

SUMMER 2023 RESOURCES

Compiled with Highline Special Education Families in Mind

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FIVE COMPREHENSIVE LISTS:

but will require research & follow-up

1. **Seattle Children's:** <https://www.seattlechildrens.org/globalassets/documents/clinics/autism-center/summer-and-day-camps-for-autism-community.pdf>
2. **Parent Map:** <https://www.parentmap.com/article/summer-camps-for-kids-with-special-needs>
3. **The ARC of King County. Activities:** <https://arcofkingcounty.org/resource-guide/activities-recreation/> **and Camps:** <https://arcwa.org/parent-to-parent/info-resources/camp-resources/>
4. **2023 Seattle Summer Camps:** <https://seattlesummercamps.com/>
5. **Special Needs Summer Camps:** <https://www.veryspecialcamps.com/Washington/Special-Needs-Summer-Camps.shtml>

CAMPS:

6. **Aspiring Youth:** <https://aspiringyouth.net/summer-camps/>
 - a. Theme, age-based, and online summer camps available for autistic children, ages 8-18
 - b. Some themes & topics: improv & theater, building & inventing, girls rule!, dungeons & dragons, habitat restoration, field trips, roblox, tabletop games, pokemon
 - c. Various dates & times
 - d. To register: If you're new to AY, contact us at 206-517-0241 or info@aspiringyouth.net

i. More info here: <https://aspiring-youth.jumbula.com/#/ay-summer-2023>

7. **Social Adventure Camp:** <https://zoezowie.wixsite.com/socialadventurecamp>

- e. Led by two special education teachers, this camp aims to give kids with social needs the opportunity to expand their social experiences in a fun and interactive camp, while using their interests and incorporating science into summer learning.
- f. 2 weeks in July: July 10-14 (Monday to Friday); July 17-21 (Monday to Friday)
- g. Morning session: 9 am-12 pm; Kindergarten to 3rd grade; 2 Full weeks \$999.00; 1 week \$500.00.
- h. Afternoon session: 12:30 pm - 4pm; 3rd grade to 8th grade; Cost: 2 Full weeks \$1225.00; 1 week \$625
- i. Complete an interest form (available on their website)

8. **Seattle Parks & Rec Camps** (tab: camps for people with disabilities):

<https://www.seattle.gov/parks/learning-and-childcare/camps>

- j. Specialized Programs trained staff work daily to offer a safe, exciting, and memorable camp experience for youth with disabilities.
- k. Day camps: ages 4-21, Monday-Friday 10am-2pm, July & August dates
- l. Overnight camps: ages 6-21, Tuesday-Friday, Camp Long (West Seattle), July & August dates
- m. Scholarships available, and DSHS DDA Respite Care subsidies are accepted
- n. Registration is open! email Savannah.Seiple@seattle.gov for more information.

9. **Museum of Flight: Aerospace Camp Experience (ACE):**

<https://www.museumofflight.org/education/explore-programs/ace-camp>

- o. ACE is an award-winning day camp for any child who is excited about scientific pursuits. If your child has an inquiring mind and wants to have fun this summer exploring the world of STEM, ACE is the camp for you!
- p. They encourage you to sign up/register & note your student's needs on the registration form. Then call 30-60 days before camp to discuss the needs of your child in more depth. They cannot guarantee 1-to-1 supports. Camper info packet here: https://3470830.fs1.hubspotusercontent-na1.net/hubfs/3470830/Boeing%20Academy/ACE/2023/TMOF_ACE2023_CamperInfoPacket.pdf
- q. Kindergarten through 9th grade (grade level as of Fall 2023); \$450-\$525
- r. Access level registration & Full-ride scholarships available
- s. **Registration opens February 27th at 10:00am!**

10. **Camp Beausite:** <https://campbeausitenw.org/camper-programs/>

- t. Various camp programs are open to those of various abilities. They strive to accommodate any and all needs of their campers. They encourage you to call to discuss the needs of your camper.
 - u. Outside Port Townsend, WA; Olympic Peninsula
 - v. Summer, weekend, adventure, family camp options & women's retreat! Ranges from \$600-1800, depending on length of program
 - w. Scholarships (aka Camperships) available; DSHS DDA Respite accepted
 - x. Submit request for information:
https://campbeausitenw.campmanagement.com/p/request_for_info_m.php?action=rfi
11. **Blue Compass Camps:** <https://www.bluecompasscamps.com/>
- y. This summer they are offering a family rafting/kayaking trip in Southern Oregon, minimum of 2 family members present, especially designed to work with those with Autism & ADHD
 - z. Contact them to express your interest: (971) 221-6441
12. **Deaf Teen Leadership Camp (DTL):** <https://awsleaders.org/dtl>
- aa. Summer 2023 program TBD. There is currently information about an Spring Retreat this April listed on their website. Check back for more info!
13. **Outdoors for all:** Summer camps: <https://outdoorsforall.org/>
- bb. Outdoors for All youth camps provide an active environment for children ages 7 and up that focus on social connections and trying new things in the outdoors! Allows for a wide variety of abilities
 - cc. Weekly programs, 3-4 days a week, \$300-600/week
 - dd. Catalog of available camps for Summer 2023: <https://outdoorsforall.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/2023-Summer-Day-Camp-Guide.pdf> (Registration process detailed on page 8)
14. **Jill's House Camps:** <https://www.jillshouse.org/puget-sound/>
- ee. Jill's House trained staff, including child **care specialists, nurses, and a team of volunteers**, are always available during the day to ensure your child's safety and give them a fun and positive experience. At night, your child will **sleep in a small cabin** with attached bathroom, along with a few of their new friends. A child care specialist will be **awake and available** through the night to attend to any child's needs. Meals are prepared in the main kitchen by camp staff with your child's **special dietary restrictions** in mind.
 - ff. They do accept DDA Respite care payment
 - gg. S'mores, archery, horseback riding, hiking, canoeing and more

hh. Stay tuned for 2023 dates!! Inquire for more info:

https://apps.welligent.com/apps/utilities/jills_house_form_pkg.inquiryform

15. APEX Summer Camp Program at UW Autism Center:

<http://depts.washington.edu/apex/apex/Home.html>

- ii. Designed to provide advanced peer experiences for children with autism spectrum disorder, ADHD, and related disorders. It focuses on building social and behavioral skills in real-world environments.
- jj. This includes a 5-week intensive summer day camp program, a weekly follow-up booster program, and other programs throughout the year.
- kk. Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mjEClivj6Y>
- ll. Join the waitlist here: <https://redcap.iths.org/surveys/?s=93FFRWJKYJ73ELJE>

16. Down Syndrome Community (DSC) of Puget Sound Cheer Camp

<https://secure.ggiv.com/for/summercheercampweekjune26th/>

- 2. Cheer, dance, games, crafts, and more!
- 3. Three offerings through the summer: Week of June 26th, July 10th, or July 17th, 9:30-11:30am
- 4. Cost: \$200, financial aid available upon request (email Nora at nzehir@dscpugetsound.org)

17. Down Syndrome Community (DSC) of Puget Sound Summer Picnic Camp

<https://secure.ggiv.com/for/campcritim/event/870219/>

- 5. In this 4-day camp for individuals ages 8-12, participants can nurture social connections, play games, movement base activities and plan for, prepare, and partake in their end-of-camp picnic celebration.
- 6. July 31st - August 3rd, 9:30am-12:30am, located in NE Seattle
- 7. Cost: \$80, financial aid available upon request (email Nora at nzehir@dscpugetsound.org)

OTHER PROGRAMS:

18. Sea Star Aquatics: <https://seastaraquatics.com/>

- a. Adaptive swim lessons with experienced instructors. They work with those with intellectual and physical disabilities to learn how to swim.
- b. Bellevue Aquatic Center
- c. Private & Semi-Private options available: <https://seastaraquatics.com/pricing>

19. Federal Way Community Center: Inclusive Recreation:

<https://itallhappenshere.org/programs/inclusive-recreation/>

- d. Day trips, athletics, interest clubs, fitness and more!

- e. Browse their extensive catalog & keep an eye out for more Summer announcements:
<https://rec.cityoffederalway.com/wbWSC/webtrac.wsc/search.html?module=AR&Type=Inclusion>
20. **Seattle Parks & Rec:** Programs for people with disabilities:
<https://www.seattle.gov/parks/recreation/for-people-with-disabilities>
- f. Their purpose is to provide recreational opportunities for individuals who may choose to participate in activities specifically designed and conducted by trained staff to best meet their needs. The programs are particularly suited to people with a range of cognitive and physical disabilities. Ages 4+
 - g. Some options include: sensory friendly Saturdays, basketball skills & drills, teen social, field trips, pottery, and more!
 - h. Winter 2023 brochure: <https://tinyurl.com/mreh2b5p>
 - i. Summer 2023 brochure: Not yet released, check back on same site!!
21. **Outdoors for All:** Programs: <https://outdoorsforall.org/programs/recreation-programs/>
- j. Outdoors for All provides a variety of recreation activities for individuals with disabilities. These activities are designed to accommodate a broad range of individual skill levels; from individuals who want to try something new to athletes who aspire to compete.
 - k. Snow sports, biking, hiking, kayaking, yoga, rock climbing, etc!
 - l. Check out their comprehensive list at the link above, some programs encourage you to contact one person, and others provide online registration right away.
22. **C.A.S.T. for Kids:** <https://castforkids.org/event/lakewashington/>
- m. This is a C.A.S.T. for Kids event designed to provide children with disabilities, ages 6 – 18, the opportunity to enjoy a quality outdoor recreational experience through the sport of fishing. Take to the water with C.A.S.T. for an unforgettable morning of fishing and boating!
 - n. Next Event: 8/26/2023. Renton, WA
 - o. Registration will open approximately 90 days prior to event date (May 2023)
23. **We Rock the Spectrum:** <https://www.werockthespectrumfederalway.com/>
- p. All inclusive gym for kids, providing respite for caregivers!
 - q. Check back for Summer 2023 programs!
24. **Youth Experiential Training Institute (YETI):** <https://goyeti.org/>

- r. Based in South King County, Y.E.T.I. is actively breaking down barriers to make sure everyone can explore our public lands. At Y.E.T.I. we believe that outdoor adventures help students develop the confidence, curiosity, and skills to overcome challenges in all areas of life while learning to become excellent environmental stewards. Their mission is to develop grit in all youth through challenging outdoor activity.
 - s. Outdoor recreation, school clubs, and custom education
 - t. Existing clubs at Pacific MS, Sylvester MS, Glacier MS, Big Picture MS & HS, and Highline HS
 - u. Summer offerings TBD!
25. **Washington Talking Book & Braille Library:** <https://www.wtbbl.org/>
- v. Downtown Seattle
 - w. Youth Services include: multisensory storytime (available virtually, parents of children 0-5 can request a storytime kit be sent to them), pen-pal program, summer book program

Highline Resources:

26. **Family Engagement Catalog** <https://www.highlineschools.org/departments/student-support/family-engagement-resources>

Make requests to teachers, school administrators for the strategies you'd like to see in your school

27. **Community Partnership Dashboard** <https://www.highlineschools.org/get-involved/community-partnerships/community-partnership-dashboard>

28. **SBIRT: Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment**
<https://www.highlineschools.org/departments/social-services/mental-health-substance-use/sbirt-screening-brief-intervention-and-referral-to-treatment>

FAQs: <https://www.highlineschools.org/departments/social-services/mental-health-substance-use/sbirt-screening-brief-intervention-and-referral-to-treatment/frequently-asked-questions>