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

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

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

Happy Camping!

Selecting a Camp

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

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

Day Camps
Day camps usually offer a variety of recreational activities designed to promote your child's physical and mental well-being. Programs may run full days or half days, five days a week or several days a week, all summer or only a few weeks. Advance registration and a physical exam with complete medical history are usually required. Day camp activities typically include music, swimming, a variety of sports, arts and crafts, hobby clubs, and trips. Most camps accept children 5 years of age and older.
If a program is offered by your local community or municipal recreation department, a fee is often charged. Most private camps typically charge higher fees, although they may offer scholarships or fee reductions based on financial need.

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

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

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

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

• How do you apply?
• What is the deadline for submitting applications?
• What are the camp’s opening and closing dates?
• Are there clothing requirements and clothing checklists?
• Is transportation to and from the camp provided?
• Is the program designed for children with specific disabilities?
• Is the program accessible for children with physical disabilities?
• Does the American Camping Association (ACA) accredit the camp?
• Does the camp meet state and local health standards and regulations for the operation of day and residential camps?
General Information
Some general information can be obtained by visiting the camp's web site, requesting a brochure, calling the camp organization directly, or visiting the camp facility to get more specific answers to your questions. Parents can usually make appointments with camp directors in the spring.

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

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

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

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

• Is there a fee?

• What is included with this fee? Does it cover transportation, meals, insurance, linens, laundry, special trips, entrance fees, canteen, health services, and use of equipment? Ask the camp director to itemize any services for which an additional fee is required.

• Is there a membership fee? (Must you join the sponsoring organization in order for your child to participate?)

• Are scholarships or fee reductions available?

Transportation

• What kind of transportation is provided?

• Is it door-to-door or group pick-up?

• Is a counselor or chaperone available to take care of your child while in transit?

• Do the vehicles meet state and local safety regulations for operation of vehicles that transport children?

• How long does your child have to travel to and from camp?

• For long trips, is there a bathroom on the bus?

Meals

• Are lunches provided by the day camp?

• Are the camp menus prepared by a dietitian?

• Are snacks provided during the day? What kind?

• Are special meals available if needed?

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

More Things to Remember about Camps

• Camp is intended to be fun, so you can expect it to be a bit messy!

• Remember the setting and make sure your child is appropriately dressed. Good sneakers are a must!

• It is a good idea to label all clothing.

• It is a good idea to keep an extra set of clothes at day camp. Some have cubbies or lockers for this purpose.

• Talk to your child's counselor about your child's likes and dislikes.

• Beware of overstuffing backpacks. They get heavy and can become a nuisance.
• Sunscreen!

• HAVE FUN!

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

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

Additional Resources

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

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

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

Other Resources

• Association of Hole In The Wall Camps
• Allen's Guide
• The Camp Channel
• CampPage Summer Camp Directory
• CampResource.com
• DayCamps.net
Can’t Find What You’re Looking For?

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

Camps listed by specialty/condition

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

Asthma
Camp Breathe Easy
Camp Coast

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

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

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
S.O.A.R. (Success Oriented Achievement Realized)
Talisman Programs Summer Camp

Burns
Camp Celebrate
Cheley Children’s Hospital Burn Camp
Camp Holiday Trails

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

Chronic Illness
Camp Carefree
Camp Courage
Victory Junction

Crohn’s Disease
CCFA Camp Oasis

Deaf or Hard of Hearing
Camp Sertoma
Spring Camp Cheerio

Diabetes
Camp Carolina Trails
Summershine Camp at Lutheridge

**Learning Disabilities/Cognitive Delays**
- Camp Lee Mar
- S.O.A.R (Success Oriented Achievement Realized)
- Summer Enrichment Camp
- Summer Teen Fun Camp
- Summershine Camp at Lutheridge
- Tristan’s Quest

**Lupus**
- Camp Sunshine at Sebago Lake

**Muscular Dystrophy**
- MDA Summer Camp at Bethelwoods
- MDA Summer Camp at Camp Carefree

**Sickle Cell Anemia**
- Sickle Cell Camp

**Vision Impairments**
- Camp Abilities at Camp Dogwood

**Physical Disabilities**
- Adventure Amputee Camp
- Camp Ann
- Community Connections Family Life Center Summer Day Camp
- Camp Escape
- Camp Free Spirit
- Camp Joy

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

**Alamance County**

**All Abilities Camp**
4705 Nicks Rd.
Mebane, NC 27302
[http://www.nctrcriders.org/id47.html](http://www.nctrcriders.org/id47.html)
(919) 304-1009
**Type:** Day
**Age:** 5 to 16
**Type of Disability:** Inclusive
**Description:** Hosted by the North Carolina Therapeutic Riding Center, this camp is open to children with and without disabilities. Campers participate in a variety of activities, including horseback riding, arts and crafts, learning about farm animals and painting ponies.

**Cost:** $375 per week

**2014 Camp Dates:** Various week-long sessions June-August, Monday-Friday, 9am-2pm.
- Session 1: June 16-20
- Session 2: June 23-27
- Session 3: July 7-11
- Session 4: July 14-18
- Session 5: August 4-8

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

**Camp Free Spirit**
6657 Kimesville Rd.
Liberty, NC
[www.koppertop.org/CampFreeSpirit.html](http://www.koppertop.org/CampFreeSpirit.html)
(336) 565-9723
**Type:** Day
**Age:** 2 and up
**Type of Disability:** Inclusive of physical or developmental disabilities
**Description:** Camp Free Spirit is an inclusive day camp that uses the outdoors and animals, especially horses, to teach individuals with and without disabilities both everyday living skills and an understanding of animals and the great outdoors. This inclusive program allows campers to learn from each other, and encourages siblings to participate together. Other activities include a hayride, cookout, arts and crafts, and scavenger hunts. Helmets and safety stirrups are provided, and adapted equipment available if needed. All teaching is adapted to each person’s needs, and campers can have a 1:1 ratio if necessary. Camp facilities are wheelchair accessible.

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

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

**Camp Greenleaves**
Lake Cammack Park and Marina
4790 Union Ridge Rd.
Burlington, NC 27217
(336) 222-5030
**Type:** Day
**Age:** 5 to 21
**Type of Disability:** Mild to moderate developmental disabilities
**Description:** Camp Greenleaves is a five-week summer day camp for youth with developmental disabilities/delays who reside in Alamance County and attend the Alamance/Burlington school system. Campers are divided

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

**2014 Camp Dates:** June 17-July 19. Camp is Monday-Friday, 9am-3pm.
into five groups with four counselors per group and will rotate to different areas of camp daily. Activities include swimming, arts and crafts, sports and games, character building, nature studies, and free time. There are also several field trips planned throughout the summer.

### Buncombe County

**Asheville YMCA Summer Camp**  
30 Woodfin St.  
Asheville, NC 28801  
[www.ymcawnc.org/centers/asheville/programs/youth/camp](http://www.ymcawnc.org/centers/asheville/programs/youth/camp)  
(828) 210-9622  
**Type:** Day Camp  
**Age:**  
- **Camp Discovery:** Rising K-5th  
- **LIT (Leaders in training):** Rising 6th-8th  
- **CIT (Counselors in Training):** Rising 9th-12th  
**Type of Disability:** Inclusive  
**Description:** Activities include nature hikes, camp songs, group games, arts & crafts, swimming, outdoor exploration, water play, drama, sports and games, and weekly field trips.  
**Cost:** $155-$165 per week with a one-time registration fee of $50-$75 per family.  
**2014 Camp Dates:** Various week-long sessions June-August, organized by camper age and theme. See website for exact dates.  
**Notes:** The Y accepts vouchers for camps at the Buncombe, McDowell and Henderson County locations. There is also financial assistance available.

**Camp Lakey Gap**  
222 Fern Way  
Black Mountain, NC 28711  
[www.christmount.org/camplakeygap/index.htm](http://www.christmount.org/camplakeygap/index.htm)  
(828) 669-8977 or (828) 669-6301  
**Type:** Overnight  
**Age:** 4-17; one week for over 18  
**Type of Disability:** Autism Spectrum  
**Description:** Camp Lakey Gap welcomes anyone on the autism spectrum to come and enjoy a summer camp experience. It offers a unique program approach of therapeutic recreation using visually structured programming, 1:1 and 1:2 positive support from well-trained college and graduate students, development of independent living skills, and opportunities for engaging in social interaction with peers. All activities cater to a camper’s individual needs and interests, whether they include insects, reptiles, outer space, Pokemon, Star Wars, or anything else.  
**Cost:** $200 deposit with application; $1,725 per week for the first child and $1,525 per week for a second child.  
**2014 Camp Dates:** Various week-long sessions June-August organized by camper age and level of functioning. See website for exact dates.  
**Notes:** Payment plans and some scholarship options are available based on family income.

**Camp Tikvah**  
Asheville Jewish Community Center  
236 Charlotte St.  
Asheville, NC 28801  
(828) 253-0701, x107 (Camp Director)  
**Type:** Day Camp  
**Ages:** Rising 1st-3rd grade  
**Type of Disability:** Autism Spectrum  
**Description:** Camp Tikvah enables children on the autism spectrum to enjoy the fun and community of Camp Ruach in five groups with four counselors per group and will rotate to different areas of camp daily. Activities include swimming, arts and crafts, sports and games, character building, nature studies, and free time. There are also several field trips planned throughout the summer.  
**Cost:** $330 per week for Asheville JCC members; $430 per week for non-members.  
**2014 Camp Dates:**  
- June 17-21  
- June 24-28  
- July 1-5  
- July 8-12  
Camp is Monday-Friday, 9am-3:30pm.  
**Notes:** Space is limited to six campers per session;
an individually monitored and highly structured program. A collaboration between Autism Consulting and Training, Inc. and Camp Ruach, Camp Tikvah is a unique four-week experience that allows these special kids to participate in as many peer activities as is individually appropriate. Well-trained counselors focus on sensory issues, communication, socialization, community and fun.

**Summer Enrichment Camp**
West Asheville Recreation Center
970 Haywood Road
Asheville, NC 28802
www.ashevillenc.gov/Departments/ParksRecreation/recreation/TherapeuticPrograms.aspx
(828) 259-5483

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**Cost:** TBA

**2014 Camp Dates:** Exact dates will be posted in April. Registration begins in May. Camp is Monday-Friday, 9:30am-5:30pm.

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

**Summer Teen Fun Camp**
West Asheville Recreation Center
970 Haywood Road
Asheville, NC 28802
www.ashevillenc.gov/Departments/ParksRecreation/recreation/TherapeuticPrograms.aspx
(828) 259-5483

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**Cost:** TBA

**2014 Camp Dates:** Various weeks June-August, exact dates will be posted in April. Registration begins in May. Camp is Monday-Friday, 10am-5:30pm.

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

**Summer Theatre Camp**
Dr. Wesley Grant Southside Community Center
285 Livingston Street
Asheville, NC 28802
www.ashevillenc.gov/Departments/ParksRecreation/recreation/TherapeuticPrograms.aspx
(828) 277-1315

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

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

**Notes:** Asheville Parks and Rec provides financial assistance for campers. To find out if your child qualifies, apply in advance at the West Asheville Recreation Center (970 Haywood Road, (828) 251-4031). Applications may take up to two weeks to process.
Summershine Camp at Lutheridge
2049 Upper Laurel Dr.
Arden, NC 28704
[Website](http://www.novusway.com/our-programs/summer-camp/summershine.aspx)
(828) 684-2361
**Type:** Overnight
**Age:** 15+
**Type of Disability:** Mild to moderate learning and developmental disabilities.
**Description:** The focus of this camp is on building faith and having fun. Campers are challenged to make new friends and experience new adventures. All programs are designed for campers who are independent in personal hygiene, non-aggressive and generally compliant. There are two different programs: Holiday Summershine is for ACTIVE campers, with activities that include games, hiking, arts and crafts, swimming, canoeing, and bible study. Hilltop Summershine is for campers who are less mobile (although campers still go on hikes so this program would not be appropriate for individuals in wheelchairs). Activities include crafts, games, bible study, and karaoke, with lots of opportunities for rest periods in between.

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

**2014 Camp Dates:**
- **Holiday Summershine:** June 8-14 or July 20-26 (Christmas in July theme)
- **Hilltop Summershine:** July 13-19

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

Cabarrus County

Camp Tekoa Special Needs Day Camp
United Methodist Camp Tekoa
211 Thomas Road
Hendersonville, NC 28793
[Website](http://www.camptekoa.org/summer-camps/summer-camps/special-needs#)
(828) 692-6516 or (828) 696-3699
**Type:** Day
**Age:** 8 to 12
**Type of Disability:** Developmental disability
**Description:** Special Needs Day Camp is an inclusive program where campers with developmental disabilities can enjoy full participation in activities alongside other elementary day campers. The camper to staff ratio is lower in these weeks to be able to encourage and support all campers. Activities include arts and crafts, games, songs, zip line, boating, swimming and nature hikes.

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

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

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

Wings of Eagles Ranch
4800 Faith Trails
Concord, NC 28025
[Website](http://www.wingsofeaglesranch.org)
(704) 784-3147
**Type:** Day
**Age:** 4 and up
**Type of Disability:** All disabilities

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

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

**Notes:** Camp registration opens February 15
**Camp Ginger Cascades**

2090 Scout Rd.
Lenoir, NC 28645

[www.gingercascades.org/](http://www.gingercascades.org/)

(828) 758-5321

**Type:** Day and Overnight

**Age:** 7-17 (Girls only)

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

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

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

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

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

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**Camp Abilities at Camp Dogwood**

7062 Camp Dogwood Dr.
Sherrills Ford, NC 28573

[http://www.raisingcane.org/?section=camp-abilities-nc](http://www.raisingcane.org/?section=camp-abilities-nc)

(828) 478-2755

**Type:** Overnight

**Age:** 10-17

**Type of Disability:** Visual impairment/blindness

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

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

**2014 Camp Dates:** July 7 – 12.

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**Camp Royall**

250 Bill Ash Rd.

**Cost:** $1,700 per overnight session, $500 per day session
Moncure, NC 27559
www.camprovall.org
(919) 542-1033
Type: Overnight and Day
Age: 4 to adult
Type of Disability: Autism Spectrum
Description: Operated by the Autism Society of North Carolina, this is the nation’s largest summer camp for people on the Autism spectrum. Campers participate in typical camp activities such as swimming, hiking, boating and arts and crafts in a structured environment designed to meet the unique needs of each camper. Counselor to camper ratios are 1:1 or 1:2. Campers are assigned to weeks according to their age and level of functioning.

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

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

ArtVentures
Holton Career and Resource Center
401 N. Driver St.
Durham, NC 27701
http://durhamnc.gov/ich/op/prd/Pages/Home.aspx
(919) 560-4355
Type: Day
Age: 10 to 21
Type of Disability: Inclusive
Description: This is a theater-based program for youth with and without disabilities that provides an encouraging environment in which to explore various components of the arts such as visual arts, dance, singing, and acting. Throughout the course of this 3-week camp, participants, volunteers, and staff will work together using the skills they have learned to create a live theater production to be performed at the conclusion of camp.

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

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

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

Camp Discover
Lyon Park
1200 W. Lakewood Ave.
Durham, NC 27701
http://durhamnc.gov/ich/op/prd/Pages/Home.aspx
(919) 560-4355
Type: Day Camp
Age: 5-11
Type of Disability: Inclusive
Description: This program offers participants the opportunity to gain the full summer camp experience in a supportive environment with a 1:3 staff to participant ratio. Campers will be encouraged to utilize existing skills as well as develop new ones. If a camper requires individualized support at a 1:1 ratio, the family may be required to provide additional care.

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

2014 Camp Dates:
- June 16-20
- June 23-27
- June 30-July 3
- July 7-11
- July 14-18
- July 21-25
- July 28-August 1
- August 4-8
- August 11-15
Camp is Monday-Friday, 7:30am-6pm
**Camp Explore**
Holton Career and Resource Center
401 N. Driver St.
Durham, NC 27701
[http://durhamnc.gov/ich/op/prd/Pages/Home.aspx](http://durhamnc.gov/ich/op/prd/Pages/Home.aspx)
(919) 560-4355
Type: Day
Age: 13 to 21
Type of Disability: Inclusive
Description: Campers will be given the opportunity to develop life skills and expand their leisure interests in a supportive environment at a 1:4 staff to participant ratio. If your adolescent is relatively independent and you believe inclusion is not the best option, or if he/she is older than 16 (the maximum age for inclusion in other programs in Durham Parks and Rec camps), you are welcomed to register for this camp.

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

**Cost:**
- City residents with Play More card: $118.75 per session
- City residents w/out Play More card: $132 per session
- Non-city residents with Play More card: $141.25 per session
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2014 Camp Dates:
- June 16-20
- June 23-27
- June 30-July 3
- July 7-11
- July 14-18
- July 21-25
- July 28-August 1
- August 4-8
- August 11-15
Camp is Monday-Friday, 7:30am-6pm

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

**Forsyth County**
ABC School of Winston-Salem
3902 Old Vineyard Rd.
Winston-Salem, NC 27104
[www.abcofnc.org/services/summer-program/](http://www.abcofnc.org/services/summer-program/)
(336) 251-1180 ext. 107
Type: Day
Age: 3-21
Type of Disability: Autism Spectrum
Description: ABC of NC Child Development Center’s Summer Education Program combines the fun of a summer day camp with an evidence-based educational program. Children learn through peer and play interaction in a fun and inclusive group environment. Each child’s camp experience is tailored to his or her unique needs through the creation of an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) by a team of experienced education professionals prior to the beginning of camp. Please note that children attending the Summer Education Program must have no significant aggressive, self-injurious or destructive behaviors.

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

2014 Camp Dates:
- April-May: IEP meetings
- Camp sessions: June 18-August 5
Camp is Monday-Friday, 8:45am-2:45pm

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

Camp Ann
High Point Lake City Park
602 W. Main St.
Jamestown, NC 27862
www.highpointnc.gov/pr/special_pop.cfm
(336) 883-3481 or (336) 883-3477
Type: Day
Age: 5 and up
Type of Disability: Inclusive of physical & developmental disabilities
Description: Campers can participate in activities such as arts & crafts, swimming, outdoor recreation and field trips in an inclusive environment. Lunch and one snack are provided.

Cost: $55 per week

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

Camp Carefree
275 Carefree Ln.
Stokesdale, NC 27357
www.campcarefree.org
(336) 427-0966 or (336) 427-0962
Type: Overnight
Age: 6 to 18
Type of Disability: Neurological disorders, cancer, spina bifida, hemophilia, sickle cell, muscular dystrophy, siblings of children with a chronic illness, children of a chronically ill parent.
Description: Camp Carefree provides children with serious health problems an opportunity to play, learn and have fun with other who encounter similar difficulties. Activities include horseback riding, canoeing, fishing, climbing a rock wall, ziplining, arts & crafts, and more.

Cost: Free

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

Camp Joy Day Camp
5920 Hagan-Stone Park Rd.
Pleasant Garden, NC 27313
(336) 373-2954
Type: Day
Age: 5 to adult
Type of Disability: Physical or developmental disabilities, hearing and visual impairments
Description: Camp Joy offers two three-week sessions for individuals with developmental disabilities and a one-week session for individuals with physical disabilities. Facilities include six cabins, a multipurpose building, an arts and crafts shelter, a playground, and a pool. Activities include arts and crafts, music, swimming, sports and outdoor activities as well as talent shows, dances, movie days, and theme weeks. Campers who need personal assistance are welcome to have personal assistance accompany them at camp.

Cost: $55 per week

2014 Camp Dates:
For campers with developmental disabilities:
- June 16 – July 3
- July 14 – August 1
For campers with physical disabilities:
- July 7 - 11
Community Connections Family Life Center Summer Discovery Camp
153 E. Bellevue Dr.
High Point, NC 27265
www.healthy-triad.org/index.html
(336) 884-7179 or (336) 883-0650
Type: Day
Age: 1 to 12
Type of Disability: Inclusive of physical & developmental disabilities
Description: Camps are designed to foster emotional, cognitive and physical growth through art, stories, drama, music, computers and outdoor exercise. All children are taught in a literacy-rich environment that offers a variety of activities within a developmentally appropriate curriculum that addresses school readiness, character development and social skills. Speech, physical and occupational therapy is also available for campers who require those services.

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

Hugs Camp
Haw River State Park
339 Conference Center Dr.
Browns Summit, NC 27214
www.dionc.org/youth/hugs-camp.html
(800) 448-8775
Type: Overnight
Age: 8 and up
Type of Disability: Inclusive
Description: HUGS is a unique camp for unique people, bringing together young people of diverse abilities. Campers with special needs are paired with one or more “helper” campers, who assist the special-needs campers with all the activities of camp life. Needs may range from needing assistance in bathing, eating, and/or dressing to help getting around or just having a friend to encourage participation. Helper Campers take part in a day of training with counselors and nurses to learn how to care for the campers.

Cost: $390
2014 Camp Dates: July 6-13
Notes: Scholarships are available to participants who have their scholarship application form signed by a priest or youth minister at their parish.

Sickle Cell Camp
PO Box 2094
Greensboro, NC 27420
www.piedmonthealthservices.org/Camp.htm
(336) 274-1507
Type: Overnight
Age: 6 to 15
Type of Disability: Sickle Cell Disease
Description: The goal of this camp is to foster the social, emotional, and physical growth of children with sickle cell disease and encourage self-confidence and independence, social skill-building and development of peer relationships. Activities include swimming, horseback riding, arts and crafts, fishing, talent show, field trips, motivational speakers, sports

Cost: Free
2014 Camp Dates: July 27-August 1
Tristan’s Quest  
115 S. Walnut Cir.  
Greensboro, NC 27409  
www.tristansquest.com/programs/summer-camp  
(336) 547-7460  
Type: Day  
Age: Rising K-3rd  
Type of Disability: Autism, Asperger’s, Bipolar Disorder, ADHD, Sensory Processing Disorder, Depression, Anxiety, Genetic/Chromosomal Disorders, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders and general behavioral/social concerns  
Description: Tristan’s Quest summer camp is an inclusive, engaging and well-supervised camp for children with and without social, emotional, behavioral and academic challenges. Staff to camper ratio is 1:3 with a maximum of ten campers per week. Each week has a different theme, please see website for more details.  
Cost: $25 registration fee; $170 per session  
2014 Camp Dates: Various week long sessions June-August organized by theme; see website for exact dates. Camp is Monday-Friday, 9am-1pm.  
Notes: Campers attending five or more weeks receive a 10% discount on tuition. Siblings of campers are welcome to attend.

Talisman Programs Summer Camps  
64 Gap Creek Rd.  
Zirconia, NC 28790  
www.talismancamps.com  
(855) 588-8254  
Type: Overnight  
Age: 8 to 22  
Type of Disability: ADHD, learning disabilities, Asperger’s Syndrome and high-functioning Autism  
Description: Designed to provide a fun, safe atmosphere where campers can develop increased self-esteem, trust in self and others, and the basics of good decision-making. Activities include backpacking, rock climbing, whitewater rafting, high ropes course, swimming, nature studies, arts & crafts, and special events.  
Cost: $2,995 per session for 13 day programs; $4,085 per session for 19 day programs  
2014 Camp Dates: Various 13 and 19 day long sessions June-August, organized by age of camper and type of disability. See website for exact dates

SOAR (Success Oriented Achievement Realized)  
PO Box 388  
Balsam, NC 28707  
www.soarnc.org  
(828) 456-3435  
Type: Overnight  
Age: 8 to 25  
Type of Disability: Learning disabilities and ADHD  
Description: Features a success-oriented, high adventure program for preteens, teens, and adults. Emphasis is placed on developing self-confidence, social skills, problem-solving techniques, a willingness to attempt new challenges and the motivation which comes through successful goal orientation.  
Cost: $250 registration fee; tuition is $2,900 to $4,400 per session depending on length; family week is $1,000 per family  
2014 Camp Dates: Various 12, 18 and 26 day long sessions June-August, organized by theme; see website for exact dates. Family Adventure Weekend is May 9-11  
Notes: There are a limited number of scholarships available based on family income.
Activities include backpacking, rafting, rock climbing, llama trekking, fishing, surfing, kayaking, scuba diving and more. Includes a weekend-long family adventure camp.

Lee County

Happy Day Camp
Lee County Parks and Recreation
2303 Tramway Rd.
Stanford, NC 27331
www.leecountync.gov/Departments/ParksRecreation/RecreationPrograms/tabid/274/Default.aspx
(919) 775-2107
Type: Day
Age: 5 to 15+
Type of Disability: Developmental Disabilities
Description: Happy Day Camp is designed to involve individuals with special needs in recreational activities to increase their self-esteem and confidence. One-week sessions are held for different age groups. During camp participants have the opportunity to interact with their peers through activities such as arts and crafts, nature studies, boating, swimming and special field trips.

Cost: Free

2014 Camp Dates:
-Age 5-10: June 23-27
-Age 11-14: July 7-11
-Age 15+: July 14-18

Notes: Registration is May 1-June 20

Mecklenburg County

Camp Boomerang
9760 Happy Valley Drive
Charlotte, NC 28270
www.ymcacharlotte.org/branches/siskey/youthdev/camp/campboomerang.aspx
(704) 716-4329
Type: Day
Age: 5 to 15
Type of Disability: Autism
Description: All campers will participate side by side in an inclusive environment with typically-developing children in age appropriate activities that include nature, parachute, field sports, low ropes, tower, fishing, swimming, devotions, and arts and crafts. Campers will also take part in specialized enrichment activities several times a week. Peer buddies, 1:2 and 1:1 support can be provided for campers who have autism.

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

2014 Camp Dates:
-Session 1: June 30-July 4
-Session 2: July 7-11
-Session 3: July 14-18
-Session 4: July 21-25
-Session 5: July 28-August 1
-Session 6: August 4-8

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

Johnson YMCA Summer Day Camp
3025 N. Davidson St
Charlotte, NC 28205
www.ymcacharlotte.org/programs/youthdevelopment/camp/camp.asp
(704) 716-6362
Type: Day
Age: 5 to 12
Type of Disability: Inclusive
Description: Campers discover and build skills while working

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

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

Notes: Registration opens February 15
as a team doing activities like swimming, games and challenges. Several different camps with different themes are offered, please see the website for more details.

**MDA Summer Camp at Bethelwoods**  
1515 Mockingbird Ln.  
Charlotte, NC 28209  
[www.mda.org](http://www.mda.org)  
(704) 567-2312  
**Type:** Overnight  
**Age:** 6 to 17  
**Type of Disability:** Muscular Dystrophy  
**Description:** Activities include swimming, karaoke, boating, fishing, adaptive sports, archery, horseback riding, scavenger hunts, arts and crafts, dances and talent shows, and campfires. All activities are specially designed to be inclusive of campers who have limited mobility or who use wheelchairs.  

**Cost:** Free  

**2014 Camp Dates:** August 4-9  

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

**Mecklenburg Therapeutic Recreation Programs**  
2219 Tyvola Rd.  
Charlotte, NC  
[http://charmeck.org/mecklenburg/county/ParkandRec/Therapeutics/SummerDayCamp/](http://charmeck.org/mecklenburg/county/ParkandRec/Therapeutics/SummerDayCamp/)  
(704) 432-4328 or (704) 432-4327  
**Type:** Day Camp  
**Age:** 2 to 16  
**Type of Disability:** Developmental Disabilities  
**Description:** The Mecklenburg Department of Parks and Recreation offers a wide variety of day camps for individuals who have disabilities that focus on their abilities and encourage them to attain their highest level of functioning by increasing leisure skills, improving social and communication skills, increasing independent living skills and increasing awareness of and involvement in community recreation activities. There are various types of camps over the summer that are organized by age group, please see website for more details.  

**Cost:** $100 per session  

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

**Spring Camp Cheerio**  
1430 Camp Cheerio Rd.  
Glade Valley, NC 28627  
[www.springcampcheerio.org](http://www.springcampcheerio.org)  
(704) 545-6688  
**Type:** Overnight  
**Age:** 0-15+ and family  
**Type of Disability:** Deaf and hard of hearing  
**Description:** This camp is designed to teach strategies for development of spoken language, including Cued Speech methodologies. During this camp weekend, children are placed in age appropriate classes where they participate in activities such as crafts, games, hiking, canoeing, archery, a

**New Hanover County**  

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

**2014 Camp Dates:** May 16-18  

**Notes:** Registration opens in March. A limited number of scholarships are available based on family income
hillside waterslide, and more while parents attend educational sessions that include cued speech training, language facilitator training and time for sharing experiences.

**Orange County**

**Carrboro Recreation and Parks Camps**  
100 N. Greensboro St.  
**Carrboro**, NC  27510  
www.carrbororec.org/  
(919) 918-7392  
Type: Day Camp  
Age: 6 to 17  
Type of Disability: Inclusive  
Note: Multiple camp themes available including music, art, sports, crafts, nature and more, please see website for details. Placement based on Parks & Rec’s ability to aid camper in fulfilling their needs.  
Cost: $40 registration fee; $90-$165 per week depending on camp  
2014 Camp Dates: There are a variety of camps June-August organized by camper age and theme. Each camp is Monday-Friday and lasts for 3-4 hours per day. See website for exact dates

**Camp Celebrate**  
101 Manning Dr.  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514  
(919) 966-8539  
www.med.unc.edu/burn/aftercare-programs-temp/camp-celebrate-1  
Type: Overnight  
Age: 7 to 18  
Type of Disability: Burn Survivors  
Description: An annual camping experience for children who are current or former patients of the NC Jaycee Burn Center at UNC Hospitals. This camp provides opportunities to play, run, laugh, talk and have fun with campers who have had similar experiences. Activities include swimming, canoeing, arts and crafts, fishing, and an annual Sunday family picnic. Teens ages 16-18 can serve as Counselors-in-Training.  
Cost: Free  
2014 Camp Dates:  
Teen camp: August 22 – 24  
Family Camp: September 26 - 28

**Pitt County**

**Camp Coast**  
604 Medical Dr.  
Greenville, NC 27835  
(252) 847-6834  
www.asthmacamps.org  
(252) 847-6834  
Type: Weekend Retreat  
Age: 5 - 17 +families  
Type of Disability: Asthma  
Description: Camp Coast is a medical camping program that serves children with asthma and their families. Activities include canoeing, arts & crafts, hayrides, archery, swimming and more. In addition, medical professionals offer educational sessions to help campers understand asthma and how to control it.  
Cost: Free  
2014 Camp Dates:  
-Spring Retreat: May 16-18  
-Fall Retreat: September 19-21
**Camp Escape**  
Drew Steele Center  
1058 South Elm St.  
Greenville, NC 27858  
www.greenvillenc.gov/departments/rec_parks_dept/information/default.aspx?id=8906  
(252) 329-4270  
**Type:** Day  
**Age:** 5 to 21  
**Type of Disability:** Developmental or physical disabilities  
**Description:** Each camp is one week long and has a different theme, including art, dance, sports and nature. Please see website for more information about specific activities for each camp.  
**Cost:** $45 per session for Greenville residents; $68 per session for non-Greenville residents  
**2014 Camp Dates:** Various week-long sessions June-August organized by theme, see website for exact dates. Camps are Monday-Friday, 9am-3:15pm  
**Notes:** Registration begins February 3

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**Randolph County**  
**Cost:** $125 per day camp session; $210-$495 per overnight camp session; see website for details  
**2014 Camp Dates:** Various week-long sessions in June and July organized by age group and theme, see website for exact dates. Day camps are Monday-Friday, 8:45am-4pm  
**Notes:** Scholarships are available for current Girl Scouts. Save $50 by registering before March 17

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**Keyauwee Program Center**  
2574 Sweetbriar Rd.  
Sofia, NC 27350  
www.keyauwee.com  
(336) 861-1198  
**Type:** Day and Overnight  
**Age:** Entering grades 1-12  
**Type of Disability:** Inclusive  
**Description:** Keyauwee Program Center is a 350-acre facility with lakes, a swimming pool, hiking trails, a craft house, and a covered arena for horseback riding. It is owned and operated by the Girl Scouts. A variety of sessions are offered through the summer organized by theme and age group. Camp activities include swimming, boating, rock climbing, horseback riding and traditional camp activities. Please see the website for detailed information on what is offered for each session.  

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**Camp Kesem**  
Keyauwee Program Center  
2574 Sweetbrier Rd  
Sophia, NC 27350  
www.campkesem.org/northcarolina  
(260) 225-3736  
**Type:** Overnight  
**Age:** 6 to 16  
**Type of Disability:** Children with parents who have cancer  
**Description:** Camp Kesem is a college student-run summer camp for kids with a parent who has (or has had) cancer. Each of the two one-week camp sessions in August are a chance for kids ages 6-16 to have a fun-filled week and just be kids. Camp Kesem focuses on giving campers the most fun week possible, while providing the extra support and attention that they need.  
**Cost:** Free  
**2014 Camp Dates:**  
- Session I: August 4-9  
- Session II: August 11-16  
**Notes:** Campers may only attend one session.
Victory Junction
4500 Adam's Way
Randleman, NC 27317
www.victoryjunction.org
(877) 854-2267

Type: Overnight
Age: 6 to 16
Type of Disability: Chronic or serious disease, complete list on website

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

Cost: Free

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

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

Richmond County

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

Type: Overnight
Age: 8 to 16
Type of Disability: Hearing impaired

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

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

2014 Camp Dates: June 22-27

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

Stokes County

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

Type: Overnight
Age: 8 to 17
Type of Disability: Diabetes

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

Cost: $700

2014 Camp Dates: June 15 - 21

Notes: Fee may be waived in cases of financial hardship

Camp Hanes YMCA
1225 Camp Hanes Road
King, NC 27021

Cost: $175 registration fee; $670-$1,429 per session, depending on camper age and day or overnight camp
**Camp Pisgah Girl Scout Camp**
570 Girl Scout Camp Rd.
Brevard, NC 28712
www.camppisgah.org
(828) 862-4435
Type: Overnight or Day
Age: Girls 4 to 17
Type of Disability: Inclusive
Description: Camp Pisgah offers a wide variety of camps for girls ages 5-17 lasting three, six or twelve days. Campers learn skills like teamwork, leadership, cooperation and compromise and take part in activities such as rock climbing, ropes course, swimming, boating, fishing, sports, horseback riding and hiking. There is also a weekend-long family camp.

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

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

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

**Swain County**

**Adventure Amputee Camp**
176 Saddleback Ln
Winchester, VA 22602
www.adventureamputeecamp.org
(703) 568-0074
Type: Overnight
Age: 8 to 17
Type of Disability: Missing one or more limb/Has a difference in one or more limbs
Description: This camp emphasizes outdoor adventure and hands-on learning. Activities include river rafting, high ropes and water skiing as well as bowling, crafts, games, swimming and horseback riding. All activities are modified as necessary to meet the ability and interest level of each camper.

Cost: $25-$50 per session

**2014 Camp Dates:** July 9 – 13

**Notes:** Scholarships are available based on family income

**Transylvania County**

**Camp Exploration**
2401 Wade Avenue
Raleigh, NC 27607
www.raleighnc.gov/home/content/PRecRecreation/Articles/S

Cost: $125 per week

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

(919) 996-2149

**Type:** Day

**Age:** 11 and up

**Type of Disability:** All disabilities

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

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

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**Camp Friendly**

2401 Wade Avenue
Raleigh, NC 27607

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

(919) 996-2110

**Type:** Day

**Age:** 6 to 21

**Type of Disability:** All disabilities

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

**Cost:** $135 per week

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

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

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**Camp G.R.A.C.E.**

9216 Baileywick Rd
Raleigh, NC 27615

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

(919) 845-3883

**Type:** Day

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

**Type of Disability:** Pervasive Developmental Disorders or Autism

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

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

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

**Notes:** Some financial assistance is available based on family income.

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**Happiness Retreat**

Baptist Convention
205 Convention Drive
Cary, NC 27512

**Cost:** Free

**2014 Camp Dates:**

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Type: Overnight
Age: All ages
Type of Disability: Developmental, physical and hearing impairment.
Description: Happiness retreat is a 3 day, 2 night retreat for people with developmental disabilities and delays. Sponsored by the NC Baptists, the retreat is set up similar to vacation Bible School and includes Bible study, puppets, creative movement, pool time, handbells, worship and a talent show.

Out-of-State Camps

Colorado
Cheley Children’s Hospital Burn Camp
13123 E. 16th Ave.
Aurora, CO 80046
(720) 777-8295
Type: Overnight
Age: 8 to 18
Type of Disability: Burn injured
Description: This program is designed to promote physical and emotional rehabilitation, social living skills and personal growth. Activities include hiking, mountain biking, camping, challenge courses, horseback riding, mountain climbing, fishing, crafts, archery, riflery, and swimming. There is also a week for families.

Cost: $380 per camper per session

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

Notes: Register by June 1

Maine
Camp Sunshine at Sebago Lake
35 Acadia Way
Casco, ME 04015
www.campsunshine.org
(207) 655-3800
Type: Overnight
Age: Children (campers accepted on a case-by-case basis)
Type of Disability: Children with life threatening illness
Description: Nestled alongside the shores of beautiful Sebago Lake, Camp Sunshine provides respite, support, joy and hope to children with life-threatening illnesses and their immediate families through various stages of a child’s illness. This program gives families the opportunity to rebuild their relationships together and meet other families facing similar challenges.

Cost: Free

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

Pennsylvania
Camp Lee Mar
805 Redgate Rd.
Dresher, PA 19025
www.leemar.com
(215) 658-1708
Type: Overnight
Age: 7-21

Cost: $10,100

2014 Camp Dates: June 25-August 12
**Type of Disability:** Mild to moderate learning and developmental disabilities.

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

**Georgia**

**Camp Breathe Easy**
600 Means St.
Atlanta, GA 30318
[www.campbreatheasy.com](http://www.campbreatheasy.com)
(404) 231-9887 ext. 223

**Type:** Overnight

**Age:** 7 to 13

**Type of Disability:** Asthma

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

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

**2014 Camp Dates:** June 8-13

**Notes:** Scholarships are available based on family income

**South Carolina**

**Camp Courage**
Pleasant Ridge Camp and Retreat Center
4234 Highway 11
Marietta, SC 29661
[scddc.recreation.state.sc.us/?q=ghsch/accessible-activity-in-sc/camp-courage](http://scddc.recreation.state.sc.us/?q=ghsch/accessible-activity-in-sc/camp-courage)
(864) 455-8741

**Type:** Overnight

**Age:** 5 to 19

**Type of Disability:** Blood Disorders and Cancer

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

**Cost:** Free

**2014 Camp Dates:**

- Age 5-12: June 20-27
- Age 13-19: August 1-9
Camp Easter Seals Virginia
900 Camp Easter Seals RD
New Castle, VA 24127
www.campeastersealsucp.com
(540) 777-7325
Type: Overnight
Age: 6 to adult
Type of Disability: All disabilities
Description: Camp Easter Seals Virginia offers several summer sessions for people with disabilities of all ages, as well as a family week. Campers can participate in activities such as canoeing, swimming, sports and games, climbing wall, arts and crafts, horseback riding, performing arts and much more.

Cost: $25 registration fee; $300 per week

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

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

Camp Holiday Trails
400 Holiday Trails Lane
Charlottesville, VA 22903
(434) 977-3781
Type: Overnight
Age: 5 to 17
Type of Diagnosis: Various diagnosis including special weeks for Autism, bleeding disorders, burn victims and siblings.
Description: Since 1973, Camp Holiday Trails has been committed to providing a positive camp experience for children with special medical needs and chronic illnesses and their families. Campers can enjoy activities such as canoeing, fishing, hiking, archery, arts and crafts, athletics, drama and music.

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

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

Notes: Some financial assistance is available based on family income

Camp Virginia Jaycee
2494 Camp Jaycee Road
Blue Ridge, VA 24064
www.campvajc.org
(540) 947-2972
Type: Overnight
Age: 6 to 18+
Type of Disability: Intellectual and developmental disabilities
Description: Camp Virginia Jaycee is designed to give campers new outdoor experiences that provide opportunities for socialization and recreation. Activities include swimming, arts and crafts, music, sports, dances, hayrides, skit and talent shows, campfire programs, scavenger hunts, puppet shows, singing carnivals and magicians.

Cost: $775 per session

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

Notes: Weekend/respite stay is available between sessions for $250
CCFA Camp Oasis
Camp Tall Timbers
Route 1 Box 472
High View, WV 26808
http://www.ccfa.org/get-involved/camp-oasis/find-a-camp/
(703) 865-6130
Type: Overnight
Age: Grades 2 to 10
Type of Disability: Crohn's Disease/Ulcerative Colitis
Description: This week-long, co-ed residential camp program enriches the lives of children with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis by providing them with a safe and supportive camp community. Activities include visual and performing arts, land and water sports, ropes course and leadership development programs.

West Virginia
Cost: $300

2014 Camp Dates: June 17-21

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