

2024 Recreation & Camp Guide for Students and Adults with Special Needs

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Please note: Be sure to contact the people in charge of the camps and stay in touch with them for any last minute updates.





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Please help us by emailing any additions, changes, corrections, or suggestions:

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DAY PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Austin ISD Special Olympics

A 9-month program offered during the school year. Sports training and athletic competition is offered in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities including bowling, basketball and track & field.

Languages Spoken: English

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

Email: sbyers@austinisd.org

Website: <https://www.austinisd.org/athletics/special-olympics>

Armstrong Community Music School

Provides access to high quality musical experiences and education for all. Offerings include day camps and Spring Break camps, Early Childhood Music classes, group piano for ages 4-6, Family Ukulele Classes, choir, and private musical instruction.

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish

Ages: 6 weeks – Adult

Cost: Please see our website for pricing information; some programs available tuition-free or with tuition assistance.

Location: 404 Camp Craft Road, Austin, TX 78746

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

Email: registrar@acmsaustin.org

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

Art Spark Texas

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

Languages Spoken: English

Location: 3710 Cedar Street Box 7, Room #128, Austin, TX 78705

Call: (512) 454-9912 / Toll free 1-866-489-8412 / Fax (512) 454-1944

Email: info@artsparktx.org

Website: <https://www.artsparktx.org/>

ASPIRE Learning Center

ASPIRE Learning Center's full or half day summer programming utilizes curriculum designed to meet the social and behavioral needs of children with diverse learning needs while engaging in fun activities alongside their siblings or peers with traditional learning needs. With a new theme each week, participants will have the opportunity to learn and grow in a structured environment with adult/child ratios between 1:3 and 1:5. For those requiring more intensive support, 1:1 ABA-based therapeutic services are also offered during summer sessions.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: Varies

Days/Hours: M-F 9-3 with half day options available

Cost: Varies

Location: 2525 Wallingwood Dr., Building 14, Suite 150, Austin, TX 78746

Call: 512-358-4096 / Fax 512-504-3777

Email: center@aspireaustin.com

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

Austin Nature & Science Center

Explore nature and investigate science in this very active, outdoor camp with weekly sessions. 8:1 camper to counselor ratio for ages 4-5-year and 12:1 ratio for ages 6-14. Activities include nature games, science experiments, animal visitors, hiking, wading, swimming, caving, canoeing, and field trips. Some camps include an off-site overnight campout. Campers must be able to stay with their group and be safe in an outdoor setting. Please contact the City of Austin Inclusion Unit to discuss needed accommodations at least 2 weeks before programming.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 4-14

Cost: Depends on age and length of session

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

Call: (512) 974-3888

Email: anscprograms@austintexas.gov

Website: <http://austintexas.gov/department/austin-nature-and-science-center>

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, strategy 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 children with disabilities; accommodations provided. Call the recreation center near you to discuss how their programs can meet the needs of your child.

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish (call camp to confirm)

Ages: 5-12

Cost: Some programs are free; others have fees

Location: Various Recreation Centers around Austin

Call: (512) 974-6700 or (512) 974-3917 (Inclusion Dept.)

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

Austin/Travis County Work-Based Learning

Summer Youth Employment program provides young adults opportunities to participate in work experience while earning financial independence during the summer. 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.

Languages Spoken: English

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

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

Call: (512) 854-4590 (pre-recorded detailed information)

Email: syep@traviscountytexas.gov

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

Autism Society of Texas

Nonprofit that provides multiple types of social, recreation, and leisure programming throughout the year for all ages and stages. Check the web-based calendar for current events and activities.

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish

Ages: All ages

Location: 300 E. Highland Mall Blvd, Suite 205, Austin, TX 78752

Call: (512) 479-4199 Ext 1

Email: info@texasautismsociety.org

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

Big Sky Pediatric Therapy

Provides occupational, physical and speech therapy for children ages 1-21. Big Sky 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. We offer special workshops and small day camps focusing on topics like handwriting and social skills throughout the school year and summer.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: ages 1-21; 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: <http://www.bigskyfriends.com/>

Bilingualistics

Speech therapy services for children and adults. Individual therapy and Social Skills Groups. Individual speech therapy. Monolingual and bilingual services.

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish, Vietnamese

Ages: All ages

Cost: Varies; most insurances accepted

Days/Hours: M-F, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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

Call: (512) 480-9573

Email: admin@bilingualistics.com

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

Camp Ailhpomeh

Camp Ailhpomeh (Hemophilia spelled backwards) is to serve the needs of boys from age 7-17 with bleeding disorders, providing a camping experience for a group of children who have traditionally been excluded from participating in other summer camp programs. The experience of camping with other children in a natural outdoor setting strengthens the child's ability to cope with the daily physical and emotional challenges of a disability and/or chronic illness. Applications due June 1. Please call or email your [hemophilia program](#) for a camp application.

Ages: 7-17

Cost: Free

Days/Hours: 6 day overnight camp, July 14-19

Location: Camp John Marc in Meridian, TX 76665

Email: info@camp-ailhpomeh.org

Website: <http://www.camp-ailhpomeh.org/>

Camp Cell-A-Bration

Camp Cell-A-Bration is a week-long camp for 50+ campers with Sickle Cell Disease. Many children at Camp Cell-A-Bration have suffered strokes, jaundice, pain crisis, chronic blood transfusions, surgeries, acute chest syndrome and damage to their internal organs. Although these children battle this life-threatening disease every day, we want to make sure they enjoy being KIDS!

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 6-14

Dates: TBD

Cost: \$40 application fee, camp is free

Location: 6301 Rehburg Rd, Burton, TX 77835

Phone: (512) 458-9767

Email: info@sicklecelltx.org

Website: <https://www.sicklecelltx.org/camp/>

Camp in Motion Adaptive Sports Camp

Camp in Motion is a Dell Children's Adaptive Sports Camp in Partnership with the YMCA of Austin and is for individuals 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 if they can use one arm, bring an attendant/nurse and are familiar to the camp program directors. (This is a one-week day camp for a total of 4 available weeks).

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish interpreters available

Ages: 5-18

Cost: \$765/week. The cost of the camp can be submitted to most health insurance plans. Scholarships are available.

Locations vary depending on the week of camp. See website for locations.

Phone: (512) 324-0138

Email: campinmotion@ascension.org

Website:

<https://healthcare.ascension.org/locations/texas/txaus/dcmc/departments-and-services/departments/pediatric-therapy/camp-in-motion>

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. Preschool 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.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 2 ½ years - 5th Grade

Cost: Prices vary by camp

Dates and Hours: June 3 - June 28, 2024; M-F 9:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Location: 2011 Koenig Lane, Austin, TX 78756

Call: (512) 467-7006

Email: CSA@capitolschool.com

Website: <https://www.capitolschool.com/programs/summer-camps/>

Children's Diabetes Camp of Central Texas

Children's Diabetes Camp of Central Texas administers three camp programs for children of various ages. A parent or caregiver will be required to come with the preschooler to provide diabetes care. We accept siblings to all our programs on a limited basis. Roundtrip bus transportation available from 3 Austin locations for a nominal extra fee.

Languages Spoken: English, periodic Spanish speaking volunteers available

Ages: all ages for CB Saturday (preschoolers-high school), Camp Bluebonnet: kids who have finished kindergarten-high school (17 years of age)

Fees: \$335

Days/Hours: Camp Bluebonnet-June 10-14, 2024

Location: Peaceable Kingdom Retreat Note: For CB Saturday, an adult must register with each child to provide diabetes care during the day. Camp Bluebonnet has med staff to manage diabetes for the week during the summer.

Email: camp.bluebonnet@gmail.com

Website: <https://www.varietytexas.org/bluebonnet>

Crenshaw's Athletic Club

All-day camp, morning 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 are also offered.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 5 ½ -10 (completed Kindergarten through 5th grade)

Days/Hours: M-F, 8:00 - 5:30

Location: 5000 Fairview Dr., Austin, TX 78731

Call: (512) 453-5551

Email: info@crenshaws.com

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

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. **Early registration February 10th; General registration February 24th. Sessions are 1-week each.**

Languages Spoken: English

Days/Hours: M-F 7:30-6:00

Ages: 5-12

Cost: \$140/week for Residents

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

Call: (512) 974-4040

Email: DACSchool@austintexas.gov

Website: <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/dougherty-arts-center>

Dream a Dream (DAD) Therapeutic Horsemanship Camp

Dream of Dream is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing equine-based therapies (therapeutic horseback riding, equine-assisted learning and social skills) to children, teens and young adults with autism and other developmental disabilities in the greater Austin area. Camp includes riding skills, grooming, crafts/games and activities with the horses and peers.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 6-18

Cost: varies

Location: 23650 Round Mountain Cir, Leander, TX 78641

Call: (512) 260-5957 (office) (512) 966-0578 (cell)

Email: info@dadth.org

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

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 Georgetown ISD 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.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: Elementary-Secondary

Cost: Not published as of 1/29/24

Days: Week-long

Location: Various locations in Georgetown, TX

Call: 512-517-2599

Email: exceptionalgeorgetown@gmail.com; traci.stengle@georgetown.org

Website: <http://www.exceptionalgeorgetown.org/> <https://parks.georgetown.org/camp/>

Extend-A-Care YMCA

Languages Spoken: English and sometimes has Spanish speaking staff

Ages: 4-14

Cost: varies depending on camp

Days/Hours: 7:15 am-6:30 pm; One-week sessions

Location: 8-10 summer camp locations; Business Office: 55 N. IH 35, Austin, TX 78702

Call: (512) 236-9622

Email: eacy@austinyymca.org **Website:** <https://www.austinyymca.org/camp/summer-day/>

Fantastic Magic Camp

The Fantastic Magic Camp features year-round day camps for all children, including those with special needs. Teaching life skills and confidence through magic, juggling, and puppets to kids ages 5 through 12 in Austin, TX since 1993. Now featuring Year 'Round Day Camp activities including Spring Camp, and Summer Camp, plus a North location with one-week camps serving magicians ages 5-8.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 5-12

Cost: \$272/week for M-Th camp; \$340/week for M-F camp; scholarships available

Days/Hours: Monday-Friday, 9-4 p.m.

Locations: Central Austin: 7500 Woodrow Ave., Austin, TX 78757; NEW North Austin Location: Mt.Playmore 13609

N Interstate HWY 35, Austin, TX 78753

Call: (512) 850-4677

Email: peter@magiccamp.com **Website:** <https://www.magiccamp.com/>

Friends Shine Online

A group of 5-15 adults with disabilities who meet online, once, twice, or three times per week to enrich each others' lives with friendship and to socialize about interesting topics which are presented by two Friends Shine Online staff members.

Language: English

Ages: Adults ages 18 years and older

Cost: \$100/month for one 3 hour group session

Location: Virtual meetings on Google Workspace

Meeting days: Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday 9:00 a.m. - noon

Email: help@friendsshineonline.com

Website: <https://friendsshineonline.com/>

From the Heart Therapy Camps

Occupational and Speech Therapy clinic that provides Spring break, summer, and holiday camps, respite/date night, social skills groups, and much more. These additional programs are designed to enhance supplementary therapy by working on fine motor skills, handwriting, gross motor skills and social interaction skills, and can also include various fitness activities. **Camps are offered to children who participate in the therapy program at FTH Therapy Services.**

Languages Spoken: English

Cost: varies per camp

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

Call: (512) 306-1707

Email: fromtheheart@fthts.com

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

Healing with Horses Ranch

A 501(c)(3) therapeutic riding center that provides safe, affordable, Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies (EAAT) to promote healing and independence. Our programs serve at-risk youth, veterans, and individuals with physical, cognitive or emotional challenges.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: all ages

Cost: \$72/1.5 hrs/1 time per week

Location: 10014 FM 973, Manor, TX 78653

Call: (512) 964-0360

Email: healingwithhorse@gmail.com

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

Hearts Therapeutic Riding Program

New and popular Health and Fitness Horse Riding Camp. In this active camp, campers learn horsemanship, riding, teamwork and healthy living. PATH instructors provide a safe and fun experience.

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish available upon request

Ages: 8 and up

Cost: Free scholarship for those on the autism spectrum. \$250 private pay

Days/Hours: Summer Camps

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.horsesheartstherapy.com

Hideout Theatre

The Hideout Theatre is committed to growing special needs programming, with classes offered to neurodivergent youth with autism and young adults (and those with compatible needs). Special needs programming with customized class settings and instruction to specific groups. Improv classes are an excellent forum for all youth to gain confidence, build social skills, practice life skills, and have fun.

Language Spoken: English

Ages: 8+(with class divided by age range)

Cost: \$250/semester; scholarships, discounts, and payment plans are available

Days/Hours: 13-15 sessions tailored for neurodivergent youth; Saturdays in the fall and spring

Location: Hideout Annex - 5555 N. Lamar Suite 103B (next to Goodwill)

Call: 512-443-3688

Email: jessica@hideouttheatre.com

Website: www.specialneedsimprov.com

Johnson Center

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

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish interpreters available

Ages: 4-21 **Cost:** Varies (Grants and scholarships available)

Location: 1700 Rio Grande Street, Austin, TX 78701

Call: (512) 732-8400

Email: info@johnson-center.org

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

Joshua's Stage -The Creative Outlet Method

Joshua's Stage - Get Your HIPPP On!

Enrichment program for special needs individuals featuring camps, after-school programs. Theater Arts and more!

Programs and individual enrichment programs including activities such as theater arts, improv, arts and crafts, music, dance, photography, create a story, and showcase.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 3-18 and Adults

Cost: Varies; Sibling discounts; financial assistance including scholarships and tuition assistance may be available

Location: Various

Call: (512) 825-2744

Email: joshua.levy@joshuasstage.org

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

E.S.T.E.A.M Learning Labs

At ESTEAM Learning Labs, our mission is simple – to help our Students discover the Hero within and to guide them along the way to become Leaders in the Tech and Arts industries, prepared to challenge, inspire and change the world we live in. The ultimate goal of any of our camps, classes, or workshops is to cultivate excellence in growth by creating an environment that is fun and allows children confidence in an achievement-oriented, critical thinker, problem-solving environment that fosters character-developed and good self-expression through teamwork and leadership practices. We believe in letting kids learn and explore at their own pace. Our students collaborate with each other and our instructors tailor teaching and guide each student with challenges. We offer Camps, Classes, Workshops, Training, After School, Weekend, Private Tutoring, Events, and more

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: K-12th grade

Cost: varies by session

Location: Multiple Locations

Call: 512-740-3024

Website: www.esteemlearninglabs.com

McBeth Recreation Center

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 day's camps are offered. Participants should be able to manage personal care with minimal assistance and be safe in a group atmosphere. Accepts 3rd party billing.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 5-22

Cost: Summer Camp \$140/week for Austin residents and \$220/week for non-residents with a \$20/week non-refundable deposit.

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

Call: (512) 974-9011

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

The Miracle League at Town & Country

Provides opportunities for any child, with a physical or mental special need, to play baseball regardless of their ability. Players are paired with a buddy age 12 or older. A Buddy is a middle school or high school volunteer. This buddy will allow them to be safe and play to the best of their ability. Our program is non-competitive, fun focused with a 7-game season, both in Fall and Spring.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 4-19

Cost: \$25 registration fee. Cost includes jersey and cap.

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

Call: (512) 512-940-8749

Email: traceyb1@sbcglobal.net

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

National Elite Gymnastics (NEG)

Preschool Day Camp and Sports Camp. Activities include gymnastics, academics, recreational game, story time, outdoor play, art, rock wall ninja warrior course and swimming for older children. Child brings own lunch and NEG provides snacks. No make-ups or refunds for missed days. Can accommodate children with special needs but call to make sure your child is a good fit for the camp.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 3-12 years old (Children must be potty trained)

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

Days/Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am- 1:30 pm (Preschool Camp); Monday-Friday 7:30 am- 6:30 pm (Sports Camp)

Location: 7632 Hwy. 71 West, Austin, TX 78735

Call: (512) 288-9722

Email: neg-usa@outlook.com ; negadvertising@outlook.com

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

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.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 5+

Cost: Fees vary

Days/Hours: Camp sessions run Mon.-Fri., 9 am-1 pm for ages 5 – 12

Location: 2435 W. Fitzhugh Road 2435 W. Fitzhugh Rd. Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Call: (512) 807-6505 (512) 221-5306

Email: redareana.org **Website:** <http://www.redarena.org/>

ROCK, Ride on Center for Kids

Provides equine-assisted therapies and activities to children, adults and veterans with physical and cognitive 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 various programs offered throughout the year. Space is limited and available on a first come first served basis. We offer an inclusive summer camp. Please visit the website for details.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 2-88

Cost: see website

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

Call: (512) 930-7625 **Email:** kristinw@rockride.org **Website:** <http://rockride.org/>

Round Rock Parks and Recreation-Adaptive Camp-Youth & Teen

This program offers daily activities for individuals with disabilities including sports, drama, cooking, crafts and theme based field trips. Morning and afternoon snacks provided. Campers need to bring sack lunches daily. 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.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 5 – 12 (Youth Camp) and 13 - 21 (Teen Camp)

Hours: 7 am - 6 pm

Cost: Summer 2024 prices have not yet been released. Last year's pricing was \$180/session.

Location: 1600 Gattis School Road, Round Rock, TX 78664

Call: (512) 218-3220

Email: ssmith@roundrocktexas.gov

Website: <https://roundrockrecreation.com/programs/therapeutic-recreation/>

Registration Website: <https://web2.myvscloud.com/wbwsc/txroundrockwt.wsc/splash.html>

Sam's Adventure Camp

Intense therapy program for children with developmental disabilities. (Basically if your child could benefit from a multi disciplinary team of therapists then they would be a good fit. We have Little Stars for 1-4 yr olds (OT, PT, SLP and Music therapy 3 hrs a day for 5 days), Buckaroos for 5-9 (In Galveston- 1 hotel style lodging room included- 6 hrs /day OT,PT,SLP,Music, Art and Aqua therapy) . Rangers for 10-17 (In Galveston, 1 hotel style lodging room included- therapy on the go supported by OT, SLP, Behavior specialist, SPED teacher. Participants start each day with a social story and then have an adventure in the community and work on goals- we typically visit a pyramid at Moody Gardens, the water Park, sailing beach day)

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 1-17

Cost: Depending on age and program \$1000 (1-4 yr olds OT, PT, SLP and Music Therapy) or \$2500 (5-17 OT, PT, SLP, Music, Art and Aqua therapy for 5-9 and Therapy on the go for Rangers)

Location: Austin area (Little Stars) Galveston (5-17)

Call: 512-585-2313

Email: samsadventurecamp@gmail.com

Website: samsadventurecamp.org

SeaWorld San Antonio Education Camps

Campers at SeaWorld Camp become immersed into the world of dolphins, sea lions, sharks and penguins. Campers learn about animals, care, ecology and conservation through age-appropriate activities and interactions with SeaWorld animals. Single day and week-long day camps are available for ages 2-13.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 2-25 (Kinder - 12th grade (5 years old - 19 years old) **Cost:** Varies with camps **Location:** 10500 SeaWorld Drive, San Antonio, TX 78251 **Students Kinder - 12th grade Kinder - 12th grade (5 years old - 19 years old) - parents are not permitted to attend the program.**

Call: (210) 523-3608 - Educational Programs

Email: SWTDayCamps@SeaWorld.com

Website: <https://seaworld.com/san-antonio/educational-programs/day-camp/>

Spark Learning

Welcoming campers with ASD, 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.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 5-15

Cost: Call; insurance coverage may be available

Days/Hours: M-Friday, 9-12:00 pm

Location: 8001 Mesa Dr., Austin, TX 78731

Call: (512) 900-1425

Email: kayla@spark-learning.com

Website: <http://www.spark-learning.com/>

Texas Rowing for All

Provides adaptive rowing and paddling recreation camps for people with physical, sensory, and intellectual disabilities. Camp Kayak offers an opportunity to learn how to kayak, canoe, stand up paddle board, and other adventures on and around Lady Bird Lake. TRFA also provides Rowing Camps where each camper will learn all about the sport of rowing using our rowing barge, adaptive rowing shells, and various sized rowing shells.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 8 and up

Cost: \$250/week; TRFA offers sliding-fee pricing based on ability to pay

Days/Hours: 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Location: The Texas Rowing Center 1541 W. Cesar Chavez, Austin, TX 78703

Contact: tony@texasrowingcenter.com (Tony Kuhn) **Website:** <http://www.texasrowingforall.org/>

Texas School for the Deaf-Summer Camps & Programs for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

The Educational Resource Center on Deafness (ERCOD) at Texas School for the Deaf (TSD) is proud to offer many specialized summer camps & programs for preschoolers to young adults who are deaf and hard of hearing in Texas during the summer of 2024, with a focus on each participant's particular interests. Prior knowledge of sign language is not required to join the fun and unique language-rich experience. Visit our website to register!

Languages: American Sign Language and English

Ages: 3 through age 22

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

Call: (512) 462-5329 or (512) 410-1174 (VP)

Email: SOC@tsd.state.tx.us **Website:** <http://texasdeafed.org>

Texas School for the Deaf - Family Weekend Retreat (FWR)

This memorable weekend (July 19 - July 21) in Austin is for all Texas families and caregivers with deaf or hard of hearing children. Texas families are welcome to join us in making connections with other families, deaf and hard of hearing adults, and professionals who work with deaf or hard of hearing children. Throughout the weekend, parents/caregivers and other adult family members will attend educational workshops while the children and youth attend activities in a camp-like atmosphere with supervision by qualified staff. This program will be hosted at TSD.

Ages: Childcare for ages 6 months - 18 years

Cost: \$100 for a family of four. \$10 for each additional family member. Covers meals & childcare

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

Call: (512) 462-5738 or 512-982-1646 (VP)

Email: familyservices.support@tsd.state.tx.us **Website:** www.texasdeafed.org/fwr

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.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 5-12

Cost: One Session \$150. Two Sessions \$300, All Three Sessions \$427 (5% discount)

Days/Hours: All sessions run Monday - Thursday from 9am to 1pm. Session 1: July 8– July 11, 2024, Session 2: July 15– July 18, 2024, Session 3: July 22 – July 25, 2024

Location: TBD, San Marcos

Call: 512-245-2908

Email: ja27@txstate.edu **Website:** <https://www.hhp.txstate.edu/collaboration-outreach/camps/Autism-Camp.html>

Camp Registration:

<https://www.hhp.txstate.edu/collaboration-outreach/camps/Autism-Camp/Autism-Summer-Camp.html>

The Arc of the Capital Area Courses

In-Person Classroom Art & Education Classes, In-Person Outdoor STEAM Classes, Online Classes. Fine arts, independent living, gardening, health and wellness, Career and Technical Education Program, and many other programs are offered by The Arc of the Capital Area. Clients have the choice of programs to explore that excite them while increasing their independence and social skills. Experienced instructors provide structured classes for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and community members.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 16+

Cost: Program Dependent

Location: 4902 Grover Ave., Austin, TX 78756

Email: iwoodson@arcaustin.org

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

The Dog Alliance (formerly Austin Dog Alliance)

Summer camps for students who love dogs. Campers ages 9 and older bring their own dog to camp with them. If their own dog is not suitable, campers can borrow a trained dog for the week. Our goal is to accommodate the varying abilities of students whenever possible. Please contact us to discuss.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 5 - 15

Cost: \$240 - \$350

Days/Hours: Morning and afternoon sessions, Monday - Thursday

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

Call: (512) 335-7100

Email: info@TheDogAlliance.org

Website: <https://www.thedogalliance.org/>

Thinkery

Offers camp during spring break and summer. Camps are designed around seven unique STEAM and technology-focused themes. Campers learn through play, using stimulating science and hands-on activities to explore new concepts, solve challenges, and develop critical learning skills.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: Rising 1st – 5th graders

Cost: \$385-\$425; scholarships are available

Days/Hours: Monday – Friday 9 AM – 3 PM starting June 3rd

Location: Indeed - Domain Tower and Thinkery-Meredith Learning Lab

Call: (512) 469-6201 **Email:** reservations@thinkeryaustin.org

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

Variety's iCanShine BIKE CAMP

The Children's Charity of Texas is proud to once again bring iCanShine Bike Camp to Central Texas kids with special needs. Variety's iCanShine Bike Camp uses adapted bicycles with a tapered wheel, a specialized instructional program and trained staff to enable children with disabilities to learn to ride a conventional two-wheel bicycle. Riders attend one 75-minute session each day for five consecutive days where they learn to ride while accompanied and encouraged by volunteer "spotters." Over the course of the week, the bike's stability is adjusted in an effort to challenge riders' balance as they gradually discover the skill and joy of riding. Historically, at least 80% of participants are able to ride a two-wheel bicycle independently by the end of camp. And 100% of riders gain confidence and motivation to ride a bike. *Children must have their own two-wheeled bike and helmet they will bring to camp.

Phone: 512-328-5437

Ages: 8 and up, have a minimum inseam of 20 in from the floor, and weigh no more than 220 lbs, living with special needs be able to walk without an assistive device, such as a walker or cane and be able to side-step quickly to both sides

Days/Hours: July 15 - 19, 2024 at Harker Heights Recreation Center, 2024 Dates Pending at Dripping Springs Family YMCA

Languages: English

Email: info@varietytexas.org

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

William's School

William's School offers full and part-time inclusive summer camp as well as providing alternative education. Summer camp is offered for 8 weeks. Therapy services of Speech, Occupational and Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy are offered as well. Services designed to adapt to communication and behavioral challenges for children who need additional support in these areas.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: Pre-K-22

Cost: vary based on therapies and behavioral support

Location: 5209 Duval Road, Austin, TX 78727

Call: (512) 250-5700

Email: info@williams-school.org

Website: <https://www.williams-school.org/>

YMCA of Austin Summer Day Camps

YMCA of Austin Summer Camp offers children & teens, ages 4-13, a safe, exciting, and memorable day camp experience. At YMCA day camps, kids can build self-confidence, independence, and creativity, and parents have peace of mind knowing your kids are in a safe and enriching place. Each week, campers will enjoy changing weekly themes, sports, and adventures as well as weekly field trips and twice-weekly trips to the pool. Registration available in English and Spanish.

Ages: 4-13

Cost: Varies; financial assistance available

Days/Hours: Monday – Friday, 7:15 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Location: Locations throughout the Greater Austin area

Call: (512) 236-9622

Email: FACY@AustinYMCA.org

Website: www.austinyymca.org/programs/summer-day-camp

OVERNIGHT PROGRAMS

Ascendigo Autism Services-Colorado

Ascendigo's Summer Adventure Camp for kids and adults on the autism spectrum. Programs take place in Colorado's beautiful Roaring Fork Valley which features some of the best outdoor adventure sports venues in the country! Our model and teaching methods are centered on athletic growth and fostering independence. Highly trained staff develop individualized lesson plans for each athlete. Also offers fall and winter adventures. All programs are available to athletes anywhere on the spectrum.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: Youth (7-17) Day Camp Only, Adult (18+) Day Camp & Limited Residential Camp

Cost: See website for details

Days/Hours: June 17th – August 9th

Location: Crystal River Ranch, Carbondale Colorado

Call: (970) 927-3143

Email: info@ascendigo.org and kholthouse@ascendigo.org

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

Camp Agape

Camp Agape is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization and provides free support for children who have suffered the loss of a loved one. Summer camp program offers swimming, fishing, kayaks, equine assisted therapy and group-therapy activities to assist children in their grief journey.

Languages Spoken: English **Ages:** 7-12

Cost: Free with \$100 refundable deposit. A \$100 deposit per child is required to apply for the Summer Camp program. If you need financial assistance with a deposit, scholarships may be requested.

Days/Hours: July 1 – 4, 2024

Location: Camp Capers, 418 FM 1621, Waring, TX 78074 (this is close to Comfort, TX)

Call: (830) 385-8916

Email: info@campagapetexas.org

Website: <https://www.campagapetexas.org/>

Camp Blessing

Residential Christian summer camp offers 9 weeks for children and young adults with special needs and their siblings. Everything is customized to make camp accessible, including specially trained staff, facility, activities, menus and clinic. One-to-one care for every camper.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 7-22 with special weeks for adults

Cost: \$1695.00 per session; scholarships may be available

Location: 7227 Camp Blessing Lane, Brenham, TX 77833

Dates: May 28 - August 3, 2024

Call: (281) 259-5789

Email: info@campblessing.org

Website: <http://campblessing.org>

Camp Brave Heart

Hospice Austin's Camp Brave Heart is a free, 4 day/3 night, recreational summer camp for kids who have experienced the death of a loved one. Variety of physical and creative activities used to explore feelings. Counselors experienced in child and adolescent grief support lead discussion and trust exercises to help campers learn from each other about grief and ways to cope with loss. Bus transportation to and from the camp is provided from a location in Northwest Austin.

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. Applications available each spring on the Hospice Austin website. Please check Hospice Austin's website for the latest updates.

Languages Spoken: Campers-English only; communication with caregivers provided in English and Spanish

Dates: Wednesday, June 5th - Saturday, June 8th

Ages: Children who are in 1st through 12th grade the school year prior to camp

Cost: Free

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

Call: (512) 342-4700; (512)342-4760 Si Habla Espanol

Email: info@hospiceaustin.org

Website: <https://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 with intellectual, physical, or developmental disabilities. Sessions are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. The Summer Camp applications are online in English beginning in January 2024 .

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish

Ages: 5-55

Cost: \$2,500.00 per camper; Medicaid Waiver Program / Respite funds are accepted or, if no Respite funds are available, CAMP provides a scholarship tier discount based on income.

Days/Time: 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.

Location: 515 Skyline Dr., Center Point, TX 78010 (do not send application paperwork to this address)

Call: (210) 671-5411

Email: campmail@campcamp.org

Website: <https://www.campcamp.org/>

Camp Discovery

This is a special camp experience for children with chronic skin conditions. Sponsored by the American Academy of Dermatology and 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 skin conditions as well and can provide support and guidance to campers. Fun, friendship, independence, and inclusion are on the top of everyone's agenda.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 8-16 **Cost:** Free

Requirement: Must be referred by a dermatologist. Referral forms can be downloaded at

<https://www.aad.org/public/public-health/camp-discovery/referrals>

Date: August 4-9

Location: Burton, TX

Call: (847) 240-1737

Email: jmueller@aad.org

Website: <https://www.aad.org/public/kids/camp-discovery>

Camp for All

Camp for All is a unique barrier-free resource camp website working in collaboration with 64 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. Camp for All facilities are available for weekend and weekday programs throughout the year in addition to summer. You must register for a camp through the nonprofit.

Languages Spoken: English

Location: Burton, TX

Call: (979) 289-3752

Email: bdeans@campforall.org

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

Camp Kesem

Free, week-long overnight summer camp serving children ages 6-18, who have been affected by a parent's cancer. Go to the website and create an account and log in to register. Search "Pick a Program" in Texas. There you will find the city and the dates for the camps.

Languages Spoken: English

Location: 3783 Luther Hill Rd, La Grange, TX 78945 Camps take place in person in different towns in Texas. Please go to the website to see the different sessions available and where they are located.

Dates: 6/23/24 - 6/28/24 or 7/14/24 - 7/19/24

Call: 253-736-3821

Email: atx@campkesem.org or bridget.hanson@kesem.org

Website: <https://www.kesem.org/> or <https://www.kesem.org/chapters/texas>

Camp LIFE (Respite Program)

LIFE 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 zip line, and rope course activities, as well as a petting zoo, canoeing, dancing and karaoke.

Languages Spoken: English, Aimee Day speaks Spanish

Ages: 5 and up and siblings 5-12 **Cost:** \$275-375; limited stipend supports available

Days/Hours: There will be a Family Day Camp on **April 7th** and Children's Overnight Camp **Feb 9-11**. Check back in the summer to see the fall camp schedule. Please visit their website to register.

Cost: Standard Fee - \$100 per family. Subsidized Fee - \$50 per family

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

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

Email: aday@tamu.edu

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

Camp Lone Star

This Christian camp in La Grange has exciting weeks filled with archery, canoeing, swimming, challenge course, Bible studies, arts and crafts, and more. Call to see if your child can be accommodated. There are a variety of different camps and numerous dates available.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 5-18 depending on camp

Cost: Day Camp \$206, Overnight Camp \$310-\$766. Some scholarships available

Location: 2016 Camp Lone Star Rd., La Grange, TX 78945

Call: (979) 968-1657

Email: info@camplonestar.org **Website:** www.camplonestar.org

Camp Summit

Camp Summit is a one-of-a-kind camp for individuals with disabilities where the emphasis is on each campers' abilities rather than their disabilities. Traditional camp activities are adapted to each individual, provided in our barrier-free facilities, and implemented by trained, caring staff. Our campers are grouped by age, providing the opportunity to make friends within peer groups while having fun and experiencing new adventures. With our specialized equipment and trained, caring staff, our campers can enjoy a truly barrier-free camp experience with traditional camp activities like archery, swimming, ropes course, arts & crafts, sports & games, and much more.

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish

Ages: 6-99

Cost: The fee for a week of camp is \$2,060. 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, we 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: <https://www.campsummittx.org/>

Camp Sweeney

Camp Sweeney is a specialized camp for children with diabetes. 19-day summer sessions focused on fun, fellowship, medical education and lifestyle enhancement. The length and intensity of these sessions are the reasons campers obtain successful diabetes management.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 5-18

Cost: 2024 Tuition Fees: Summer Sessions 1, 2, or 3 are \$4,500. Deposit for Summer Sessions are \$500. Stayover Weekend \$1,000 *when attending two consecutive sessions*. Financial aid is available.

Sessions: June 2-20, 2024; June 23-July 11, 2024; July 14-Aug 11, 2024

Location: P.O. Box 918, Gainesville, TX 76241 Physical Address - 10687 FM 678 Whitesboro Tx. 76272

Call: (940) 665-2011

Email: info@campsweeney.org

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

Charis Hills Summer Camp

Charis Hills is a Christian Summer Camp for kids with learning differences such as ADD/ADHD, higher- functioning Autism, 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.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 7-18

Cost: \$1,850 Scholarships based on financial need. There is a \$200 Deposit that is non-refundable and is applied to the total cost of camp. Please complete forms no later than June 1st.

Location: 498 Faulkner Rd., Sunset, TX 76270 (1-hour northwest Fort Worth, near Decatur)

Call: (940) 964-2145

Email: info@charishills.org

Website: <http://www.charishills.org/index>

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. Activities include fishing, zip-lining, giant swings, horseback riding, and canoeing. The facilities are modified with features to meet the needs of special campers, making Camp CPals 100% barrier free!

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish

Ages: 6-11

Cost: Free

Days/Hours: Have not announced 2024 yet.

Location: Camp for All, Burton, Texas

Call: (866) 742-7284, Camp Info: ext.2, Spanish: extension 3

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

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

Down Home Ranch – Ranch Camp

Since 1995 the Ranch has offered week-long residential overnight camps for youth and adults aged 13 and up with disabilities. We are located 45 minutes east of Austin on 410 acres. Our mission is to empower the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through social, educational, residential and vocational opportunities.

Languages Spoken: English

Cost: Regular: \$1125, Sliding scale: \$870-\$1050. Scholarships available. See website for various rate discounts and payment options.

Location: 20250 FM 619 Elgin TX 78621

Call: (512) 856-0128 Ext. 120

Email: camp@downhomeranch.org

Website: <https://www.downhomeranch.org/ranch-camp/>

Elijah's Retreat (Family Retreat Center)

Nonprofit 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 stay in a two-bedroom, one-bathroom cabin with a full 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 ride ponies and interact with the small goats, fish in the pond and hike along 5 miles of trails in the woods.

Languages Spoken: English

Cost: \$30 non-refundable reservation fee and \$75 per night; <https://elijahsretreat.com/reservation/>

Location: Jacksonville, TX

Call: (713) 294-0690

Email: info@elijahsretreat.com

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

El Ranchito Camp

Outdoor camping experience including hiking, swimming in creeks, horses, singing around the campfire, watching for shooting stars, tent camping, and more!

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: Nature Discovery Camp- Session1: rising 6th-7th graders June 9-14 (6 days, 5 nights). Session 2: rising 4th-5th graders June 16-20 (5 days, 4 nights). Session 3: rising 6th-7th graders June 23-28 (6 days, 5 nights). Session 4: rising 8th-9th graders July 7-12 (6 days, 5 nights).

Cost: Please check the website for eligibility and rates. El Ranchito was created to serve children and youth from low-income families. If a family qualifies for the federal free lunch program at school, a child/youth is eligible for El Ranchito.

Location: Shield Ranch, Hamilton Pool Rd., Austin, TX

Call: 512-476-4816

Email: registration@elranchito.org or info@shieldranch.com

Website: <https://www.elranchito.org/>

Kamp Kaleidoscope

Camp Kaleidoscope Offers activities explicitly geared for older teens with epilepsy. Residential camping experience. It combines the outdoors and the experiences of camp life with camaraderie and team building. This experience is funded through private gifts. Kamp Kaleidoscope is completely free. provided by The Epilepsy Foundation Texas. Campers participate in activities promoting independence, self- confidence, competency, and social interaction.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 15-19

Cost: Free

Location: 23400 Cibolo Vista San Antonio, TX 78261 Located at [Morgan's Wonderland Camp](#) in San Antonio.

Call: (214) 420-2737 or (888) 548-9716 (Main Number to Epilepsy Foundation)

Email: info@eftx.org **Website:** <https://www.eftx.org/camps/kamp-kaleidoscope-youth-epilepsy-epilepsy-camps/>

Kingdom Ranch

Summer camp for children with special medical, physical, and developmental disabilities. The organization seeks to support the entire family, including siblings. Kingdom Ranch also always strives to have at least 1 registered nurse on camp grounds.

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish volunteers sometimes available

Ages: 7-17 and 1 week for 18+ (1:1 ratio for children with disabilities; 1:5 ratio for siblings)

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

Location: Somerville, TX

Call: 979-224-1516 (Jason Hamilton) Penelope 281-733-6528

Email: information@kingdomranch.org **Website:** <http://www.kingdomranch.org/>

Marbridge Summer Camp

Six week-long sessions designed for individuals with cognitive challenges wishing to experience what it is like to be a resident at Marbridge. Must be independent with activities of daily living and able to ambulate, transfer independently, be free of aggressive, threatening or elopement behaviors. Bowling, horseback riding, greenhouse, swimming, socialization, music, sports and interpersonal skill development. Sessions are filled on a first- come, first-served basis and always fill up. Applications posted on website 2/1/2024.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 16-older

Cost: Call for information

Location: 2310 Bliss Spillar Rd., Manchaca, TX 78652

Camper ratio: 1:12; no 1:1

Call: (512) 282-1144 (Admissions-Jenna Hudson or Rosie Dunlap)

Email: admissions@marbridge.org **Website:** <https://www.marbridge.org/our-community/summer-camp/>

Muscular Dystrophy Association / Camp for all

Camp for any child with at least one of the 43 neuromuscular diseases served by MDA. Overnight week- long camp that provides at least 3 doctors, 2 RT's, 2 PT's and numerous nurses on site (usually 20 medical staff in total). There will be a 1:1 ratio with a volunteer.

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish

Ages: 8-17

Cost: Free

Days/Hours: Virtual and in person

Location: Camp for All site in Burton, Texas

Call: (713) 522-3941

Email: ddeleon@mdausa.org

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

“People with Smiles” Camp

A four-day camp **July 7-11th 2024** specifically for children & adults 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 50 campers.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 8 years-adult

Cost: Approx. \$905 per camper. Non-refundable deposit of \$100 with the application is required. If payment plan is needed please contact us to make arrangements. Grants are available for review upon request.

Location: Morgan’s Wonderland Camp, San Antonio, TX / 23400 Cibolo Vista, San Antonio, TX 78261

Call: 1-409-779-6150

Email: info@txpwa.org or aggiearcaya@yahoo.com

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

Website: <http://www.pwscamp.com> or <https://morganswonderlandcamp.com>

Sea Camp at Texas A&M Galveston

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.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 6-11 for day camp Prices: \$175-200

Registration Fee: There is a \$10 non refundable fee for registering your camper. This is due to the internal registration site fee. The \$10.00 is deducted from the total camp balance. This fee is non-refundable.

Registration: A Deposit of \$30.00 is required to register for each workshop.

Ages: 10-18 for overnight camp

Cost: \$970-1,025

Registration fee: There is a \$10 non refundable fee for registering your camper. This is due to the internal registration site fee. The \$10.00 is deducted from the total camp balance. This fee is non-refundable.

Deposit: A \$150.00 deposit is due upon registration. This deposit is fully refundable as long as you cancel 4 weeks prior to your camp starting date. Any cancellations that is made after his date will not be refunded the deposit per camp; Day

Language: English

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

Call: (409) 740-4525

Email: seacamp@tamug.edu

Website: <https://www.tamug.edu/seacamp/index.html>

SeaWorld San Antonio Education Camps

Camp July 23-27, 2024 Multiple types of day and overnight residential camps. (See entry under day programs). Resident Overnight: 7th grade to 25 years of age. Day Camp: 5-8th grade (parents may need to attend depending on age).

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 5-25 (parent may need to attend depending on age)

Cost: depends on the type of camp

Location: 10500 SeaWorld Drive, San Antonio, TX 78251

Call: (210) 523-3608 (Educational Programs)

Email: SWTResident@SeaWorld.com or SWTDayCamps@seaworld.com

Website: <https://seaworld.com/san-antonio/educational-programs/day-camp/>

Texas Elks Camp

Residential overnight summer camp. Offers seven week long sessions serving Texas children with special needs and children in foster care in a therapeutic recreation setting. No child is denied acceptance based on his/her income level, ethnic origin, race, creed, color or religion. Campers are accepted on a first come/first served basis. All needs are reviewed on an individual basis. Texas Elks Camp is nestled next to Palmetto State Park in the heart of Texas. Campers are encouraged to make their own decisions, become more independent and accept new challenges.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: Two sessions for children 7 to 10, two sessions for children ages 11 to 13, two session for children ages 14 to 17, one session for 18 to 21 who are still enrolled at school

Cost: Free

Location: 1963 FM 1586, Gonzales, TX 78629

Call: (830) 875-2425

Email: txelks@gvec.net

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

Texas Lions Camp

Residential camping facility for Texas children with physical disabilities, Down Syndrome, type 1 diabetes and cancer. The camp is designed to introduce the "Can Do" philosophy to children dealing with special conditions. All children must have a Lion's 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; confirm eligibility. Limited space.

Residential Day Camp is a mini session consisting of a three day and two night stay on Camp for the whole family living under one roof, but during designated times the qualifying kiddo stays on Camp to do activities and the rest of the family goes off camp to explore the Hill Country. It's a time for growth, independence, and respite for the family! Age range 7-16, and qualifying diagnosis are eligibility guidelines for this program. It is also at no cost to the family.

Family camps: Families who have a child with special medical conditions living under their roof qualify to attend TLC, along with their siblings and parents or guardians.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 7-16 (children with physical disabilities), 8-15 (children with diabetes), 12-16 (children with Down Syndrome)

Cost: Free

Location: 4100 San Antonio Hwy., Kerrville, TX 78028 (on 500 acres)

Call: (830) 896-8500

Email: tlc@lionscamp.com

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

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Activity Hero

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

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

American Camp Association

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 USA. ACA accredits over 2,400 camps for standards in health, safety, and program quality.

Call: (800) 428-2267

Website: <https://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: <https://austinfamily.com/>

Autism Society Texas

The Autism Society of Texas maintains resource guides compiled in partnership with providers and families. Statewide Information is organized and comprehensive, incorporating an interactive map. Resources range from medical providers to childcare to legal assistance.

Call: (512) 479-4199

Website: <http://www.texasautismsociety.org/resource-guide/>

City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department Inclusion Unit

The Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) provides opportunities wherein all individuals are accepted, included and welcomed to participate, play and recreate together. Reach out to PARD so that they may assist you in participating in recreational activities in Austin PARD. The Inclusion unit strives to create safe and supportive environments for ALL in its recreation programs, activities, experiences and natural spaces.

Call: (512) 974-3914

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

Financial Assistance for Youth Programs

For youth who live within Austin city limits who get or are income eligible to get free/reduced school lunches. Individuals 18 to 22 years of age who receive special education services in school also qualify.

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

Kids Camps

Comprehensive directory of summer camps, winter camps, and spring break camps, including traditional overnight camps, day camps and more.

Website: <https://www.gocamps.com/>

National Center on Accessibility

The National Center on Accessibility promotes access and inclusion for people with disabilities in parks, recreation, and tourism.

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

National Center on Physical Activity and Disability

NCPAD provides information and resources that can enable people with disabilities to become as physically active as they choose to be.

Website: <https://www.nchpad.org/Individuals~Caregivers>

National Parks Pass for People with Disabilities

Free "Access Pass" for people with a permanent disability. Must provide appropriate documentation such as a physician's statement or proof of SSI/SSDI. Can be obtained in person at select federal recreation sites or be ordered by mail with a charge of \$10. Directions and application at this link: https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/passes.htm#CP_JUMP_5088581

Website: <https://www.nps.gov/index.htm>

<https://store.usgs.gov/access-pass>

PickAdventures - Specially Designed Travel

Specialized travel planning for families and individuals with disabilities.

Call: (512) 797-2904

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

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: <https://www.txp2p.org/resources/resources>