

Options for Children with Special Needs During the Summer Months

What to Do and What to Use

Parents of children with special needs may have many options over the summer months including extended school year services, a 12 month program, and camps for children with special needs, etc. However, there are many children with special needs who may be home for the summer and whose parents may want to work with them to maintain skills, increase social connections and learn new experiences. The purpose of this handout is to provide numerous sources of information for parents of children with special needs over the upcoming summer months.

Summer Activities Websites - Non Camp Oriented

What Can Families Do to Keep Children Reading During the Summer?

<http://www.rif.org/us/literacy-resources/articles/what-can-families-do-to-keep-children-reading-during-the-summer.htm>

Study Explores How Children With Disabilities Make Friends: How Can Parents and School Personnel Help? <http://focus.cenmi.org/focus-on-results/articles/study-explores-how-children-with-disabilities-make-friends-how-can-parents-and-school-personnel-help/>

Summer Reading Tips for Parents

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/education/reading-language/reading-tips/summer-reading-tips/>

Paving the Way to Kindergarten for Young Children with Disabilities

<http://journal.naeyc.org/btj/200503/04fenlon.pdf>

Homeschooling LD Kids over Summer Break

<http://special-needs.adoptionblogs.com/weblogs/homeschooling-ld-kids-over-summer-break>

Summer Toys for Children with Disabilities

<http://www.disabled-world.com/artman/publish/toys.shtml>

Sites to Help Parents Help Their Children

<http://www.internet4classrooms.com/parents.htm>

Spina Bifida Association Summer Camp List 2007

Spina Bifida Association of America

4590 MacArthur Boulevard, N.W., Suite 250

Washington, D.C. 20007-4226

(800) 621-3141; (202) 944-3285

E-mail: sbaa@sbaa.org

Web: www.sbaa.org

Camps 2007: A Directory of Camps and Summer Programs for Children and Youth with Special Needs and Disabilities in the Metro New York Area
Resources for Children with Special Needs, Inc.
Publications/Department B
116 E. 16th Street, 5th Floor
New York, NY 10003
(212) 677-4650
E-mail: info@resourcesnyc.org
Web: www.resourcesnyc.org
\$33.00 including shipping and handling (available in English & Spanish)
Discover Camp: Considerations for Sending your Child with a Disability to Camp for the First Time

National Center on Physical Activity and Disability (NCPAD)

1640 W. Roosevelt Road
Chicago, IL 60608-6904
800-900-8086
Email: ncpad@uic.edu
Web: www.ncpad.org/get/discover/index.html or

Easter Seals Camping and Recreation List

Easter Seals-National Office
230 West Monroe Street, Suite 1800
Chicago, IL 60606
(800) 221-6827; (312) 726-6200 (Voice)
(312) 726-4258 (TTY)
E-mail: info@easterseals.com
Web: www.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=ntl_directory_campre

Guide to Summer Camps and Summer Schools

2006-2007 (30th Edition)
Porter Sargent Publishers, Inc., c/o IDS
400 Bedford Street, Suite 322
Manchester, NH 03101
(800) 342-7470
E-mail: info@portersargent.com
Web: <http://www.portersargent.com/summer-camp-school-directory.php>
\$32.00 hard-cover; \$27.00 soft-cover (plus shipping and handling)

National Camp Association, Inc.

610 Fifth Avenue
P.O. Box 5371
New York, NY 10185
(800) 966-CAMP (2267); (212) 645-0653
E-mail: info@summercamp.org
Web: www.summertime.org
(Explore CampQuest on this web site.)

Camp Web Sites

- American Camp Association
www.campparents.org
- Association of Independent Camps
www.aicccamps.org/
- Brave Kids: Camps and Resources for Children with Chronic, Life-Threatening Illnesses or Disabilities
www.bravekids.org
- Camp Channel
www.campchannel.com/docs/campsearch.html
- Camps for Children with Diabetes
www.childrenwithdiabetes.com/camps
- The CampPage Guide to Summer Camps
www.camppage.com
- CampResource.com: Special Needs Camps
www.campresource.com/camps/spec_needs_camps.cfm
- Camp Search: The Search Engine for Camps
www.campsearch.com/
- Children's Oncology Camping Association
<http://www.cocai.org/>
- Diabetes Camping Association: Diabetes Camp Directory—U.S. Camps
<https://www.diabetescamps.org/>
- Grown-Up Camps
www.grownupcamps.com
- Kids' Camps
www.kidscamps.com
- My Summer Camps
www.mysummercamps.com
- National Center on Physical Activity & Disability (NCPAD) Fun & Leisure: Camp Resources
www.ncpad.org/fun/fact_sheet.php?sheet=88&view=all
- Special Needs Camps
www.mysummercamps.com/camps/Special_Needs_Camps/index.html
- Summer Camps for Amputees and Children with Limb Differences
www.amputee-coalition.org/fact_sheets/Kidscamps.html
- Summer Camps for Children Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
<http://www.gallaudet.edu/x17375.xml>
- Summer Camp Search
<http://summercamps.com/cgi-bin/summercamps/search.cgi>