

2020 Recreation & Camp Guide for Students and Adults with Special Needs





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DAY PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Adventurers Academy of Lifelong Learning

The Adventurers Academy supports adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the Austin area through a variety of social, educational, recreational, and vocational experiences throughout the year.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 18+

Cost: \$45/day; 5-week camp with a minimum attendance of 3 days per week

Location: 1010 Meredith Drive, Austin, TX 78748

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

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

Email: diane@austinadventurers.org

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

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.

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: Shalanda.byers@austinisd.org

Website: <http://austinisdathletics.com/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 website for pricing information; some programs available tuition-free or with tuition assistance.

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

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

Email: sbgooding@acmsaustin.org

Website: <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, Room 128, Austin, TX 78705

Call: (512) 454-9912

Email: info@vsatx.org

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

ASPIRE

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

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: Varies

Days/Hours: individually determined by needs

Cost: Varies

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

Call: 512-962-5543 Raschel

Email: info@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. (512) 974-3914.

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) 974-3914 (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 (prerecorded detailed information)

Email: Hhs.workbasedlearning@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: Varies

Call: (512) 479-4199 Ext 6

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, 9-5:00 pm

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

Call: (512) 480-9573

Email: admin@bilinguistics.com

Website: <https://bilinguistics.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 e-mail your [hemophilia program](#) for a camp application.

Ages: 7-17

Cost: Free

Days/Hours: 6 day overnight camp

Location: Camp John Marc in Meridian, TX

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: August 2 - August 7, 2020

Cost: \$50 application fee, camp is free

Phone: (512) 458-9767

Email: info@sicklecelltx.org

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 week.

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish interpreters available

Ages: 5-18

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

June Location: 6219 Oak Claire, Austin, TX 78735 **July Location:** 1812 N Mays St, Round Rock, TX 78664

Call: (512) 324-0138

Email: campinmotion@ascension.org

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

Camp Success

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

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 4-18

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

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

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

Email: michaela_ritter@baylor.edu

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

Capitol School of Austin

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

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 2 years - 3rd Grade

Cost: Prices vary by camp

Dates and Hours: June 8 – July 3, 2020; 9:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Location: 2011 Koenig Lane, Austin, TX 78756

Call: (512) 467-7006 (Heidi)

Email: heidig@capitolschool.com

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

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: Camp Bluebonnet \$175-\$200, CB Saturday: \$25. See website for details

Days/Hours: 3rd full week in June; Camp Bluebonnet-June 15-19, 2020 (M-Th 8:30-3:30 pm, Fri. 8:30-12:30 pm) CB Saturday May 23 9:30-4.

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://bluebonnet.camp/app/home>

Crenshaw's Athletic Club

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

lessons also offered.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 4-11

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. Summer camp registration begins in February.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 5 - 12

Cost: Varies by camps

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

Call: (512) 974-4040

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

Dream a Dream (DAD) Therapeutic Horsemanship Camp

A 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to providing horse-based therapies (therapeutic horseback riding, equine-facilitated learning and behavioral social skills) to children, teens and young adults with developmental disabilities (with a special emphasis in Autism) in the greater Austin area.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 6-22

Cost: varies

Location: 23650 Round Mountain Cir, Leander, TX 78641

Call: (512) 260-5957

Email: info@dadth.org

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

Dream of Hopes Ranch (Please Note: They are full for Summer 2020. They might have a waiting list.)

Camp Eagle Hawk is a day program for adolescents and adults with special needs for 10 weeks in June, July, and August. Space is limited. Completed application accepted on a first come first serve basis.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 14 years and up

Cost: \$220.00 per week; \$25 per week non-refundable deposit to ensure reservation

Days/Hours: Monday-Friday; 8-6:00 pm

Location: 16250 Oak Grove Road, Buda, TX 78610

Call: (512) 791-0160 (Laura Stock)

E-mail: hockeymom4123@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.dreamofhopesranch.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 beginning March 24, 2020.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: Elementary-Secondary

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

Days/Hours: M-TH, 8 am-2 pm

Location: Various locations in Georgetown, TX

Call: (512) 930-3596

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

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

Extend-A-Care YMCA

Extend-A-Care for Kids' Summer Day Camp includes weekly off-site field trips, off-site swim trips, sports (basketball, soccer, baseball, flag football), literacy projects, arts & crafts, cooking, painting, STEM challenges, Maker Space, and multiple club opportunities! Group setting with 1:17-1:12 ratio. Individual assessments will be required to complete enrollment for any individuals with disabilities.

Languages Spoken: English and sometimes has Spanish speaking staff

Ages: 5*-12; *call for more information for programs serving 6 weeks- 4-years old

Cost: \$190 per week; financial assistance available for those that qualify; sliding fee scale

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) 472-9402

Email: eacy@austinyymca.org

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

Fantastic Magic Camp EACY@austinya.org

The Fantastic Magic Camp features year-round day camps for all children, including those with special needs.

Expect “a multi-sensory learning experience combining the fun of magic, puppets and juggling to boost the self-confidence of every participant and make them feel like a star!”

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 5-12 plus two special programs for ages 10-18 **Cost:** \$235 for one-week session, \$650 for two-week session; scholarships available

Days/Hours: Monday-Friday, 9-4 p.m.; with drop off time of 8 a.m. and optional 4-6 extended hours **Location:**

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

Call: (512) 850-4677

Email: peter@magiccamp.com

Website: <https://magiccamp.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: \$130-\$195/week

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

Call: (512) 306-1707

Email: fromtheheart@fthts.com

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

Fun for All Camp

The Fun for All Camp is designed to assist students on the autism spectrum navigate their way through social challenges and explore the hidden rules in our world. Four sessions in July 2019.

Languages Spoken: English

Cost: \$350/week for full day; \$175/week for 1/2 day

Location: Westoak Woods Baptist Church, 2900 W. Slaughter, Austin 78748

Call: (512) 560-0122

Email: Kristin Smith, Camp Director buildingsocialcompetence@gmail.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: Spring break camp, March 18th to the 22nd; Summer Camps in June and July 2018 **Location:** 17000 Trails End Cove, Leander TX (3 miles outside of Cedar Park)

Call: (760) 580-9948, Jessica

Email: lisarivers302@gmail.com or jessnatx@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.horseserct.org/www.specialneedsimprov.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: 9+(with class divided by age range)

Cost: \$310/semester; scholarships, discounts, and payment plans are available

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

Location: 617 Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78701

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

Enrichment program for individuals with special needs including camps, after-school programs, workshops, performances, and exhibits in theatre arts, dance, music, arts and crafts, photography, and Create-A-Story.

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/>

KidVentures Therapy Services

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

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 2-18 **Cost:** \$70 a day or \$240-\$425 per week

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

Call: (512) 327-4499

Email: frontdesk@kidventurestherapy.com

Website: <http://kidventurestherapy.com/services-specialties/camps-and-groups/>

Learning Fun 101

The mission of Learning Fun 101 is to provide a fun interactive learning experience that improves students' aptitudes in Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Math (STEAM). Year round program offers Engineering, Programming and Robotics using LEGO® WeDo Robotics Systems (LEGO® Education's award-winning construction kit and software designed for kids ages 4 to 7) and the LEGO® MINDSTORM® NXT and EV3 construction kits for kids ages 8 and up.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: K-7th grade

Cost: varies by session

Location: Multiple Locations

Call: 512-740-3024

Website: <http://www.learningfun101.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 group atmosphere. Accepts 3rd party billing.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 5-22 **Cost:** \$25-\$294; Scholarships may be available

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. Our Spring season will start March 28th, 2020 and end Saturday, May 16th, taking Easter weekend (4/11-4/12) off. Miracle League does not hold practices, only games every Saturday or Sunday of the season.

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) 335-7434

Email: traceyb1@sbcglobal.net

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

National Elite Gymnastics (NEG)

Preschool Day Camp and Sports Camp. Activities include gymnastics, academics, recreational games, story time, outdoor play, art, rock wall ninja warrior course and swimming for older children. Child brings own lunch and NEG provides snack. 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 Spoke: 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/>

North Austin Optimist Champions Baseball League

We are a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing out the best in children, in our community, and out of ourselves. Champions baseball league is for children with mental or physical disabilities.

Language spoken: English, Spanish

Ages: 6-18

Cost: Free

Days/Hours: 30-minute practice followed by a 1-hour game on Sunday afternoons

Location: The North Austin Optimist (NAO), 1105 Morrow Street Austin, TX 78757

Call: (512)-848-2035 Knowl Richardson

Email: northaustinoptimist@gmail.com

Website: www.naopt.com

Odyssey School-Camp Odyssey

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

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: For middle and high school students

Location: 4407 Red River, Austin, TX 78751

Call: (512) 472-2262

Email: info@odysseyschool.com

Website: <http://odysseyschool.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: 2+

Cost: Fees vary

Days/Hours: Camp sessions run Mon.-Fri., 8 am-1 pm for ages 5 – 12

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

Call: (512) 807-6505

Email: info@REDarena.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, cognitive and emotional disabilities. R.O.C.K. clients see improvement in most aspects of their life; from muscle tone, strength, flexibility, and balance to cognitive, behavioral and emotional improvements. R.O.C.K.'s mission is to improve independence and life skills in partnership with the horse. There are various programs offered throughout the year. Space is limited and available on a first come first served basis.

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. 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: \$160/session

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

Call: (512) 218-3220

Email: is-bholmstrom@roundrocktexas.gov

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

Sammy's House

Sammy's House is a nonprofit organization that provides services for children who are medically fragile and/ or developmentally delayed in a nurturing, inclusive environment. Program services are designed to help children and families thrive by providing children the opportunity they need to reach their highest potential through therapy support, curriculum based instruction, and childcare services. Summer camp is provided for children and teens with special needs and their friends. Camp runs in 3 separate terms, each with its own fun theme. Space is limited.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 6-11 for children, 12-18 for teens

Cost: Varies by term

Location: 2415 Twin Oaks Drive, Austin, TX 78757

Call: (512) 453-5258

Email: info@sammyshouse.org

Website: <http://sammyshouse.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 and overnight camps range 1-2 weeks for campers entering 5th grade – college (age 25).

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 2-25 (parent may need to attend depending on age) **Cost:** Varies with camps **Location:** 10500 Sea World Drive, San Antonio, TX 78251
Call: (210) 523-3608-Educational Programs
Email: SWTResidentCamps@SeaWorld.com or SWTDayCamps@SeaWorld.com
Website: <https://seaworld.com/san-antonio/educational-programs/>

Snapology Austin

Snapology Austin summer camps provide a fun and safe environment for children to learn math, science, technology, engineering, art and literacy concepts using LEGO® bricks and other building tools. We offer Scratch programming, robotics, animation, and STEM based programs where campers incorporate Star Wars®, Minecraft®, Disney®, and other themed favorites. Limited to 20 children with a 10:1 ratio. Snapology Austin instructors are experienced teachers in Austin area schools. Children of all abilities are welcome to participate.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 4-12

Cost: \$100 deposit per camp at the time of enrollment which is applied to your tuition; \$250 - 500 per week

Days/Hours: Snapology Austin Discovery Center (8:30-3:00 with the option to add care until 5pm); Satellite Locations- Morning (8:30 AM - 12:30 pm) afternoon sessions (1-5 pm)

Location: Multiple locations

Call: (512) 368-9090

Email: austin@snapology.com

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

South Austin Karate

After school programs (includes holidays) and summer camp. In addition to Martial Arts training, the participants will go on field trips, movies, and more. Call to make sure they can accommodate your child; SAK believes in an inclusive model when working with individuals with disabilities.

Ages: 5+

Hours: 7:00 am-6:00 pm

Languages Spoken: English (ask about ASL interpretation)

Cost: \$310/month for after school program; Daily, weekly, monthly rates for camps; \$50 registration fee extra

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

Call: (512) 280-0611

Email: sak@austin.rr.com

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

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: 4-15

Cost: Call; insurance coverage may be available

Days/Hours: M-Thursday, 9-1:00 pm

Location: 2517 Enfield, Austin, TX 78703

Call: (512) 900-1425

Email: kristen@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: \$200/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 2019, 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: ercod@TSD.state.tx.us

Website: <http://texasdeafed.org>

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

This weekend retreat is for Texas families with deaf or hard of hearing children, 6 months-18 years, and their hearing siblings. Adults will attend educational workshops and learn about the many opportunities for communication and education for deaf and hard of hearing children. Workshop presenters include a variety of professionals as well as parents and deaf and hard of hearing adults. There will also be many activities where families can meet each other. Registration open Feb 1, 2020, and space is limited.

Ages: Childcare for ages 6 months - 18 years

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. There are four sessions available in the summer, starting July 8.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 5-12

Cost: \$110 per session; discounts are available for more than 2 sessions; a limited number of need-based scholarships are available.

Days/Hours: 9 am to 1 pm, Monday-Thursday

Location: San Marcos and possibly other locations

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

Email: tingliu@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

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:** \$108.33+ depending on program

Location: 4902 Grover Ave., Austin, TX 78756

Call: (512) 476-7044

Email: anelson@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: \$175 - \$285

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: Pre-K - 5th grade

Cost: \$330-\$435; scholarships are available

Location: 4 locations throughout Austin

Call: (512) 469-6201

Email: reservations@thinkeryaustin.org

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

Variety Arts Performance Camps

Variety Arts is happy to host a performance camp for students with Down Syndrome and Autism Spectrum Disorder. Each week, students will learn skills in acting, singing, and dancing while starring in a musical showcase. All students will have speaking parts, sing some of their favorite musical tunes and pop songs, dance and learn choreography, and perform in a fabulous performance for family and friends complete with lights and costumes. All skills and parts in the show are modified to show off each student's strengths and improve individual goals working closely with the class Teaching Artist and Behavior Interventionist. The performance will be held on the last day of class and is free for family and friends.

Phone: 512-328-5437

Ages: 8 and up

Date: Camps for students with Down Syndrome in conjunction with DSACT and Autism Spectrum Disorder in June and July

Location: TBA

Cost: \$200

Languages: English

Email: variety.arts@varietytexas.org

Website: <https://www.varietytexas.org/variety-arts>

Variety's iCanShine BIKE CAMP

Variety - the Children's Charity of Texas is proud to once again bring iCanShine Bike Camp to kids in the Austin-Round Rock area. The 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. *Child must have their own two-wheeled bike that they will bring to camp.

Phone: 512-328-5437

Ages: 8 and up, have a minimum inseam of 20in from the floor, and weigh no more than 220lbs.

Date: June 8-12, 2020

Location: Clay Madsen Rec Center in Round Rock

Cost: \$200

Languages: English

Email: info@varietytexas.org

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

Westlake Youth Soccer Association-TOPSOCCKER PROGRAM

Provides recreational soccer opportunities for school-aged children with special needs who would ordinarily be excluded from competitive play. Westlake Soccer believes in making soccer available to any player who is interested in the game, and no child with special needs will be turned away. This is not a competitive program. Each player is assigned a "buddy" and the "buddies" learn along with the players. Volunteer recruitment year-round for buddies.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 4-young adult

Cost: Free

Days/Hours: 6 weeks in spring and fall; 2-3 pm on Sundays

Location: Cedar Creek Elementary School, 3301 Pinnacle Rd., Austin, TX 78746

Email: westlaketopsoccer@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.westlakesoccer.com/tops/>

William's Community School

William's Community School offers full and part-time inclusive summer camp as well as providing alternative education. Summer camp is offered for 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: deanna@williamscommunityschool.org

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

YMCA of Austin Summer Day Camps

YMCA of Austin Summer Camp offers children & teens, ages 4-14, 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 opens in February. Registration available in English and Spanish.

Ages: 4-14

Cost: Varies; financial assistance available

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

Location: Locations throughout the Greater Austin area

Email: EACY@AustinYMCA.org

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

YMCA Special Needs Adaptive Programs (SNAP)

A community-based program for persons with a variety of abilities and needs. SNAP creates opportunities to learn and build self-confidence by giving participants the attention, energy and encouragement they need to succeed. SNAP focuses on fun, fitness and independence in a supportive, non-competitive environment. Aquatics, Dance, Fitness, Gymnastics, & Paralympic Experiences provided. The team of CPATH Texas and the Southwest Family YMCA provide parents and guardians with a FREE afternoon of care for children ages 4-21 with cerebral palsy or similar neuro-motor diagnoses. Occupational/physical therapists and volunteer buddies on hand to assist with this fun filled afternoon!

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 2-adulthood (varies with activity)

Cost: Varies

Days/Hours: Varies

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

Email: kredman@austinyymca.org (Kimberly Redman)

Website: <https://www.austinyymca.org/special-needs> or <https://ymcagwc.org/> (Williamson County)

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: 7 +

Cost: See website for details

Days/Hours: June 14 – August 14

Location: Colorado Mountain College - Spring Valley Campus, Colorado

Call: (970) 927-3143

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

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

Camp Agape

Camp Agape is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization and provides a 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

Days/Hours: June 29 – July 2, 2020

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

Call: (830) 385-8916 **Email:** monica@campagapetexas.org

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

Camp Blessing

Residential Christian summer camp offers 10 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: \$950 per session; scholarships may be available

Location: 9402 Palestine Rd. Brenham, TX 77833

Call: (281) 259-5789

Email: Glen.Elder@campblessing.org

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

Camp Brave Heart

Hospice Austin's Camp Brave Heart is a free 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 exercise 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.

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

Ages: 6-17

Cost: Free

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

Call: (512) 342-4700

Email: info@hospiceaustin.org

Website: <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 February. Call for Spanish application.

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish

Ages: 5-50 **Cost:** \$1700 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 English (210) 671-6803 Spanish (call for application)

Email: familysupport@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 serious 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

Location: Burton, TX

Call: (847) 240-1737

Email: jmueller@aad.org

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

Camp DRIVE

Camp DRIVE is for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It offers overnight respite camps throughout the year and provides meaningful activities for campers in a safe environment. Expert teams are accustomed to working with people of all abilities in educational settings. Camp DRIVE wants everyone who attends our camps to have a unique and meaningful experience.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 18 and above

Cost: \$300 per weekend which begins Friday at 6 pm to Sunday at 11am

Location: 20250 FM 619 Elgin, TX 78621

Call: (512) 848-3936

Email: robert@campdrive.org

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

Camp for All

Camp for All is a unique barrier-free camp 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 overnight camp serving children ages 6-18, who have been affected by a parent's cancer. 2020 dates are July 19-25 and August 2-8.

Languages Spoken: English

Location: 557 County Rd 331, Rosebud TX 76570 (July 19-25) and 3782 Luther Hill Rd, La Grange, TX 78945 (Aug 1-8)

Call: (253) 736-3821

Email: support@campkesem.org

Website: <https://campkesem.org/utaustin/>

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: Spring Camp is held in February; Family Day Camp is held in April and the Fall Camp is held in October. Please visit their website for exact dates.

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 Lonestar

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:** \$105-\$570; some scholarships available

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

Call: (800) 362-2078, (979) 968-1657

Email: lomt@lomt.com

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

Camp Summit

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

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish

Ages: 6-99

Cost: Varies based on income, \$1500 maximum. A sliding scale is available for all campers as well as additional scholarships. Scholarship applicants will be required to provide proof of income and expenses. At Camp Summit, 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: \$3,750; non-refundable deposit required for each three-week session and overnight camps. Financial aid is available.

Location: P.O. Box 918, Gainesville, TX 76241

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: \$1,500; Partial scholarships based on financial need.

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 including 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: May 8-10, 2020

Location: Camp for All, Burton, Texas
Call: (866) 742-7284, Spanish: extension 3
Email: victoria@cpathtexas.org (Victoria Polega, Camp Director)
Website: <http://www.cpathtexas.org>

Down Home Ranch – Ranch Camp

Down Home Ranch is a 410-acre working farm east of Austin, Texas. Empowers people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through social, educational, residential and vocational opportunities. Ranch Camp is offered every summer. Overnight camp available.

Languages Spoken: English
Ages: 18 + 25 **Cost:** \$900, will accept contracted respite rates
Location: 20250 FM 619 Elgin TX 78621
Call: (512) 856-0128
Email: camp@downhomeranch.org
Website: <http://www.downhomeranch.org>

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 \$45 per night
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! Three different sessions offered.

Languages Spoken: English
Ages: Nature Discovery Camp-for kids entering 4th-9th grades in summer; Conservation Corps-for youth entering 10th-12th grades in summer.
Cost: \$50 per session. 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) 710-TENT (8368)
Email: registration@elranchito.org
Website: <https://www.elranchito.org/>

Kamp Kaleidoscope

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

Languages Spoken: English
Ages: 15-19
Cost: Free

Location: Anna, TX, just north of Dallas in Collin County
Call: (214) 420-2737 or (888) 548-9716 (Main Number to Epilepsy Foundation)
Email: info@eftx.org
Website: <http://eftx.org/programs/camps-and-recreation/kamp-kaleidoscope/>

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 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

Eight week-long sessions designed for individuals with cognitive challenges. 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 2/1/20.

Languages Spoken: English
Ages: 16-30
Cost: \$775
Location: 2310 Bliss Spillar Rd., Manchaca, TX 78652
Camper ratio: 1:5; 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 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: May 31 - June 5
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 three-day camp 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. \$300-\$500 per camper. Non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 with application is required. If payment plan is needed please contact us to make arrangements. Grants are available for review upon request.

Location: Camp for All, Burton, TX

Call: (903) 520-5178

Email: info@txpwa.org

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

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

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: 6-10 for day camp /10-18 for overnight camp

Cost: \$940-995-deposit for overnight camps \$150.00 per camp; Day Camps \$160-200; deposit \$30 per camp

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

Multiple types of day and overnight residential camps. (See entry under day programs). Resident Overnight: 5th grade to 25 years of age. Day Camp: 2-13 (parent may need to attend depending on age).

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 2-25 (parent may need to attend depending on age) **Cost:** depends on the type of camp

Location: 10500 Sea World 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/>

Texas Elks Camp

Residential overnight summer camp. Offers 1-week, 6-week session 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 decision, become more independent and accept new challenges.

Languages Spoken: English

Ages: 7-15

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.

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/>

Variety’s Peaceable Kingdom Retreat for Children

The Summer Camp Program engages children with special needs and chronic illnesses in week-long, diagnosis- specific camps. It encourages social-emotional development and teambuilding through specialized activities. Summer camp staff adapt activities to be accessible to children of all ability levels to provide every camper with the tools to succeed.

Languages Spoken: English

Location: 19051 FM 2484, Killeen, TX 76542

Call: (254) 554-5555

Email: carolyn.drummond@varietytexas.org

Website: www.varietytexas.org

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 (PAR) provides opportunities wherein all individuals are accepted, included and welcomed to participate, play and recreate together. Reach out to PAR so that they may assist you in participating in recreational activities in Austin PAR. 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 disability 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>

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>