

SUMMER RESOURCES FOR KIDS WITH SOCIAL/LEARNING/PHYSICAL or OTHER DIFFERENCES

Please note that the following resources are NOT recommendations, but are provided as a helpful starting point to your summer exploring.

REMEMBER:

- Call early for specific and updated details
- Pay attention to registration deadlines
 - Ask about scholarships
- Let them know about your child's age, needs and abilities
- Note that some camps have religious programming (indicated by *)

CAMPS & SUMMER PROGRAMS

1. Ann Arbor Rec & Ed. Programs (camps, sports, etc.)

AAPS Rec & Ed Summer Camps

<http://aarecedsummer.weebly.com>

Safety Town

http://issuu.com/reced/docs/rec_ed_2015_summer_camps_catalog

Sally Searls, the manager of Lifelong Learning, works with parents to figure out which camps are the best fit given ratios, content, camp noise level, amount of outdoor vs indoor activity, etc. She can be reached at searls@aaps.k12.mi.us or 994-2300 ext. 53219. (AAPAC recommends having your child's IEP accommodations ready to provide if necessary.) Staff needs to talk to parents at least four weeks in advance of the camp start day to be able to accomplish this.

2. Program to Educate All Cyclists, or PEAC Bike Program – summer cycling programs –

Ann Arbor, Dexter, and Saline locations

734-484-2758

www.bikeprogram.org or www.info@bikeprogram.org

3. Jump-In Summer Camp - motor skills, language, social skills, and sensory processing

10400 Hamburg Rd,

Hamburg, MI 48139

810-231-9042

www.jump-in-products.com

4. **Camp Tall Tree** – camp for children with autism, siblings and explorers (transition focus)

August 17th – 22nd 2015

YMCA Camp Copneconic

10407 North Fenton Rd., Fenton, MI

CAMP OFFICE: 734-834-2495 □ Fax: 267-327-8082

<http://camptalltree.com>

5. **Great Lakes Educational Group** – math, science, writing, reading camps

152 S. Industrial Dr.

Saline, MI

944-5658

www.greatlakeseducationalgroup.com

6. **Building Bridges Therapy Center** – social skills camps, weekly programs

9357 General Drive Suite 101

Plymouth, MI 48170

734-454-0866

www.bridgestherapy.com

7. **YMCA** – summer camps

400 W. Washington

Ann Arbor, MI 48103

734-996-9622

www.annarborymca.org

8. **The Friendship Circle**

6892 West Maple road

West Bloomfield, MI 48322

248-788-7878

www.friendshipcircle.org/summer/

9. **St. Francis Camp on The Lake** *

10120 Murrey

Jerome, MI 49249

517-688-9212

www.saintfranciscamp.org

10. **Camp Casey** – camp for children with cancer

333 West 7th Street Suite 230

Royal Oak, MI 48067

877-388-8315

www.camp-casey.org

11. Cran-Hill Ranch – Friendship camp *

14444 17 Mile Road

Rodney, MI 49342

231-796-7669

www.cranhillranch.com/summercamp/special-needs.php

12. The Fowler Center (outdoor learning & LifeTREX ASD transition camps)

2315 Harmon Lake Road

Mayville, MI 48744

989-673-2050

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

13. Camp Grace Bentley (located in Burtchville, Michigan, just north of Port Huron, on Lake Huron)

8250 Lakeshore Rd

Burtchville Township, MI 48059

<http://www.campgracebentley.org>

313-962-8242

14. Acorn Buddy Camps

1309 N. Ballenger, Suite 1

Flint MI 48504

(800) 334-0544

camps@detroitconference.org

<http://www.umccamps.org>

15. Living Water Ministries *

7898 W Stony Lake Rd,

New Era, MI 49446

Office: 231-861-4138 | Fax: 231-861-4377

www.elcalivingwater.com/summer/summer-programs/#special

Scroll down to see "Specialized programs", they have programs for Foster children, Autism Friendly and a week for CI campers ages 18+.

16. Pine Ridge Bible Camp *

8415 17 Mile Road

Cedar Springs, MI 49319

616-696-8675

<http://www.pineridgecamp.com/index.php/features1/summer-programs/freddys-friends-camp>

17. Spring Hill Summer Camp *

7717 95th Ave

Evart, MI 49631

231-734-2616

<https://www.springhillcamps.com/>
www.springhillcamps.com/specialneeds/

18. Judson Center – Autism Connections

3840 Packard Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48108

(734) 528-1720 or contact Betty at (734) 528-2003

<http://www.judsoncenter.org>

The Judson Center Autism Connections Royal Oak runs a summer camp also:

<http://www.judsoncenter.org/autism-connections/programs/summer-programs>

19. Hornet Camp for Saline Residents only

<http://www.salineschools.org/schools/saline-community-education/>

20. O.U.R. Camp

SUMMER DAY CAMP FOR CHILDREN WITH DEVELOPMENTAL NEEDS

Northville Christian

41355 Six Mile Road

Northville, MI

questions@ourcamp.org

<http://www.ourcampinc.org>

21. The Robot Garage LEGO Camp

637 South Eton Street

Birmingham, MI, 48009

248-723-9100

<https://clients.mindbodyonline.com/classic/home?studioid=17778>

22. Spectrum Therapy Center

1955 Pauline Blvd Suite 100 C

Ann Arbor, MI 48103

(734) 769-0505

<http://a2spectrumtherapy.com/>

Summer Social-Communication Groups, ABA Therapy

Contact Mary Burke, MS CCC-SLP, BCBA

23. Camp Big Heart – Meri Lou Murray Recreation Center

http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/parks_recreation/mlm/camps-and-nsfd/big-heart.html

2960 Washtenaw (entrance off of Platt Rd.)

Ann Arbor, MI

734-971-6355

24. Dutton Farm

2270 Dutton Rd., Rochester MI,
Michele Smither 248-421-2628 michele@duttonfarm.org
Jeannete Brown 248.818.0270 jeanette@duttonfarm.org
www.duttonfarm.org/programs/summer-camp/

25. Far Conservatory for Therapeutic and Performing Arts

1669 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham, MI 48009
248-646-3347
Pamela Ayers, Director
pamelaayers@farconservatory.org
www.farconservatory.org
Camp Far Out
www.farconservatory.org/our-programs/camp-far-out/

26. Canton Leisure Services - Therapeutic Recreation

46000 Summit Parkway
Canton, MI 48188
Therapeutic Recreation Coordinator – Jennifer Girard Jennifer.girard@canton-mi.org
734-394-5460
<http://mi-canton.civicplus.com/135/Therapeutic-Recreation>
Camp A.B.L.E, - ages 8-14 and Camp Leisure Club – ages 15 & up
<http://mi-canton.civicplus.com/497/Summer-Camps>

27. OU Cares - Oakland University Center for Autism

425C Pawley Hall
2200 N. Squirrel Road
Rochester, MI 48309-4401
(248) 370-2424
oucares@oakland.edu
<http://www.oakland.edu/oucares/programs/>

28. Explore Our World Camp – for visually impaired

Camp Tuhsmehta
Greenville, MI
10500 Lincoln Lake Rd.48838
<https://mdelio.org/blind-visually-impaired/events/explore-our-world-camp>

29. OUB Camps – Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind

989-855-2430
support@oubmichigan.org
4175 Westbrook Road

Ionia, MI 48846

<http://www.oubmichigan.org/camps-and-events-schedule/>

30. Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind and Visually Impaired

16625 Grand River Avenue

Detroit, MI 48227

313-272-3900

Mary Beth Kullen at kullen@gdabvi.org.

<http://www.gdabvi.org/youth-programs/summer-enrichment-program/>

31. Braille Beats Fine Arts Program

Bear Lake Camp- Music – visually impaired

www.braillebeats.com

braillebeats@gmail.com or (248) 790-8065

32. Camp Abilities Sports Camp – for visually impaired

Wayne State University

Scott McNamara, 586-945-6597

www.campabilitiesmichigan.org

33. Lions Bear Lake Camp - sessions for visually impaired and Deaf & hard of hearing

810-245-0726

3409 N. Five Lakes Road

Lapeer, MI 48446

http://www.bearlakecamp.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=4:visually-impaired-blind-youth-sessions&catid=8&Itemid=114

http://www.bearlakecamp.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=5:deaf-and-hard-of-hearing-youth-session&catid=8&Itemid=114

34. <http://www.bridges4kids.org/SummerCamp.html> - HUGE list of camps

35. www.mgoblue.com/camps - sports camps at the U of M

36. KidsCamps.com

Searchable by state and by Special Needs category

<http://www.kidscamps.com>

37. My Summer Camps (resource website by category; including special needs category)

http://www.mysummerncamps.com/camps/Special_Needs_Camps/index.html

38. Pediatric Brain Injury Summer Program at Mott in Ann Arbor:

The focus of this program is to promote social success, community experiences and study smart skills in children and adolescents with a brain injury. The treatment day may include a combination of individual and group therapies, recreational therapeutic trips and specialized Parent Guidance and Support Group sessions. For more information, contact Diane DeVoogd atddvoogd@umich.edu

39. **Charge Syndrome** summer scholarship:

<http://chargesyndrome.org/documents/EthanWolfeRecreationalAssistanceProgram.pdf?aid=15152723> (Deadline May 15, 2015)

40. **The Holley Family Village**

Creating new worlds for Children and Adults with Deafness, Hearing and Vision Loss

Summer Programming for Deaf Students and their families

(Inquire with your DHH Teacher Consultants at WISD about possible financial assistance from a fund for deaf students.)

<http://www.holleyfv.org>

41. **Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living (AACIL)**

Youth Program Calendar:

<http://www.annarborcil.org/events/?calmonth=4&calyear=2015&category=4>

42. **ACE Farms** Summer programs

16530 West Austin Rd

Manchester MI 48158

Contact: Kim Edgerly, 734-417-6543 k.edgerly51@gmail.com

<http://www.acefarms.net/about-us.html>

43. **Camp McYack**

2 daycamp for Dynavox/ACC users at Camp McGregor

6700 Browns Lake Rd

Jackson MI 49201

Kary Swiontek MA, CCC-SLP, 517-990-8092

kary.swiontek@jcisd.org

<http://www.jcisd.org/Page/578>

44. **Camp Quality**

Camping experiences for children with cancer.

<http://www.campqualityusa.org/mi/Get-Involved/Be-a-Camper>

45. Kaufman Children's Center

6625 Daly Road

West Bloomfield Township, MI 48322

(248) 737-3430

Summer day programs:

http://www.kidspeech.com/index.php?link_type=events&option=com_content&task=view&id=1100

46. JUMP-IN Therapy Summer Camp

2 week summer day therapy camp

10400 Hamburg Rd

PO Box 205

Hamburg, MI 48139-0205

810-231-9042

<http://jump-in-products.com/summercamp-2.aspx>

47. Camp Chris Williams - Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth

Camp Tuhsmeheeta

10500 Lincoln Lake Rd NE

Greenville, MI 48838

586-932-6090 campchris@michdhh.org

<http://www.michdhh.org/youth/campchris.html>

48. Top Soccer

https://apm.activecommunities.com/aareced/Activity_Search/topsoccer/37741

49. Bricks 4 Kidz - Exploring and Learning through Lego play - Ypsilanti-Saline-Ann Arbor-Pittsfield Township. With advance notice they can accommodate for various student needs.

734-748-6039

eblair@bricks4kidz.com

www.bricks4kidz.com/390

50. Ann Arbor Speech Therapy Summer Social Skills Camp - The group is for kids with high functioning autism, Aspergers and other social language difficulties. It's targeted at students who have good basic communication and conversation skills, but struggle to apply those skills in social settings. They have groups for upper elementary (leaving 3rd-5th grade), middle school and high school.

Ben Darragh, Speech Language Pathologist

734-546-5219

bendarraghslp@gmail.com

a2speechtherapy.com

51. Camp North Star Reach

North Star Reach provides life-changing camp experiences for children with serious health challenges and their families.

1200 University Camp Drive, Pinckney, MI 48169

734-680-8744

<https://www.northstarreach.org/about-us/overview/>

THERAPEUTIC RIDING

1. Whispering Horsemanship & Heart 2 Heart

7615 Sylvan Road

Manchester, MI 48158

734-428-8876

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Whispering-Horsemanship-Heart-2-Heart/242227659130020>

2. Stepping Stones Therapeutic Riding Inc

620 W. Hurd Rd

Monroe, MI 48162

(734) 241-0195

www.steppingstonesmonroe.org

3. Michigan Abilities Center (MAC) - Ann Arbor

734-622-9500

www.michiganabilitiescenter.org

<http://www.michiganabilitiescenter.org/MACForms/MAC%20Programs%202013-Youth.pdf>

4. Ride 4 Fun

8957 Austin Road

Saline, Mi 48176

734-944-6651

Website: www.ride4fun.org

5. Therapeutic Riding, Inc.

3425 East Morgan Road

Ann Arbor, MI 48108

(734) 677-0303

therapeuticriding@earthlink.net

www.therapeuticridinginc.org

6. Great Strides

Chelsea, Mich.

greatstrides@earthlink.net

7. The Right Step

5600 Katz Rd

Grass Lake, MI 49240

www.rightsteptherapy.com

OTHER IDEAS

1. Ann Arbor News - Watch for CAMP CORNER insert for local summer camps
2. Belmark Bowling, Revel & Roll (Colonial Lanes) and other Bowling Centers
<http://www.kidsbowlfree.com/>
3. Swimming Facilities – public pools are Vets Park, Burh Park, Fuller Park. Vets & Buhr have summer swim teams that accommodate kids with special needs
4. Putt-Putt and Go-Karts
5. U of M, EMU, Washtenaw Community College
6. Detroit Zoo, Toledo Zoo
7. Local Museums
8. Henry Ford / Greenfield Village
9. Ann Arbor Hand On Museum, Detroit Children's Hands On Museum
10. Local Metro Parks: Kensington, Hudson Mills, Rolling Hills
11. Don't forget to call each other and schedule play-dates. Places like Jungle Java, Bounce Zone and the Park are perfect play-date places!
12. WISD – Michigan Alliance for Families (additional resources for specific dates / events)
734-994-8100 ext. 1590 or 1-800-552-4821
www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org/
13. Detroit Institute for Children – for specific services / events
2075 East West Maple Road Suite B 204
Walled Lake, MI 48390
248-926-0909
<https://www.detroitchildren.org>
14. <http://www.downsyndromesupportteam.com/index.php/resources> - local website (additional resources for specific dates / events)
15. Just for Us Club

Licensed daycare program at High Point School (at the WISD)
1735 S. Wagner Rd.
Ann Arbor, Michigan.
<http://justusclub.org/>
734-994-8100

***Please email updates / corrections / additional resources to vonkulajta@aaps.k12.mi.us or
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