one child /\$145 for each additional child.

Before and After Camp Care:

\$40 per week per child

Before Camp Care Only: \$15.00 per week per child

Multi-Week Discounts

If you sign up for 3 weeks of camp, ***\$5 will be taken off*** the weekly price.

If you sign up for 4-5 weeks, ***\$10 will be taken off*** the weekly price.

If you sign up for 6-7 weeks, ***\$15 will be taken off*** the weekly price.

Play for a Day Daily Rate

\$45 per day

\$10 for before camp care (7:30 am -8:45 am)

\$10 for after camp care (3:00 pm-6:00 pm)

Camp dates: June 8th- August 7th

Registration will become available mid-February

Sickle Cell Camp

PO Box 20964

Greensboro, NC 27420

<https://www.piedmonthhealthservices.org/sickle-cell-camp>

(336) 274-1507

Type: Overnight

Ages: 6 – 16

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, game night, movie night and dance.

Cost: Free- space is limited

2020 Camp Dates: See website for details

Notes: The camp is held at Camp Carefree in Stokesdale, NC. Scholarships are available. For more information, contact Monica Summers, Program Director, Piedmont Health Services and Sickle Cell Agency at (336) 274-1507.

Henderson County

Talisman Camp

64 Gap Creek Road
Zirconia, NC 28790

<http://talismancamps.com/>

(828) 697-6313

Type: Co-ed, Overnight

Ages: 6-22

Type of Disability: Autism Spectrum Disorder, Asperger's, ADHD

Description: Talisman programs provide exceptional summer camp opportunities for young people ages 6-22 with ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorders, and other learning differences. Since 1980, our ACA-accredited programs have been offering unique alternatives to ordinary summer camps. We provide a structured, nurturing environment within an exciting adventure program in which our campers can have a successful summer while increasing social skills, a sense of personal responsibility, and a more positive self-image.

Cost: Various on length of session (6 days, 13 days, or 17 days) from \$1500 to \$4250

See Camp Catalog for camp details and 2020 dates: <https://talismancamps.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Talisman-Catalog-2020.pdf>

Note: An open house will be held on March 28th, 2020 from 10 am-2 pm to see the facilities, meet other families, and try out some activities. Light refreshments will be provided.

Jackson County

SOAR (Success Oriented Achievement Realized)

PO Box 388
Balsam, NC 28707

www.soarnc.org

(828) 456-3435

admissions@soarnc.org

Type: Overnight

Ages: 8 - 24

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, and life skills through incredible outdoor adventures. Activities include

backpacking, rafting, rock climbing, llama trekking, fishing, surfing, kayaking, scuba diving and more. A weekend-long Family Weekend Adventure is offered in the spring.

Cost: \$250 registration deposit; tuition is \$3,350 to \$4,600 per session depending on length; family weekend is \$2,000 per family of 4.

2020 Camp Dates: Various 10, 12, 18 and 26 day long sessions June-August, organized by theme; see website for exact dates. <https://soarnc.org/dates-rates/>

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

Lee County

Happy Day Camp

Dalrymple Park

300 Globe Street

Sanford, NC 27330

<https://leecountync.gov/Departments/ParksRecreation/RecreationPrograms>

(919) 775-2107 Ext. 207

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 to qualifying individuals

2020 Camp Dates:

Week of June 17: Ages 5-10

Week of June 24: Ages 11-14

Week of July 8: Ages 15+

Notes: Applications are distributed to schools or may be picked up at the Parks & Recreation Office at 2303 Tramway Road. Registration opens on May 1st.

Mecklenburg County

Brace Family YMCA Camp Boomerang

9760 Happy Valley Drive

Charlotte, NC 28270

Mailing Address:

3127 Weddington Road

Matthews, NC 28105

<https://www.ymcacharlotte.org/branches/south/brace-family/camps/camp-boomerang.aspx>
bracefamilycampboomerang@ymcacharlotte.org

(704) 716-4310

Type: Day

Ages: 5 to 15

Type of Disability: Autism and special needs

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 and other special needs.

Cost and 2020 Camp Dates:

Contact YMCA of Greater Charlotte for camp dates and details:

<https://www.ymcacharlotte.org/branches/south/brace-family/camps/camp-boomerang.aspx>

Camp Trusted Parents

Camp Location:

Queens University

1900 Selwyn Avenue

Charlotte, NC 28207

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 480688

Charlotte, NC 28269

<http://www.trustedparents.org/camp>

(980) 229-7253

camp@trustedparents.org

Type: Full day or half day

Ages: 7 – 22

Type of Disability: Intellectual and developmental disabilities, including those who use walkers, wheelchairs, or crutches

Description: Our program offers a socialization opportunity that will minimize the invisible line that often separates individuals with special needs, from their typical behavior peers. Camp Trusted Parents focuses on building friendships between children with and without special needs, through the use of therapeutic activities and traditional camp recreation, designed to promote fun and socialization. Our campers will engage in playground fun, arts and crafts, field trips, therapy, and much more. Every child will experience a new and unique adventure every week at Camp Trusted Parents.

Cost: \$285 per weekly session Full-day/ \$195 morning half-day/ \$185 afternoon half-day

2020 Camp Dates:

June 15 – August 7

Notes: Financial assistance is available. Application is online. \$80 registration fee must still be paid. Camp Trusted Parents is accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA).

Johnston YMCA Summer Day Camps

3025 N. Davidson St

Charlotte, NC 28205

<https://www.ymcacharlotte.org/branches/johnston>

(704) 716-6323

Type: Day, Traditional, Sports, Arts, Preschool and Teens

Ages: 3-16

Type of Disability: Inclusive

Description: Campers discover and build skills while working 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.

Cost: Prices vary by session, see website for exact rates.

2020 Camp Dates: Various week-long full and half day sessions June-August, organized by age group and theme. Contact Johnston YMCA for exact dates.

McCrorey YMCA Summer Day Camps none listed yet

3801 Beatties Road

Charlotte, NC 28216

<https://www.ymcacharlotte.org/branches/mccrorey>

(704) 716-6500

Type: Day

Ages: 3-18

Type of Disability: Inclusive

Description: The McCrorey YMCA offers a variety of camps to meet the needs of the entire family. From Preschool Camps, Traditional Day Camps, Sports Camps, Arts Camps and Teen Camps, our programs offer quality-filled experiences that developed the whole child/teen!

Cost: Prices vary. See website for exact dates.

2020 Camp Dates: Contact McCrorey YMCA for exact dates.

Notes: Breakfast, lunch and snack provided! Weekly field trips and swimming are also a part of the program.

MDA Summer Camp at Victory Junction

1515 Mockingbird Ln.

Charlotte, NC 28209

<https://www.mda.org/summer-camp>

(704) 567-2912

Type: Overnight

Ages: 8 - 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

2020 Camp Dates: July 26 – July 30

Notes: Only children registered with the Muscular Dystrophy Association are eligible to apply. Registration will begin on January 28th at this link -

<https://www.ultracamp.com/info/sessiondetail.aspx?idCamp=519&campCode=md2&idSession=252936>.

Mecklenburg Therapeutic and Inclusive Recreation Services

2219 Tyvola Rd.

Charlotte, NC

<https://www.mecknc.gov/ParkandRec/Therapeutics/Pages/default.aspx>

(980) 314-1192

trinfo@mecknc.gov

Type: Day Camp

Ages: Youth camps ages 6-12; teen camps ages 13-21 (participants must still be in high school)

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: TBD; check website for details

2020 Camp Dates: Eight weekly sessions from June 22 – August 14

New Hanover County

Spring Camp Cheerio

1430 Camp Cheerio Rd
Glade Valley, NC 28627
www.springcampcheerio.org
(704) 798-1094

Type: Overnight

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

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

2020 Camp Dates: May 15 – May 17

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

Orange County

Carrboro Recreation and Parks Camps

100 N. Greensboro St.
Carrboro, NC 27510
<http://www.townofcarrboro.org/DocumentCenter/View/1412/Current-Brochure-PDF?bidId=>

Camp info is on pages 7-11 of brochure.

(919) 918-7364

Type: Day Camp

Ages: 3 - 17

Type of Disability: Inclusive

Description: 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 (non-refundable); \$90-\$195 per week depending on camp

2019 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.

Notes: Register online at carrbororec.org

Camp Celebrate

Jaycee Burn Center
101 Manning Dr.
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

<https://www.med.unc.edu/surgery/burn/burn-survivor-support/survivor-events/camp-celebrate/>

984-974-0150

Type: Overnight

Ages: 7 – 15

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. There is also a teen camp for adolescent burn survivors, ages 13 to 18 who have not graduated high school, at Camp New Hope. Teens ages 16-18 can serve as Counselors-in-Training.

Cost: Free

2020 Camp Dates: May 14 – May 17

Notes: More information will be available on the website soon.

Pitt County

Camp Escape

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

<https://www.greenvillenc.gov/government/recreation-parks/camps/day-camps/camp-escape>

(252) 329-4270

cmcfarland@greenvillenc.gov

Type: Day

Ages: 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: \$90 per week for non-residents (\$72 for Session 3); discounted fee of \$60 per session for Greenville residents (\$48 for session 3).

2020 Camp Dates:

Session 1	Spirit Week	June 15-19
Session 2	Wildlife Week	June 22-26

Session 3	Wild, West Week	June 29- July 2 (No Camp July 3 rd)
Session 4	Exploration Week	July 6-10
Session 5	America Week	July 13-17
Session 6	Out of this World Week	July 20-24
Session 7	Christmas in July Week	July 27- 31
Session 8	Camp Escape's Got Talent Week	August 3-7

Notes: Greenville Recreation & Parks Department (GRPD) continues to make strides to offer inclusive programming opportunities for individuals with disabilities. These inclusive camps allow individuals with disabilities to participate in a typical day camp. Camp activities are modified to meet the needs of the camper with disabilities. An Inclusion Specialist will work with the camper, as well as camp staff, to ensure the camper excels mentally, physically, and socially. GRPD has experienced growth in our inclusive camps each year and we look forward to continuing this success. All camps offered through Greenville Recreation & Parks are open to individuals with and without disabilities. Staff will work with parents to ensure proper accommodations are made for each camper. In an effort to positively impact more individuals, GRPD offers financial assistance to those who qualify. For more information concerning camps, contact Cam McFarland at 252.329.4270 or email at cmcfarland@greenvillenc.gov.

Randolph County

Keyauwee Program Center

2574 Sweetbriar Rd.

Sophia, NC 27350

<http://www.camplikeagirl.org/>

(336) 861-1198

Type: Day and Overnight

Ages: Girls 6-17

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

Description: Keyauwee Program Center, an all-girls camp, is located just south of Greensboro in Randolph County on 350 acres. It is a multipurpose site with a swimming pool and diving well, riding stables with a covered arena, 50-foot Alpine Tower, archery range, sports court, several large playing fields, and a climbing tower.

At Keyauwee, we allow children to enjoy being children! We keep the girls active, busy, and having fun as they climb, swim, ride, and craft their way through their time with us in a safe environment. Being an ACA-accredited camp means parents can rest assured their child will be safe, as they develop their courage, confidence, and character – without even realizing it!

Cost: \$125 to \$1200 per session, depending on length and type (day or overnight). For exact prices and registration details, visit <http://www.camplikeagirl.org/keyauwee-summer-resident-camp> for overnight camps and <http://www.camplikeagirl.org/keyauwee-summer-day-camp> for day camps.

2020 Camp Dates: Various week-long sessions in June, July and August organized by age group and theme, see website for exact dates. Day camps are Monday-Friday, 8:45am-4pm. There are transportation options for these days.

Notes: Girls do not need to be a Girl Scout to attend this camp. There are early bird discounts for those who register before March 13. Some camp scholarships are available; applications are due March 25th and the form can be found here <http://www.camplikeagirl.org/wp-content/uploads/New-Scholarship-Form-Summer-Camp-2020.pdf>.

Victory Junction

4500 Adam's Way
Randleman, NC 27317
www.victoryjunction.org

(336) 498-9055

camperadmissions@victoryjunction.org

Type: Overnight

Ages: 6 - 16

Type of Disability: Chronic or serious medical conditions; diagnosis – specific weeks listed below

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

2020 Camp Dates:

June 7 – June 11	Cerebral Palsy
June 14 – June 18	Sickle cell and Cancer
June 21 – June 25	Bleeding and Gastrointestinal Disorders
June 28 – July 1	Neurological & Genetic Disorders
July 5 – July 9	Rheumatology, Immunological Disorders, General
July 12 – July 16	Heart, Lung, and Kidney
July 19 – July 23	Spina Bifida, Neuromuscular Disorders, Physical Disabilities & Craniofacial Anomalies
July 26 – July 30	TBD
August 2 – August 6	General

*See website for spring and fall family weekend dates

Richmond County

Camp Sertoma

1296 Mallard Drive
Ellerbe, NC 28338
<http://campsertomaclub.org>

(301) 620-2254

Email submission form available on website homepage

Type: Overnight

Ages: 8 - 16

Type of Disability: Deaf and hard of hearing

Description: This camp gives those who are deaf and hard of hearing an opportunity to meet and associate with others like themselves and be exposed to positive adult role models who are deaf, hard-of-hearing or hearing in a fun

and safe 4-H camp environment. Activities include swimming, outdoor orienteering, archery, arts and crafts, horseback riding, and nature walks; older campers (ages 15 and 16) can enjoy swimming, canoeing, and sleeping under the stars.

Cost: \$25 deposit (additional \$25 late fee if registering after May 1); \$500 per camper (includes deposit)

2020 Camp Dates: June 28 – July 3

Notes: Campers are accepted on a first-come first-serve basis. Financial assistance is available.

Stokes County

Camp Hanes YMCA

1225 Camp Hanes Road
King, NC 27021

www.camphanes.org

(336) 983-3131

registrar@ymcanwnc.org

[rg](#)

Type: Day and overnight

Ages: 6 - 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.

Cost: \$175 registration fee; \$267-\$1249 per session, depending on camper age and day or overnight camp.

2020 Camp Dates: Various week-long sessions June 21 – July 31, organized by age, theme, and day or overnight session; visit <https://camphanes.org/summer-camp/dates-rates/> 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

adventureamputeecamp@gmail.com

Type: Overnight

Ages: 8 - 17

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

Description: Held in the mountains of North Carolina, 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: Contact camp for details

2020 Camp Dates: 2nd week of July; contact camp for registration details.

SEE Adventure Camp

Nantahala Outdoor Center,
Bryson City, NC

<https://ifbsolutions.org/programs-services/see-summer-camps/see-adventure-camp/>

828-335-1136

jhardwig@ifbsolutions.org

Type: Residential, Co-Ed

Ages: 13 – 19 (Grades 8 – 12)

Type of disability: Blind or Visual Impairment

Description: Overnight outdoor adventure camp for kids who are blind or have a significant visual impairment, and who are ready to stretch their legs and hit the trail. We plan to hike, raft, climb, swim, and zip in and around the Nantahala Gorge in Western North Carolina. We'll stay in bunkhouses at the Nantahala Outdoor Center Basecamp.

Cost: Free

2020 Camp Dates: July 19 – July 23

Notes: Transportation is available to camp from Asheville, NC or Winston-Salem, NC.

To apply, email the camp director at jhardwig@ifbsolutions.org or call at 828-335-1136 to indicate interest. You will then be contacted for an eligibility screening over the phone.

YMCA Camp Watia

Summer Address (May-August)

5030 Watia Road

Bryson City, NC 28713

Winter Address (September-April)

201 Beaverdam Road

Asheville, NC 28804

www.ymcacampwatia.org

(828) 209-9600

ymcacampwatia@ymcawnc.org

Type: Residential, Co-Ed

Ages: 7 - 17

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: \$750. Financial assistance is available.

2020 Camp Dates: 9 weekly sessions, Sunday – Friday, from June 7 – August 7.

Transylvania County

Camp Pisgah Girl Scout Camp

570 Girl Scout Camp Rd.

Brevard, NC 28712

<http://www.camplikeagirl.org/>

(828) 862-4435

Type: Day, Residential, Family

Ages: Girls, 6 – 17

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

Description: Camp Pisgah is a 160-acre camp nestled in the beautiful mountains of Brevard, North Carolina. It is an all-girls camp that prides itself for building girls of courage, confidence and character. We offer day, resident and family camp sessions lasting three, six or 12 days. We have over 60 unique programs for girls ages 6-17 years old, and although we are proudly affiliated with Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont, girls do not have to be registered Girl Scouts to attend Camp Pisgah. Being an ACA-accredited camp means parents can rest assured their child will be safe, as they develop their courage, confidence and character – without even realizing it! Every girl is welcome!

Cost: \$175 to \$820 per session, depending on lengths and type (day or overnight). See website for exact prices.

2020 Camp Dates: Various three, five and six day long sessions June-August, organized by age and theme. For exact dates, visit <http://www.camplikeagirl.org/camp-pisgah-summer-resident-camp> for overnight camps and <http://www.camplikeagirl.org/camp-pisgah-summer-day-camp> for day camps.

Notes: Girls do not have to be members of the Girl Scouts to attend this camp. Early bird discounts for those who register before March 15. Some scholarships are available based on family income.

Wake County

Camp Exploration

Marsh Creek Community
Center

3050 N New Hope Road
Raleigh, NC 27604

<https://www.raleighnc.gov/parks/content/ParksRec/Articles/Programs/SRIS/SummerCamps.html>

(919) 996-2149 (Wendy Miller)

sris@raleighnc.gov

Type: Day

Age: 16 – 21

Type of Disability: All disabilities

Description: Activities include fitness, nature and science, music, games, functional economics, and arts and crafts designed for campers with various developmental or physical disabilities. Campers will take field trips to enhance their community, leisure and life skills. Camp Exploration is offered at Marsh Creek Community Center. **Hours of operation are 8:00am-5:00pm** with a curriculum day of 9:00am-4:00pm. Supervised camper-choice activities will be available for arrival and dismissal hours. Weekly sessions beginning June 18 through August 17.

The **Day Session** is for campers with disabilities who can engage in a small group setting (approximately 6-8 campers with 2-3 staff). **Behavior:** staff will provide positive behavior support, redirection, preferred activities and use behavior support strategies provided by families. Campers are expected to exhibit appropriate camp behavior, without presenting a safety concern to themselves, other campers or staff. **Feeding:** staff will provide verbal and visual prompting, reminders, assist with placement of food, break up food into small pieces, open containers for the camper. Campers should be able to physically feed themselves. **Participation:** staff will engage campers through multiple means of instruction, sensory engagement, supported transitions, and program modifications. Campers are expected to stay with their group, follow given/modeled direction, and demonstrate engagement during camp activities, during transitions, and in the community on field trips. **Toileting and Personal Care:** staff will provide verbal and visual prompting, assist camper with pull-up/diaper and/or clothing. Campers should be able to clean/wipe themselves with minimal assistance from staff.

The **Personal Assistant Session** is for campers needing more support for behavior, feeding, mobility, participation or personal care & toileting. **Families must provide their own personal assistant and register for the Personal Assistant Session.** Campers will be included with other campers and groups throughout the camp day. The City of Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department Personal Assistant Policy requires paperwork to be submitted from both the service provider and the parent/guardian of the participant for approval. These forms must be submitted no less than 2 weeks prior to the Personal Assistant attending camp. Forms not submitted by the appropriate deadline will not be processed in time and the Personal Assistant may not be authorized to attend camp.

Cost: View website or contact for details.

2020 Camp Dates: Not yet updated for 2020 – view website or contact for details.

Notes: Some scholarships are available upon request; contact Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department Business Office at (919) 996-4800.

Camp Friendly

2401 Wade Avenue

Raleigh, NC 27607

<https://www.raleighnc.gov/parks/content/ParksRec/Articles/Programs/SRIS/SummerCamps.html>

(919) 996-2147

Type: Day

Age: 6 – 15

Type of Disability: All disabilities

Description: Campers participate in games, nature, music and movement, arts and crafts and field trips created for those with various developmental or physical disabilities. Camp Friendly is offered at two locations: Durant Nature Preserve and Carolina Pines Community Center. Hours of operation are 8:00am-5.

The **Day Session** is for campers with disabilities who can engage in a small group setting. **Mini sessions** are available for campers who need more individualized assistance. The **Personal Assistant Session** is for campers needing more support. Families must provide their own personal assistant and register for the Personal Assistant Session. Please review more detailed descriptions with specific expectations can be found at the weblink above.

Cost: See website for details

2020 Camp Dates: Not yet updated for 2020 – view website or contact for details.

Notes: Some scholarships are available upon request; contact Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department Business Office at (919) 996-4800.

Camp G.R.A.C.E.

9216 Baileywick Rd

Raleigh, NC 27615

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

(919) 848-9622

Carrie.weatherman@ymcatriangle.org

Type: Day, Monday-Friday, 9am-2:30pm

Ages: 5 – 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.

Cost: \$471/week – Members; \$584/week – Non-members

2020 Camp Dates:

June 22-July 3

Social Skills

July 7-July 17

Building Blocks

July 20-July 31

Social Skills

August 3-August 14

Building Blocks

Notes: Some financial assistance is available based on family income

Happiness Retreat

Baptist Convention

205 Convention Drive

Cary, NC 27512

[https://truettcamp.o](https://truettcamp.org/happinessretreat/)

[rg/happinessretreat/](https://truettcamp.org/happinessretreat/)

(800) 395-5102 Ext. 5630 or (919) 459-5630

Developmental@ncbaptist.org

Type: Overnight

Ages: 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 Baptist State Convention of NC, the retreat is set up similar to Vacation Bible School and includes Bible study, puppets, creative movement, pool time, hand bells, worship and a talent show. Several retreats fill up quickly so register early.

Cost: \$175 per person

2020 Camp Dates: May 29 – May 31

Watauga County

iCAMP

634 Sky Ranch Rd

Blowing Rock, NC 28605

828-264-8600

Director: Jack Sharp

www.icamplife.com

jack@boonezip.com

Type: Day Camp, 9 am – 3 pm

Ages: All ages

Type of Disability: Inclusive of physical disabilities, mild to moderate developmental disabilities, vision impairments, children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Description: iCAMP is located on the property of Camp Sky Ranch in the gorgeous Blue Ridge Mountains. Our camp has theme days that include adventure, arts and crafts, nature, sports, safety, and science. We provide an inclusive environment for everyone to enjoy outdoor experiences. We are able to modify our menu for those with food allergies.

Applications can be found online.

Cost: See website for details

2020 Camp Dates: Not yet updated for 2020, see website or contact for details

OUT-OF-STATE CAMPS

Maine

Camp Sunshine at Sebago Lake

35 Acadia Way

Casco, ME 04015

www.campsunshine.org

(207) 655-3800

info@campsunshine.org

Type: Overnight

Ages: Children birth to 18 years old and their families

Type of Disability: Children with life threatening illness (cancer, brain tumors, lupus, sickle cell disease, renal disease, bone marrow failure illnesses, etc.)

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 meet other parents, siblings, and children facing similar challenges, while reconnecting with each other and participating in camp programming.

Cost: Free

2020 Camp Dates: Various week-long/weekend programs offered year round, organized by type of illness. See website for dates and applications: <https://www.campsunshine.org/programs/program-schedule>

Pennsylvania

Camp Lee Mar

805 Redgate Rd

Dresher, PA 19025

www.leemar.com

(215) 658-1708

ari@leemar.com

Type: Overnight

Ages: 7-21

Type of Disability: Mild to moderate learning and developmental disabilities across a variety of diagnoses.

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.

Cost: \$11,850; scholarships available

2020 Camp Dates: June 24-August 11

Notes: In 2015 we launched the L.I.F.E Program (Living Independently Functional Education) which was a huge success. We look forward to expanding it in 2017.

Georgia

Camp Breathe Easy

210 South Broad Street
Winder, GA 30680
www.campbreatheeasy.com
(678) 809-6047
lschmitt@camptwinlakes.org

Type: Overnight

Ages: 7 - 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; \$275 per session

2020 Camp Dates: TBD, see website or contact for details

Notes: Scholarships are available based on family income.

Virginia

Camp Easter Seals UCP

900 Camp Easter Seals RD
New Castle, VA 24127
Mailing address:
201 E. Main Street
Salem, VA 24153
www.campeastersealsucp.com
(540) 777-7325
camp@eastersealsucp.com

Type: Overnight

Age: 6 – 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.

Cost: \$75 registration fee; \$1000 per week, partial scholarships available

2020 Camp Dates: Various dates based on age and theme; visit <https://www.easterseals.com/NCVA/our-programs/camping-recreation/camp-schedule.html> for details.

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

Camp Holiday Trails

400 Holiday Trails Lane
Charlottesville, VA 22903

<http://www.campholidaytrails.org/>

(434) 977-3781 ext. 304

campisgood@campholidaytrails.org

Type: Overnight

Age: 7 to 17

Type of Diagnosis: Camp Holiday Trails supports youth with a variety of diagnoses including asthma, epilepsy, diabetes, arthritis, bleeding disorders, cardiac disease, transplants, sickle cell, etc. Some campers attend our mixed diagnoses sessions while others attend sessions designed for a specific diagnosis group.

Description: Since 1973, Camp Holiday Trails has been committed to providing a positive camp experience for children with medical needs. Campers can enjoy activities such as canoeing, fishing, hiking, archery, arts and crafts, athletics, drama and music. Campers are invited to attend mixed diagnoses sessions or specific diagnosis weeks based on their needs.

Cost: At Camp Holiday Trails, all camper fees are subsidized. We ask for families to invest in the CHT experience with us at a minimum of 10% of the true cost of having a child at Camp for one week or two weeks. The minimum required payment for a child to attend Camp for a one-week session is \$185. The minimum required payment for a two-week session is \$370.

2020 Camp Dates: We host a variety of one and two week sessions beginning in June and Ending in August. The specific dates for our sessions are as follows:

June 14-19: *Session 1* - 1 week, Mixed Diagnoses Week

June 21-26: *Session 2* - 1 of 2 weeks, Mixed Diagnoses Week

June 28-July 3: *Session 2* - 2 of 2 weeks, Mixed Diagnoses Week

July 5-July 10: *VHF and HACA's Camp Youngblood*- 1 week, Inherited Bleeding Disorders Week (siblings are welcome)

July 19-24: *Session 3* - 1 week, Mixed Diagnoses Week

July 26-31: *Session 4* - 1 week, Diabetes Week

August 2-7: *Arthritis Foundation Week* - 1 week, Juvenile Arthritis Week

Notes: Further information about our programs can be found on our website, <https://www.campholidaytrails.org/>.

West Virginia

CCFA Camp Oasis

Camp Tall Timbers

High View, WV 26808

<http://www.crohnscolitisfoundation.org/get-involved/camp-oasis/find-a-camp/>

(646) 943-7480

camp@crohnscolitisfoundation.org

Type: Overnight

Ages: Grades 2 - 10 / LIT's Grades 11-12

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: \$400; can be paid in installments

2020 Camp Dates: Dates vary based on state. Visit the website for specific dates.

Notes: Scholarships are available to those who qualify.