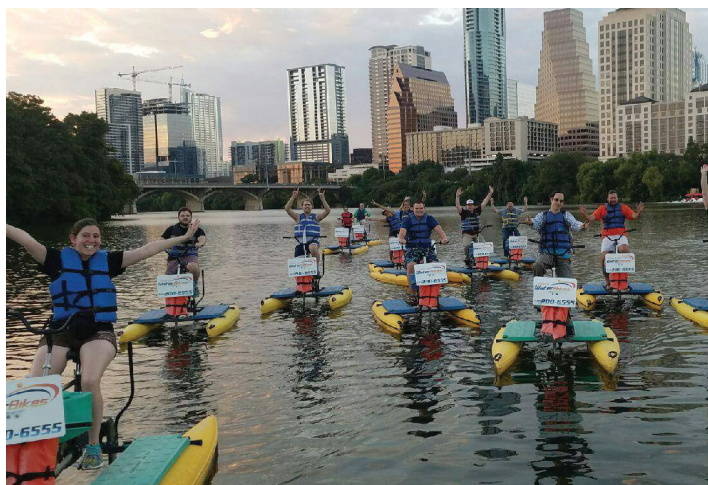


2017

Recreation & Camp Guide

for Students with Special Needs



Central Texas and Surrounding Areas

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Families should contact the resource directly to make an informed choice.

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Please help us by e-mailing any additions, changes, corrections, or suggestions to kathy.palomo@austinisd.org.

DAY PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES – CENTRAL TEXAS

Adventurers Academy of Lifelong Learning

The Adventurers Academy supports adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the Austin area through a variety of social, educational, recreational, and vocational experiences. The Academy offers outstanding continuing education, vocational training, and community experiences every day, all year. It's a great alternative to traditional day programs!

Ages: 18+

Cost: \$35/day; minimum attendance of 3 days per week

Location: 1010 Meredith Drive, Austin, TX 78748

Mailing Address: 7106 Shadywood Drive, Austin TX 78745 (for applications)

Call: (737) 203-5494 or Cell: (512) 784-2479 (Diane Mackey, Director)

Email: diane@austinadventurers.org

Website: <http://www.austinadventurers.org>

The Arc of the Arts Program

Daily fine arts education program offered by The Arc of the Capital Area where clients explore different artistic mediums and produce artwork that is professionally shown and sold. Classes offered in photography, performance art, film studies, visual art and more. Experienced instructors provide structured art classes for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and community members. Partners with Austin Community College for 18+ classes.

Ages: 14+

Cost: \$295 for 11 week summer class; \$485 for 16 week classes; \$25/day for day hab classes

Location: 4902 Grover Ave., Austin, TX 78756

Call: (512) 476-7044 ext. 236 (Jerry Slayton, Program Manager)

Email: jslayton@arcofthecapitalarea.org

Website: <http://www.arcaustin.org/>

Armstrong Community Music School

Provides access to high quality musical experiences and education for all, regardless of age, skill, ethnicity, or income. Offerings include day camps and Spring Break camps, group and family classes, and private musical instruction.

Ages: 6 weeks – Adult

Cost: Please see website for pricing information; tuition assistance is available for select programs.

Location: 404 Camp Craft Road, Austin, TX 78746 or 300 E Monroe St, Austin, TX 78704

Call: (512) 474-2331 (Sarah Beth Gooding, Director of Programs)

Email: sbgooding@acmsaustin.org

Website: www.ACMAustin.org

ASpIRe

ASpIRe offers an array of services designed to meet the educational and behavioral needs of our clients with developmental disabilities. Please inquire for more information on current groups, social skills camps, and services offered.

Ages: Varies

Days/Hours: Varies

Cost: Varies

Location: In-home and clinic based services: 5209 Duval Rd, Austin, TX 78727

Call: (512) 963-6336

Website: www.aspireaustin.com

Austin Dog Alliance

Various programs and year round programming offered.

Ages: 7-9 for Summer Camp; 17+ for S+CORE! Job Training and Placement Program

Cost: Reduced fees may be available based on student's community support funds (Bluebonnet Trails Community Services, DARS, Community Based Non-Ed Funds, insurance, etc.)

Location: 1321 W. New Hope Drive, Cedar Park, TX 78613

Call: (512) 335-7100

Email: info@AustinDogAlliance.org

Website: <http://austindogalliance.org/>

Austin Jewish Community Center

Inclusive camp program for children with special needs. Swimming, nature trails, a low ropes course, playgrounds, activities, special events, and more! Services provided to meet the needs of campers with varying abilities to the most comprehensive extent possible. Parents must inform JCC of child's individual needs (physical, emotional, cognitive, or sensory) as soon as they are able, to allow appropriate planning time. JCC Summer Camp has an Inclusion Specialist who will work with Inclusion Counselors and provide additional support to all camp staff. You don't have to be Jewish, and you don't have to be a JCC member. Please inquire by March 1, 2017.

Ages: Pre-K to 10th grade

Cost: Varies

Location: 7300 Hart Lane, Austin, TX 78731

Call: (512) 735-8050

Website: www.shalomaustin.org/camps

Austin Nature & Science Center

Very active camp with weekly sessions. Campers must be able to stay with their group and be safe in an outdoor setting. 8:1 camper to counselor ratio for 4-5 year olds and 12:1 ratio for 6-13 year olds. Activities include nature games, science experiments, animal visitors, hiking, wading, swimming, caving, canoeing, and field trips. Some camps include an off-site overnight campout. Please contact ANSC to discuss needed accommodations at least 2 weeks before programming.

Ages: 4-13

Cost: Depends on age and length of session

Location: 2389 Stratford Dr. Austin, TX 78746 & around Austin

Call: (512) 974-3888

Website: <http://austintexas.gov/ansc>

Austin Parks and Recreation Department

The Austin Parks and Recreation Department offers a wide variety of summer programs for children 5-12 years old, and some facilities provide preschool and teen programs. Whether you're looking for active play, outdoor adventure, strategic games, or cultural activities, we have it all! Our trained staff focus on youth development and will guide your child through exciting recreational experiences in a safe and welcoming environment. Staff or interns are available to help with children with disabilities; accommodations provided. Please call for the recreation center near you to discuss if their programs can meet the needs of your child.

Ages: 5-12

Cost: Some programs are free; others have fees

Location: Various Recreation Centers around Austin

Call: (512) 974-6700

Website: <http://austintexas.gov/department/summer-camps-0>

Austin Sunshine Camps

The Young Men's Business League (YMBL) of Austin provides free week long summer camps to low-income families. Campers must qualify for the Texas public school free and reduced lunch program to be eligible to attend summer camp. Activities include swimming, fishing, canoeing, handicrafts, nature study, hikes, games, and a ropes course. Transportation to camp and three meals a day is included. Call to see if this camp is a good fit for your child's needs.

Ages: Zilker 7-11, Lake Travis 12-15

Cost: Free

Location: Zilker Park area and Lake Travis Area

Call: (512) 472-8107

Email: info@sunshinecamps.org

Website: <http://www.sunshinecamps.org/>

Austin/Travis County Work-Based Learning

Summer Youth Employment program provides young adults an opportunity to earn work experience while earning financial independence during the summer. Youth completing Job Readiness Training can have an opportunity to work. To be eligible, youth must be able to work independently, live in the City of Austin and/or Travis County, and be currently enrolled and attending school. Parents can register youth for Job Readiness Training beginning the first week of January. Fifteen hours of Job Readiness Training must be completed by March 31st.

Ages: 14-17 and including youth with disabilities up to the age of 22

Location: 100 North I.H. 35, Suite 2310, Austin, TX 78701

Call: (512) 854-4590

Email: Hhs.workbasedlearning@traviscountytexas.gov

Website: <https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/health-human-services/children-and-youth/employment-program>

Autism Society of Texas

Non-profit that provides multiple types of social, recreation, and leisure programming throughout the year for all ages and stages.

Ages: All ages

Location: Varies

Call: (512) 479-4199 Ext 1

Email: caroline@texasautismsociety.org (Caroline Turner, Programs Specialist)

Website: <http://www.texasautismsociety.org/>

Big Sky Pediatric Therapy

Provides occupational, physical and speech therapy for children age's birth to 21. Encourages parents to be a part of their child's treatment and builds a program that will help parents create therapeutic opportunities for their child outside of the therapy session. Offers special workshops and small day camps focusing on topics like handwriting and social skills throughout the school year and summer.

Ages: Varies by camp

Cost: Varies by camp and determined by days and hours offered

Location: 9433 Bee Caves Rd. Building 3, Suite 101, Austin, TX 78733

Call: (512) 306-8007

Email: info@bigskyfriends.com

Website: www.bigskyfriends.com

Bilingualistics

Speech therapy services, summer camps, programming for children and adults. Monolingual and bilingual services. Most insurance accepted.

Ages: All ages

Days/Hours: M-F, 9-5:00 p.m.

Location: Bilingualistics, 1505 W. Koenig Ln, Austin, TX 78756

Call: (512) 480-9573

Email: admin@bilingualistics.com

Website: <http://bilingualistics.com/>

Camp Bluebonnet and other Camp Programs for Children with Diabetes

Children's Diabetes Camp of Central Texas administers three camp programs for kids with diabetes in the Austin area, a week long day camp for kids going into Kindergarten through 12th grade (Camp Bluebonnet), a weekend retreat for kids going into high school (CB Weekend), and a day camp event for pre-schoolers (Bluebonnet Buds Day). A parent or caregiver will be required to come with the pre-school camper to Bluebonnet Buds Day to provide diabetes care. We accept siblings to all our programs on a limited basis. We hold all our camp programs at Peaceable Kingdom Retreat for Children each summer during the third full week of June. Bus transportation available to and from Camp Bluebonnet from three Austin locations for a nominal extra fee.

Ages: 4-18

Price: Camp Bluebonnet \$100-125, CB Weekend \$125, Bluebonnet Buds Day \$50 per camper-adult pair

Hours: Camp Bluebonnet-June 19-23, 2017 (M-Th 8:30-3:30 p.m., Fri. 8:30-12:30 p.m.)

CB Weekend-May 12-14, 2017 (Fri. 5 p.m.-Sun. 10 a.m.)

Camp Bluebonnet Buds-May 13, 2016 (Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.)

Email: camp.bluebonnet@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.childrensdiabetescamp.org/>

Camp In Motion

Camp in Motion is a Dell Children's Adaptive Sports Camp in Partnership with the YMCA of Austin and is designed for kids ages 5-21 with mild to moderate cerebral palsy, or other similar neurological diagnoses, who have reasonable use of at least one arm and can follow directions. Kids at GMFCS Grade Levels I-IV are welcome as are those at Level V as long as they can use one arm, bring an attendant/nurse and are familiar to the camp program directors. This is a one week day camp.

Ages: 5-21

Cost: The cost of the camp can be submitted to most health insurance plans. Scholarships will be made available.

Location: 4220 Monterey Oaks Blvd., Austin, TX 78749

Call: (512) 891-9622

Email: vmartin@austinyymca.org (Vali Martin)

Website: <https://www.dellchildrens.net/camp-in-motion/>

Camp Grace at Austin Oaks Church (Respite Program)

Austin Oaks Church periodically hosts Camp Grace, a day camp including activities specially designed for kids with special needs and their siblings.

Ages: 3+

Dates and Hours: Pajama Party: Saturday, March 25th, 2017, 5- 10 p.m.; Saturday, July 29th, 2017, 12-5 p.m.; Saturday, December 2nd, 2017, 12-5 p.m.

Cost: Free

Location: 4220 Monterey Oaks Blvd., Austin, TX 78749

Call: (512) 891-1609

Email: peggy.bryda@austinoakchurch.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CampGraceAustinOaksChurch>

Website: <http://www.austinoakchurch.org/special-needs/>

Camp Success

Scottish Rite sponsored summer camp for treatment of children with language, dyslexia, and language-based reading impairments. Requirements: A complete comprehensive speech-language and literacy evaluation must be completed. Based on the results, the child will be considered for this program.

Ages: 4-18

Cost: The Evaluation is \$400.00. Camp Success is FREE.

Location: Baylor University, Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders, Waco, TX

Call: (254) 710-4745 (Dr. Michaela J. Ritter, Director of Language Literacy Clinic, Associate Chair)

Email: michaela_ritter@baylor.edu

Website: <http://www.baylor.edu/csd/index.php?id=50610>

Capitol School of Austin

Offers a fun and enriching summer learning experience for children identified as having speech, language, or learning differences. Four week summer enrichment programs available. Pre-school camp is for children ages 2 to 5 years and will focus on developing vocabulary and concepts. School age camp is for kids entering kindergarten through third grade.

Ages: 2 years-3rd grade

Dates and Hours: June 5 - June 30, 2017; 9-1:00 p.m.

Cost: Prices vary by camp

Location: 2011 Koenig Lane, Austin, TX 78756

Call: (512) 467-7006 (Kelli)

Email: kelliu@capitolschool.com

Website: <http://www.capitolschool.com/>

Clay Madsen Recreation Center: Adaptive Camp-Youth & Teen

Adaptive Youth Camp is for youth ages 5-12 with disabilities; Teen Camp is for teens and adults ages 13-21 with disabilities. This program offers daily activities including sports, drama, cooking, crafts and field trips each related to the weekly theme. Youth Camp ratio is 1:4. Teen Camp ratio is 1:5. Campers must be able to self-manage behavior and function within this ratio.

Ages: 5 - 12 years and 13 - 21 years

Hours: 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Cost: \$155+/session

Location: Clay Madsen Recreation Center, 1600 Gattis School Road, Round Rock, TX 78664

Call: (512) 218-3220

Website: <http://www.roundrocktexas.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/recreation/summer-camps/>

Club 2913 - A Program for Adults with Disabilities

Club 2913 is a daytime activity program during the school year for adults with disabilities offered through the Inclusion Unit of the Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARD). With the help of VSA Texas, the program offers arts, crafts, music, movement, dance ability, fun in the park, and the potential to make new friends. Registration is limited to 12 participants. 1:1 attendants welcome to attend.

Ages: 18+

Hours: 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$480 per session - \$200 deposit due at registration

Location: Northwest Recreation Center, 2913 Northland Dr., Austin, TX 78757

Call: (512) 974-3902

Email: laurel.heizelman@austintexas.gov (Laurel Heizelman, Inclusion Program Coordinator)

Creative Action Summer Camps

Camps are tailored to help all children discover their creativity. Builds skills and confidence, while allowing each child to perform or lead just as much as they are ready. Our Summer Camps take place in several locations around Austin. Each week has a different theme. Accommodates children with special needs on a case-by-case basis.

Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Before care and After care available at select locations)

Ages: 5-14

Cost: \$285 for one-week camps, \$510 for two-week camps; nonrefundable enrollment fee; financial aid available

Location: 2921 E 17th St., Bldg. B, Austin, TX

Call: (512) 442-8773 x107

Email: florinda@creativeaction.org

Website: <http://creativeaction.org>

Crenshaw's Athletic Club

All-day camp and afternoon sports camp offered. Minimum requirements for participation would be the ability to stay with the group and not be disruptive. Thereafter, participation would depend upon the difficulty of the sports. Parents are advised to come by and watch the program to see if it is appropriate for their child. Regular gymnastics and swim lessons also offered.

Ages: 4 - 11

Location: 5000 Fairview Dr., Austin, TX 78731; also available in Northwest Austin and Westlake.

Call: (512) 453-5551

Email: info@crenshaws.com

Website: www.crenshaws.com

CTX (Central Texas) Ability Sports

A non-profit that provides year round sports and activities to children with disabilities, their siblings, and parents free of charge for total family inclusion.

Ages: 2-adulthood

Days/Hours: Varies

Cost: Free

Location: Various locations

Call: (512) 212-1259

Email: john@ctxabilitysports.com

Website: <http://www.huttochallenger.webs.com/>

Deaf Space Camp

Space Camp is an experience that encompasses everything around space, simulated astronaut training, space hardware, exploration of missions and so much more. February deadline for registration.

Ages: 9-18

Days: June 25 - 30, 2017

Email: deafspacecamp@gmail.com (Amy Newland, Director)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/deafspacecamp/>

Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/deafspacecamp/home>

Dougherty Arts Center

Provides a variety of multi-disciplinary classes, workshops and camps including painting, drawing, photography, pottery, metals, dance, jewelry, fiber, computer graphics, animation, drama and much more. Registration begins in February.

Ages: 3 - Adult

Cost: Varies by camps

Location: 1110 Barton Springs Rd., Austin, TX 78704

Call: (512) 974-4000

Website: <http://www.austintexas.gov/dougherty>

Dream of Hopes Ranch

Camp Eagle Hawk is a day program for adolescents and adults with special needs for 10 weeks in June, July, and August. Space is limited. Completed application accepted on a first come first serve basis. A \$25.00 per week non-refundable deposit will be taken in advance to ensure each camper's reservation.

Ages: 14 years and up

Days/Hours: Monday-Friday; 9-6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$185.00 per week

Locations: 16250 Oak Grove Road, Buda, TX 78610 & 3228 Raspberry Road, Austin TX 78748

Call: (512) 791-0160 or (512) 312-9002 (Laura Stock)

E-mail: dreamofhopes@hotmail.com

Website: www.dreamofhopesranch.org

Easterseals Respite Program

Parents of children with special needs are invited to take an afternoon off! Drop your children off for a fun, social experience facilitated by our community partner, ABA Today, while you enjoy some time to yourself. Siblings under age 8 are invited to participate as well.

Ages: 0-8

Dates: One Saturday per month; contact for dates

Cost: Free

Location: 8505 Cross Park Drive, Suite 120, Austin, TX 78754

Call: (512) 615-6833 (Shalyn Bravens)

Email: sbravens@eastersealstx.org

Elite Gymnastics

National Elite's Preschool Day Camp is for children ages 3-5 years. National Elite's Sports Camp is a camp for children ages 5-12. Activities include gymnastics, academics, recreational games, story time, outdoor play, movies, art and swimming for older children. You will need to bring your child's lunch and we will provide a snack. Children must be potty trained and there are no make-ups or refunds for missed days. They are able to accommodate children with special needs, but please call to make sure your child is a good fit for the camp.

Ages: 3-12

Days/Hours: Monday-Friday; 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (Preschool); 7:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. older kids

Cost: \$30 registration fee; \$160/week (Preschool); 10% discount for siblings; prices for Sports Camp varies by week

Location: 7632 Hwy 71 West, Austin, TX 78735

Call: (512) 288-9722

Email: neg-usa@outlook.com

Website: <http://neg-usa.com/>

Exceptional Georgetown Alliance

In cooperation with the Exceptional Georgetown Alliance, Georgetown Parks and Recreation offers Adaptive Summer Camp Sessions and Swimming with Park Pals for GISD students. This therapeutic summer camp program is open to school aged students with cognitive and developmental disabilities. Scholarships are available for children and young adults who may be economically disadvantaged. Camps run in early summer. Space is limited. Register through Georgetown Parks and Recreation in late March.

Hours 8 a.m. -2 p.m.

Ages: Elementary-Secondary

Cost: \$135 Resident/\$170 Non-Resident per week

Location: Various locations in Georgetown, TX

Call: (512) 930-3595

Email: exceptionalgeorgetown@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.georgetownisd.org/Page/477>

Extend-A-Care For Kids

Offers one-week sessions throughout the summer at Greater Austin Area elementary schools. Activities include swimming, basketball, soccer, baseball, flag football, arts & crafts, cooking, painting and more. Mid-morning and afternoon snacks provided. Camps also provide rotating clubs: Kindle club, Film Club, Fitness club, Calligraphy/Drawing club, a LEGO Robotics club, a Photography club, and an XBOX club!

Ages: 3-12

Hours: 7:15 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.; One-week sessions

Cost: \$175 per week; financial assistance available for those that qualify; sliding fee scale

Location: 55 N. IH 35, Austin, TX 78702-5206 (Business office)

Call: (512) 472-9402

Website: www.eackids.org

Fantastic Magic Camp

The Fantastic Magic Camp features winter, summer, and spring day camps that are for all children, including those with special needs. Magic Camp is "a multi-sensory learning experience combining the fun of magic, puppets and juggling to boost the self-confidence of every participant and make them feel like a star!"

Ages: 5-12

Days/Hours: Monday-Friday; 8-3 p.m.; optional time available from 3-6 p.m.

Cost: \$295 for one week session, \$590 for two week session; scholarships available

Location: Journey IFC, 7500 Woodrow Ave., Austin, TX 78757

Call: (512) 850-4677

Website: www.magiccamp.com

First Leap Social Skills Group

Social skills groups will give students the opportunity to improve their interpersonal skills while playing games, going on scavenger hunts, art projects and more! Each group member will have custom goals and the curriculum will pull from the work of Michelle Garcia-Winner and others. Children are grouped by age and verbal ability. Two hour sessions.

Cost: Insurance may cover cost for children with a diagnosis of autism. (\$500 for evaluation and \$50 per hour)

Location: 9901 North Capital of Texas Highway #250, Austin, TX 78759 and 2500 W. William Cannon, Ste. 704, Austin, TX 78745

Call: (512) 887-2126

Email: office@first-leap.com

Website: <http://www.first-leap.com/>

From the Heart Therapy Camps

Therapy clinic that provides summer spring break and holiday camps, respite/date night, social skills groups, and much more. Camps offered to children who participate in the therapy program at FTH Therapy Services.

Cost: \$130-\$195/week

Location: 4613 Bee Cave Road Ste # 202. Austin, TX 78746

Call: (512)-306-1707

Website: <http://www.fthts.com/>

Game Design Camp-College Learning Experience (CLE)

Game Design Camp is offered during spring break and gives diverse students the opportunity to participate in the production of their own video game while developing personal and team participation skills. Students learn the inventive process of game creation using industry standard design software. Interpersonal skills focused on through a variety of group activities including team building & self-esteem discussions led by the staff psychologist. At the end of the week, students showcase their hard work and take home a copy of their customized game.

Ages: High School Students with learning or development disabilities

Space: Limited to 15 participants

Cost: \$1,500; application fee \$75

Location: 11801 Stonehollow Drive, Ste. 100, Austin, TX 78758

Call: (800) 486-5058

Email: info@experienceCLE.com

Website: <http://experiencecle.com/game-design-camp/>

Hideout Theatre

The Hideout Theatre is committed to growing special needs programming, with classes being offered to youth with Autism Spectrum Disorders and to at-risk youth in residential settings. Having special needs programming allows the Hideout to customize class settings and instruction to specific groups, which maximizes accessibility, fun, and therapeutic benefit. Improv classes are an excellent forum for all youth to gain confidence, build social skills, practice life skills, and have fun. Classes are offered on Saturdays in the Fall and Spring (13-15 sessions).

Ages: 5-18

Cost: \$310; Scholarships are available

Location: 617 Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78701

Call: (512) 443-3688

Email: lacy@hideouttheatre.com (Lacy Shawn)

Website: <http://www.hideouttheatre.com/improv-for-kids/special-needs-improv>

Hopeful Hearts Therapeutic Riding program

Therapeutic horseback riding for all ages, however participants who are over approximately 190 pounds will not be able to ride but can participate in other ways by developing relationships with horses on the ground.

Ages: All ages

Location: 17000 Trails End Cove, Leander TX (3 miles outside of Cedar Park)

Call: (512) 484-8480 (Lisa Rivers)

Email: lisarivers302@gmail.com

Website: www.horseserct.org

Johnson Center Camps and Programs

Offers various camps and programs throughout the year including: Sibcamps for various ages, Social Skills Programs, and Support Groups.

Ages: 8-16

Cost: Varies (Grants Available)

Location: 1700 Rio Grande Street, Austin, TX 78701

Call: (512) 732-8400

Email: jhill@johnson-center.org

Website: <http://www.johnson-center.org/blog>

Joshua's Stage

Joshua's Stage is the premiere performance center for children ages 3 to 18 with a wide range of special needs. Featuring classes, workshops, camps, performances, film screenings, and exhibits in theatre arts, dance, digital photography & filmmaking.

Ages: 3-18

Cost: \$40-\$200; Financial assistance available

Location: Varies

Call: (512) 825-2744

Email: joshua.levy@joshuasstage.org

Website: <https://joshuasstage.org/>

Kidventures Therapy Services

Provides a variety of week-long therapeutic camp options which help children with their play and social interaction with peers. Various camps available include Handwriting Camps, Bike Riding Camps and more. All camps are led by Occupational Therapists, Speech Therapists, and Therapy Techs. Specific areas to be addressed include: social/pragmatic skills, motor skills, arousal level/self-regulation, sensory processing and speech-language.

Ages: 2-7+

Cost: \$240-\$425 per week

Location: 5524 Bee Caves Road, Building L, Austin, TX 78746

Call: (512) 327-4499

Website: www.kidventurestherapy.com/services-specialties/camps-and-groups/

LifeWorks

LifeWorks is hosting a 2017 spring break camp. Camp will be ½ days and will include a variety of fun group-based activities such as games, art, and social skills-building. Free breakfast and lunch will be provided. Focus on interpersonal skills, interaction skills, conflict resolution, problem solving, emotional regulation. Student must meet eligibility criteria. Travis County only.

Cost: Free

Location: LifeWorks East Site, 835 N. Pleasant Valley, Austin, TX 78702

Call: (512) 735-2440 (Sandra Rivera)

McBeth Recreation Center-Zilker Park

Facilities include a large meeting room, 2 activity rooms, ceramics room, kitchen/craft room, game room, exercise room, outdoor picnic areas, accessible playscape and sand play area. This fully accessible facility offers adapted recreation programs throughout the year. Ratios vary from 1:4 to 1:15 depending on type of program and special needs of participants. For the more athletic participants, McBeth offers adapted sports programs in tennis, swimming, cycling, basketball, rowing, dance and more. Pre-registration is required; limited space. Full days and half day camps are offered. Participants should be able to manage personal care with minimal assistance and be safe in group atmosphere. Accepts 3rd party billing.

Ages: 5-22 yrs

Cost: \$25-\$294; Scholarships may be available

Location: 2401-A Columbus Dr., Austin, TX 78746

Call: (512) 974-9011

Website: <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/danny-g-mcbeth-recreation-center>

Miracle League at Town & Country

Provides opportunities for all children to play baseball regardless of their ability. Players paired with a buddy.

Ages: 4-19

Cost: Free

Location: Games are played at the Town & Country Optimist Sports Complex located in northwest Austin, or at The Round Rock Express Miracle Field, a state of the art field especially designed and constructed for children with special needs.

Call: (512) 335-7434

Website: <http://www.austinmiracleleague.org/>

Odyssey School-Camp Odyssey

Odyssey Summer Camp is designed to be a bridge between school years, making the summer a chance to continue academic growth rather than a time to fall behind. Camp Odyssey features one week half-day mini-camps that will focus on creative explorations and academic investigations.

Grades: For middle and high school students

Location: 4407 Red River, Austin, TX 78751

Call: (512) 472-2262

Website: www.odysseyschool.com

Open my World Therapeutic Riding Center

With the help of a few special horses, Open My World Therapeutic Riding Center strives to improve the quality of life for individuals with special needs involving physical, mental, and emotional disabilities. Safe and structured riding program, personal achievement encouraged and self-esteem building. The center is also a Texas "C.L.A.S.S." provider with Disability Services of the Southwest (DSSW) and Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS), & GUCCI Healthcare Services. Private sessions and summer camps available.

Ages: 4+

Cost: Fees vary

Location: Therapeutic Riding Center, 1020 CR 270, Leander, TX 78641

Call: (512) 259-6665

Website: www.openmyworld.org

Red Arena-Equine Assisted Therapy

Inclusive Summer Horse Camp for riders of all ability levels. Includes group trail rides, hands on horse care, gross motor games, fine motor crafts. Also offers equine assisted therapies, therapeutic riding lessons, and more.

Ages: 2+

Hours: Camp sessions run Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-1 p.m. for ages 5 - 12

Cost: Fees vary

Location: 1601 Bell Springs Road, Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Call: (512) 807-6505

Email: info@REDarena.org

Website: <http://www.redarena.org/>

R.O.C.K., Ride on Center for Kids

R.O.C.K., Ride On Center for Kids provides equine-assisted therapies and activities to children, adults and veterans with physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities. R.O.C.K. clients see improvement in most

aspects of their life; from muscle tone, strength, flexibility, and balance to cognitive, behavioral and emotional improvements. R.O.C.K.'s mission is to improve independence and life skills in partnership with the horse. There are a variety types of camps offered in the summer: Competition Camp, Over 21 Camp, Pony Tails Camp, and Horse Tails Camp. Space is limited and available on a first come first served basis. Camp registration form is due in early Spring.

Ages: 2-88

Cost: \$150-\$250; \$25/\$35 non-refundable registration/screening fee

Location: 2050 Rockride Lane (formerly CR 110), Georgetown, TX 78626

Call: (512) 930-7625

Website: www.rockride.org

Sammy's House

Sammy's House is a nonprofit organization that provides services for children who are medically fragile and/or developmentally delayed in a nurturing, inclusive environment. Our mission and goal is to help children and families thrive by giving children the opportunities they need to reach their highest potential through therapy support, curriculum-based instruction, and child care services. Monthly respite available up to age 8.

Ages: 6-11

Cost: Scholarships Available

Location: 2415 Twin Oaks Drive, Austin, TX 78757

Call: (512) 453-5258

Website: <http://sammyshouse.org/>

SeaWorld San Antonio Education Camps

SeaWorld artfully combines education and entertainment in a way that connects people to the sea and sea life like no place else. There are several different camps offered including different types of day camps and residential camps. All counselors undergo in-depth interviews to assess their skills in communication, organization, behavior management and safety. Please call to inquire more information on child to staff ratios and whether they can accommodate your child.

Ages: Toddlers to Adults

Cost: Varies

Location: 10500 SeaWorld Drive, San Antonio, TX 78251

Call: (800) 700-7786 and ask for Educational Programs

Website: www.seaworldparks.com/en/seaworld-sanantonio/Educational-Programs

Snapology Austin

Snapology Austin summer camps provide a fun and safe environment for children to learn math, science, technology, engineering, art and literacy concepts using LEGO® bricks and other building tools. We offer Scratch programming, robotics, animation, and STEM based programs where campers incorporate Star Wars®, Minecraft®, Disney®, and other themed favorites. Registration is limited to 18 children. Snapology Austin instructors are experienced teachers in Austin area schools. Each camp also has a teacher's assistant, bringing our camp ratio to a maximum of 9:1.

Ages: 4-12

Days/Hours: Morning (9-12 p.m.) and afternoon sessions (1-4 p.m.) offered

Cost: \$50 deposit per camp at the time of enrollment; \$130-\$180

Location: Multiple locations

Call: (512) 368-9090

Website: <http://austin.snapology.com/camps/>

Spark Learning

Welcoming campers with autism, Asperger's, PDD, ADHD, language delays, other related challenges, and their typically developing siblings and friends. ABA therapists will meet the social, language, behavioral and developmental needs of all campers in a low ratio, inclusive therapeutic environment. Campers are carefully matched by age, language, play, and social skills, and will work on targets derived from research-based curricula in a systematic, natural, creative and most importantly, FUN way!

Ages: 4-15

Days/Hours: M-Thursday, 9-1:00 p.m.

Cost: Call; insurance coverage may be available

Location: 2517 Enfield, Austin, TX 78703

Call: (512) 900-1425

Email: kayla@spark-learning.com (Kayla Hsieh, Office Coordinator)

Website: www.spark-learning.com

Special Olympics

Year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

Call: Contact your child's special education case manager for more information or call Shalanda Byers, Austin ISD Area Athletic Coordinator/Special Olympics Coordinator at (512) 841-8336

Website: <http://austinisdathletics.com/special-olympics/>

South Austin Karate

After school programs (includes holidays) and summer camp. In addition to Martial Arts training, the participants will go on field trips, movies, and more. Call to make sure they can accommodate your child.

Ages: 5+

Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Cost: Daily, weekly, monthly rates available; registration fee extra

Location: 10203 Old Manchaca Rd., Austin, TX 78748

Call: (512) 280-0611

Website: www.southaustinkarate.com

Texas Rowing for All

Provides adaptive rowing and paddling recreation for people with physical, sensory, and intellectual disabilities. Multiple options available.

Ages: 8 and up

Hours: Varies.

Cost: TRFA offers sliding-fee pricing based on ability to pay.

Location: 1541 W. Cesar Chavez, Austin, TX 78703

Contact: tony@texasrowingcenter.com (Tony Kuhn)

Website: www.texasrowingforall.org

Texas State University: Autism Camp

This camp is designed to provide children with Autism Spectrum Disorder access to quality summer camp experiences to improve their social, language, communication, and motor skills. Each camp session is limited to 15 children with a 1:1 ratio. There are four sessions available in the summer.

Ages: 5-12

Hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday-Thursday

Cost: \$110 per session. Discounts are available for multiple sessions. Need-based Scholarships are available.

Location: Pending

Call: (512) 245-8259 (Dr. Ting Liu)

Email: tingliu@txstate.edu

Website: <http://www.hhp.txstate.edu/Camps/Autism-Camp.html>

Thinkery

Thinkery is excited to welcome young innovators, Pre-K-5th grade, to camp during spring break and summer 2017. Camps are designed around unique themes that inspire campers to learn through having fun. Campers use stimulating science and their imaginations to explore new concepts, solve challenges, and develop critical learning skills.

Ages: Pre-K - 5th grade

Cost: Please see website for various camp prices; scholarships are available.

Location: various locations around Austin

Call: (512) 469-6201

Website: <http://thinkeryaustin.org/camp>

VSA Texas

Multiple classes and workshops on digital media, visual media, art, dance, internships, and more. Expert resource on inclusive arts.

Location: 3710 Cedar Street, Room 128, Austin, TX 78705

Call: (512) 454-9912

Website: www.vsatx.org

YMCA Special Needs Adaptive Programs (SNAP)

A community based program for persons with a variety of abilities and needs. SNAP helps create opportunities to learn and build self-confidence by giving participants the attention, energy and encouragement they need to succeed. SNAP focuses on fun, fitness and independence in a supportive, non-competitive environment. Aquatics, Dance, Fitness, Gymnastics & Paralympic Experiences provided. Summer campers have several activities to choose from during the day including arts, exercise, dance, group or individual games, swimming, movie time, etc.

Ages: 2-adulthood (varies with activity)

Days/Hours: Varies

Cost: Varies

Email: kredman@austinyymca.org (Kimberly Redman)

Location: Southwest YMCA, 6219 Oak Claire Dr., Austin, TX 78735

Website: www.austinyymca.org or www.ymcagwc.org (Williamson County)

William's Community School

William's Community School offers full and part-time inclusive summer camp as well as providing alternative education. Summer camp is offered for 10 weeks.

Ages: 2-17

Cost: vary

Call: (512) 250-5700

Location: 5209 Duval Road, Austin, TX 78727

Website: www.williamscommunityschool.org

OVERNIGHT PROGRAMS IN TEXAS

Camp Blessing

Camp Blessing is a residential Christian summer camp offering love, acceptance and fun to children and young adults with special needs and their siblings. We believe that our amazing campers, regardless of ability level, should have all of the fun of summer camp. Everything is customized to make camp accessible, from our specially trained staff, facility and activities, to our menus and clinic. We provide one to one care for every camper and will host ten weeks of camp this summer!

Ages: 7-22

Cost: \$895 per session; scholarships may be available

Location: 9402 Palestine Rd. Brenham, TX 77833

Call: (281) 259-5789

Email: office@campblessing.org

Website: www.campblessing.org

Camp for All

Camp for All is a unique barrier-free camp working in collaboration with other non-profit organizations to enrich the lives of children and adults with challenging illnesses or special needs and their families by providing unique camping and retreat experiences throughout the year.

Location: 6301 Rehburg Rd., Burton, TX 77835

Call: (979) 289-3752

Website: www.campforall.org

Camp Brave Heart

Hospice Austin's Camp Braveheart is a recreational summer 4 day/3 night camp for children and adolescents who have experienced the loss of a loved one due to death. Through a variety of creative activities, campers are supported in their exploration of emotional, behavioral and physical adjustments to their loss. Round trip transportation is provided from a Northwest Austin location. Campers are accepted on a first come, first served basis after a determination that the child is emotionally ready and able to participate and benefit from the camp.

Ages: 6-17

Cost: Free

Location: John Knox Ranch, 1661 John Knox Rd., Fischer, TX 78623

Call: 512-342-4700

Email: info@hospiceaustin.org

Website: www.hospiceaustin.org

Camp CAMP

Camp CAMP is on 55 acres and includes multiple activities-canoeing on the Guadalupe River, horseback riding, Aquatic Center, music, sports & recreation, arts & crafts, and outdoor cooking. CAMP modifies traditional summer camp activities to include everyone, regardless of the severity of the Camper's physical or developmental needs. Summer Camp is a series of six-day, five-night sessions for a variety of individuals with special needs and their siblings held May-August. Sessions are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. The Summer Camp applications are in English and Spanish.

Ages: 5-50

Cost: \$1500 per camper; Scholarship tier based on income

Location: 515 Skyline Dr., Center Point, TX 78010

Call: (210) 671-5411

Website: www.campcamp.org

Camp Discovery

This is a special camp experience for children with skin conditions. Under the expert care of dermatologists and nurses, Camp Discovery offers campers the opportunity to spend a week among other young people who have similar skin conditions. Many of the counselors have serious skin conditions as well, and can provide support and advice to campers. Fun, friendship, independence, and inclusion are on the top of everyone's agenda.

Cost: Free

Location: Camp Dermadillo, Burton, TX

Call: (847) 240-1737

Email: jmueller@aad.org

Website: www.campdiscovery.org/about

Camp LIFE (Respite Program)

LIFE— it stands for Leadership, Independence and Friends through Experiences, and it's what embodies the spirit of Camp LIFE, a unique camping adventure for children with disabilities. Held twice a year, Camp LIFE provides recreation for children with disabilities and their siblings while offering a weekend of respite for their parents. Campers can experience horseback riding, fishing, archery, the zipline, and rope course activities, as well as a petting zoo, canoeing, dancing and even karaoke.

Ages: 5 - 21 and siblings 5-12

Dates: Spring Camp February 24-26; Family Camp April 9; Fall Camp TBD

Cost: \$250-\$350; stipend support available

Location: Camp for All Facilities, 6301 Rehbun Rd., Burton, TX 77835

Call: 979-862-2913 (Aimee Day, Program Coordinator)

Email: aday@tamu.edu

Website: <http://camplife.tamu.edu/>

Camp Lonestar

This Christian camp in La Grange has regular camp activities, including archery, canoeing, swimming, hiking, Bible studies, and campfire devotions. They will accept children with very mild disabilities but due to rough terrain please call to see if your child can be accommodated. There are a variety of different camps and numerous dates available.

Ages: 5-14 for day camp, 13-18 teen overnight camp

Cost: Depends on type of camp; some scholarships available

Location: 2016 Camp Lone Star Rd., LaGrange, TX 78945

Call: (800) 362-2078

Website: www.lomt.com

Camp Summit

Camp Summit offers year-round week-long residential camp sessions with activities including horseback riding, swimming, arts & crafts, nature studies, kaleidoscope, ropes challenge course and sports & games. All campers are welcome without regard to the severity of their intellectual and/or physical disability. The campground is 100% barrier-free and all activities are adapted so that everyone can participate.

Ages: 6-99

Cost: Varies based on income, \$1400 maximum. A sliding scale is available for all campers as well as additional scholarships. Scholarship applicants will be required to provide proof of income and expenses. At Camp Summit, they never turn away a camper due to an inability to pay and are happy to work with you to ensure your camper can attend.

Location: 270 Private Road 3475, Paradise, TX 76073

Call: (972) 484-8900

Email: camp@campsummittx.org
Website: www.campsummittx.org

Camp Sweeney

Camp Sweeney is a specialized camp for children with diabetes. Campers learn to recognize and treat the early warning signs of dangerously high and low blood sugar levels all the while having fun and meeting new friends.

Ages: 5-18

Cost: \$3,500 A \$500 non-refundable deposit is required for each three-week session you wish to attend. A \$450 deposit is required to stay overnight. Financial aid is available based on household size and household income.

Location: 10687 FM 678, Whitesboro, TX 76273

Call: (940) 665-2011

Email: info@campswweeney.org

Website: www.campswweeney.org

Charis Hills Summer Camp

Charis Hills is a Christian Summer Camp for kids with learning differences such as ADD/ADHD, High-Functioning Autism, Asperger Syndrome, and other special needs. Our goal is to provide a positive camp experience for kids. Daily academic reinforcement provided while participating in a traditional summer camping program geared to encourage success and reward positive behavior consistently.

Ages: 7-18

Cost: \$1,300; \$200 nonrefundable deposit; Limited number of full or partial scholarships each year based on financial need.

Location: 498 Faulkner Rd., Sunset, TX 76270 (Cross Timbers or North Texas Hill Country area, northwest of Dallas and Fort Worth, near Decatur)

Call: (940) 964-2145

Website: www.charishills.org

CPATH-Cerebral Palsy Awareness Transition Hope

Camp CPals is an overnight weekend family camp run by CPATH. Camp is for families living with cerebral palsy with children 5 and up. Activities including fishing, zip-lining, giant swings, horseback riding, and canoeing. Hosted by Camp For All in Burton, Texas. The facilities are modified with features to meet the needs of special campers, making Camp CPals 100% barrier free! Camp held May 12-14, 2017.

Ages: 5+

Cost: Free

Location: Burton, Texas

Call: (866) 742-7284

Email: victoria@cpathtexas.com (Victoria Polega, Camp Director)

Website: <http://www.cpathtexas.com/>

Elijah's Retreat (Family Retreat Center)

Elijah's Retreat, a non-profit, Christ centered retreat for families with children who have Autism Spectrum Disorder and developmental disabilities. Located in East Texas, just south of Jacksonville, with rolling hills, towering pine trees and green as far as the eye can see. Families can stay in a two-bedroom cabin with kitchen and laundry room. The retreat has play areas with swings, slides, rope climbing, sand boxes, and plenty of room to run. The children can interact with the animals, fish in the pond and hike through the woods. The hope is that families will come and enjoy the quiet, peaceful setting where the children can run and play and make as much noise as they want without fear of people who don't understand them.

Cost: \$100 per night. Funds may be available for those who need it.

Location: Divine Acres Ranch - 257 CR 3110, Jacksonville, TX 75766

Call: (903) 589-0145

Email: jeffm@elijahsretreat.com

Website: <http://www.elijahsretreat.com/>

Kamp Kaleidoscope®

YMCA Collin County Adventure Camp for teens with epilepsy. Residential camping experience provided by The Epilepsy Foundation Texas. Campers participate in activities promoting independence, self-confidence, competency, and social interaction.

Ages: Teens ages 15-19 with the primary diagnosis of epilepsy or seizure disorder

Cost: Free

Location: Anna, Texas, just north of Dallas in Collin County

Call: 888-548-9716 (Main Number to Epilepsy Foundation)

Website: <http://eftx.org/programs/camps-and-recreation/kamp-kaleidoscope/>

Kingdom Ranch

Kingdom Ranch is a Christian summer camp for children with special medical, physical, and developmental disabilities. The organization seeks to minister to the entire family and siblings, who are placed with other siblings so they can pull from each other's strengths. 1:1 camper per counselor ratio for the children with disabilities, and a 1:5 ratio for siblings. Kingdom Ranch also strives to have at least 1 registered nurse on camp grounds at all times to administer daily meds and for any emergencies.

Ages: 7-18+

Cost: \$600 plus a \$100 non-refundable application fee

Location: 13743 CR 270, Somerville, TX 77879

Call: (979) 820-1393

Website: www.kingdomranch.org

Marbridge Summer Camp

Eight week-long sessions designed for individuals with cognitive challenges. Must be independent with activities of daily living and able to ambulate and transfer independently. Bowling, horseback riding, greenhouse, swimming, socialization, and interpersonal skill development. Sessions are filled on a first-come, first-served basis and always fill up.

Ages: 16-30

Cost: \$710

Location: 2310 Bliss Spillar Rd., Manchaca TX 78652

Call: (512) 282-1144

Website: www.marbridge.org

Muscular Dystrophy Association

Camp For All site in Burton, Texas will be offered this summer. Any child with at least one of the 43 neuromuscular diseases served by MDA is eligible. This is an overnight camp that will provide at least one doctor and two nurses on site (usually 15 medical staff in total). There will be a 1:1 ratio with a volunteer. June 5th-11th.

Ages: 6-17

Cost: Free

Call: (512) 691-0065

Website: www.mda.org/services/mda-summer-camp

“People with Smiles” Camp

A three day camp specifically for children with Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS). We have designed meals and snacks to comply with the specialized needs of those with PWS and still provide a Fun and Exciting camp experience that otherwise might not have been possible. Our volunteers are dedicated to not only making sure our campers have the time of their lives, but also to insure their safety with issues specific to Prader-Willi Syndrome. Hosts up to 40 campers. APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY APRIL 15th. No reservations without application.

Ages: 8 years and up

Cost: \$180.00 per camper. A non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 with this application is required for reservation for the camper. The remaining will be due no later than May 15th. If payment plan is needed please contact us to make arrangements. Grants are available for review upon request.

Location: Peaceable Kingdom Retreat Center - 19051 FM 2484, Killeen, TX

Website: <http://pwscamp2014.wix.com/praderwillisyndrome>

Sea Camp

Week-long residential adventure exploring the wonders of the marine and estuarine environments. As a Sea Camper you will have access to research vessels, oceanographic equipment, laboratory facilities, and a professional staff enabling you to learn about the ocean through hands-on experiences. Camps offered throughout the summer. Children with special needs are invited to participate, but make sure they can tolerate the ratio of staff to participants. If the child needs an assistant, the assistant may ask to attend free.

Ages: Day Camp 6-10/ 10-18 overnight camp

Cost: \$890.00- \$965.00; deposit for overnight camps \$150 .00 per camp.

Day Camps \$140.00 to \$160.00 deposit \$25.00 per camp.

Location: Texas A&M University at Galveston, P.O. Box 1675, Galveston, TX 77553-1675

Call: (409) 740-4525

Website: www.tamug.edu/seacamp

SeaWorld San Antonio Education Camps

Multiple types of day and overnight residential camps. See entry under day camps.

Resident Overnight: 5th grade to 25 years of age.

Day Camp: Any ages 1-12. Pre-k is with their parents ages 3-4. 1st grade to 2nd are without a parent.

SeaWorld offers services for wheelchair accessibility for certain camps. Accessibility services are provided dependent on specific camps.

Ages: Varies on type of camp. Camps for all age groups: toddlers to adults.

Cost: Depends on the type of Camp

Location: 10500 Sea World Drive, San Antonio, TX 78251

Call: (800) 700-7786 and ask for Educational Programs

Website: www.seaworldparks.com/en/seaworld-sanantonio/Educational-Programs

Texas Elks Camp

Resident overnight camp serving only-Texas children with special needs-in a therapeutic recreation setting. Multiple special needs accepted. Call to ensure your camper's disability is eligible. Offers swimming, hiking, fishing, horseback riding, and team building exercises.

Ages: 7-15

Cost: Free

Location: 1963 FM 1586, Gonzales, TX 78629

Call: (830) 875-2425

Website: www.texaselkscamp.org

Email: txelks@gvec.net

Texas Lions Camp

Texas Lions Camp is a residential camping facility for children with physical disabilities, type 1 diabetes and cancer. The Camp is located on over 500 acres in the Texas Hill Country, and is designed to introduce the "Can Do" philosophy to children dealing with special medical conditions. There are three different camps available: one for children with physical disabilities (ages 7-16), children with diabetes (ages 8-15), and one for children with Down Syndrome (ages 12-16). All children must be residents of Texas and have a Lions sponsor. Any Lion in your area can do this; just get in touch with one or call the camp for the name of a Lion near you. Most disabilities served but double check to make sure your child is eligible. Space is limited.

Ages: Depends on type of camp

Cost: Free

Location: 4100 San Antonio Hwy., Kerrville, TX 78028

Call: (830) 896-8500

Website: www.lionscamp.com

Texas School for the Deaf

The program is offered by the Educational Resource Center on Deafness at the Texas School for the Deaf (TSD) and serves students who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing from across the state of Texas. Summer Programs are for students interested in early childhood (ECE), Elementary, Middle School, High School Transition, Driver's Safety and Education training and Adult Drivers Education training. Our summer program serving students with special needs is open to current TSD students only. Our ECE program is half-day only, serving primarily families who live in the local Austin area.

Ages: Preschool through high school

Location: 1102 S. Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 78704

Call: (512) 462-5353 (V/TTY) ask for educational resource center or 512-462-5329

Website: <https://texasdeafed.org/events>

Variety's Peaceable Kingdom Retreat for Children

The Summer Camp Program encourages children to participate in week-long, diagnosis-specific camps. It encourages physical achievement and social development through specialized activities. Summer camps provide activities and adventures for children with disabilities or chronic illness, and offer experiences not otherwise available to these incredible kids.

Location: 19051 FM 2484, Killeen, TX 76542

Call: (254) 554-5555 (Laura Nickel)

Email: lauran@varietytexas.org

Website: www.varietytexas.com

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Activity Hero

A website to find and book kids classes and summer camps.

Website: <https://www.activityhero.com/in/buda-tx>

American Camp Association

The American Camp Association is a community of camp professionals who, for 100 years, have joined together to share their knowledge and experience and to ensure the quality of camp programs around the United States. As a leading authority in youth development, ACA works to preserve, promote, and improve the camp experience. ACA accredits over 2,400 camps. ACA-Accredited® camps meet up to 300 standards for health, safety, and program quality.

Call: (800) 428-2267

Website: www.acacamps.org

Austin Family Magazine

Austin Family is Austin's resource for Families - Find Events, Doctors, and Advice on Parenting. Resource guides on local area summer camps.

Website: <http://www.austinfamily.com/>

Kids Camps

KidsCamps.com is the Internet's most comprehensive directory of summer camps, winter camps, and spring break camps, including traditional overnight camps, day camps and more.

Website: www.kidscamp.com

National Parks Pass for People with Disabilities

When visiting a federal National Park come with some documentation of disability status. Show it off, and request the free Access Pass. Documentation includes a physician's statement, or a document issued by a State or Federal agency like SSI, SSDI, Medicaid Card, V.A., or something from DARS (Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services). The pass gives the person with the disability and three adults free admission to federal recreation sites around the country, and it's good for life!

The Free for Life Passes can also be ordered by mail, with a charge of \$10.

Directions and application at this link:

<http://www.nps.gov/lavo/planyourvisit/upload/-Final-OMB-Approved-Access-Pass-App-pdf.pdf>

For more details, or to find a recreation site, visit the National Park Service's Web site:

<http://www.nps.gov/> and <http://www.nps.gov/findapark/index.htm>

Specially Designed Travel

Specialized travel planning for families and individuals with disabilities.

Call: (512) 217-9147 (Tina Shands)

Website: www.speciallydesignedtravel.com

Texas Parent to Parent

A non-profit statewide organization committed to improving the lives of Texas children who have disabilities, chronic illness, and/or special health care needs.

Call: (512) 458-8600

Website: <http://www.txp2p.org/resources/ResourceResult.pl?county=ALL&serv=Camps>

**For more information, please contact
the Austin ISD Parent Engagement Support Office**
Delia Zamarron | delia.zamarron@austinisd.org | (512) 414-0726

