

# 2018

## Recreation & Camp Guide

*for Students with Special Needs*



## Central Texas and Surrounding Areas

Developed by Austin Independent School District



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## DAY PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES – CENTRAL TEXAS

### **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.

It's a great alternative to traditional day programs!

**Ages:** 18+

**Cost:** \$45/day; 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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto: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.

**Ages:** 6 weeks – Adult

**Cost:** Please see website for pricing information; tuition assistance is available for select programs.

**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](mailto:sbgooding@acmsaustin.org)

**Website:** <http://www.acmsaustin.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 current groups, social skills camps, and services offered.

**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) 656-4606 Raschel

**Email:** [info@aspireaustin.com](mailto:info@aspireaustin.com)

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

## **Austin Jewish Community Center**

Inclusive camp program for children with special needs and varying abilities. Swimming, nature trails, a low ropes course, playgrounds, activities, special events, and more! Parents must inform JCC of child's individual needs (physical, emotional, cognitive, or sensory) as soon as they are able, to allow appropriate planning time. JCC Summer Camp has an Inclusion Specialist who will work with Inclusion Counselors and provide additional support to all camp staff. You don't have to be Jewish, and you don't have to be a JCC member. Please inquire by March 1.

**Ages:** incoming kindergarten-incoming 6th graders

**Cost:** Varies

**Location:** 7300 Hart Lane, Austin, TX 78731

**Call:** (512) 735-8050

**Email: Camp Kan Gef-** [sarah.cleveland@shalomaustin.org](mailto:sarah.cleveland@shalomaustin.org)

**School Aged Camps-** [YouthAndTeenOffice@shalomaustin.org](mailto:YouthAndTeenOffice@shalomaustin.org)

**Website:** <https://shalomaustin.org/camps>

## **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 4-5-year old's and 12:1 ratio for 6-13-year old's. 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 ANSC to discuss needed accommodations at least 2 weeks before programming.

**Ages:** 4-13

**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](mailto: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, strategic 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.

**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

**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.

**Ages:** 14-17, including 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](mailto: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.

**Ages:** All ages

**Location:** Varies

**Call:** (512) 479-4199 Ext 1

**Email:** [caroline@texasautismsociety.org](mailto:caroline@texasautismsociety.org) (Caroline Turner, Program Director)

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

## **Big Sky Pediatric Therapy**

Provides occupational, physical and speech therapy for children ages. 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. Offers special workshops and small day camps focusing on topics like handwriting and social skills throughout the school year and summer.

**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:** [kimberly.burke@bigskyfriends.com](mailto:kimberly.burke@bigskyfriends.com)

**Website:** <http://www.bigskyfriends.com/>

## **Bilinguistics**

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

**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](mailto:admin@bilinguistics.com)

**Website:** <https://bilinguistics.com/>

## **Camp Grace at Austin Oaks Church (Respite Day Camp Program)**

Austin Oaks Church periodically hosts Camp Grace, a day camp including activities specially designed for kids with special needs and their siblings.

**Ages:** 3+

**Cost:** Free

**Dates and Hours:** Saturdays, March 10, July 14 and Dec 1, 2018, 1-5 pm

**Location:** 4220 Monterey Oaks Blvd., Austin, TX 78749

**Call:** (512) 891-1609

**Email:** [peggy.bryda@austinoakschurch.org](mailto:peggy.bryda@austinoakschurch.org)

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/CampGraceAustinOaksChurch>

**Website:** <https://www.austinoakschurch.org/special-needs/>

## **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.

**Ages:** 5-21

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

**Location:** 6219 Oak Claire, Austin, TX 78735

**Call:** (512) 891-9622

**Email:** [sam.skurka@austinyymca.org](mailto:sam.skurka@austinyymca.org) (Sam Skurka, Program Coordinator)

**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.

**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](mailto: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 fourth grade.

**Ages:** 2 years - 4th grade

**Cost:** Prices vary by camp

**Dates and Hours:** June 4- June 29, 2018; 9-1:00 pm

**Location:** 2011 Koenig Lane, Austin, TX 78756

**Call:** (512) 467-7006 (Heidi) **Email:**

[heidig@capitolschool.com](mailto: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.

**Ages:** all ages

**Cost:** Camp Bluebonnet \$150-175, CIT Saturday approximately \$40, Bluebonnet Buds Day approximately \$35 per person

**Days/Hours:** 3rd full week in June

Camp Bluebonnet-June 18-22, 2018 (M-Th 8:30-3:30 pm, Fri. 8:30-12:30 pm) CIT Saturday April 7, 2018 9am-5pm, Camp Bluebonnet Buds-Saturday April 7, 2018 9am-5pm

**Location:** Peaceable Kingdom Retreat **Email:**

[camp.bluebonnet@gmail.com](mailto:camp.bluebonnet@gmail.com) **Website:**

<https://childrensdiabetescamp.org/>

## **Clay Madsen Recreation Center: 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.

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

**Hours:** 7 am - 6 pm

**Cost:** \$155+/session

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

**Call:** (512) 218-3220

**Email:** [swoessner@roundrocktexas.gov](mailto:swoessner@roundrocktexas.gov)

**Website:** <https://www.roundrocktexas.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/recreation/air/>

## **Creative Action Summer Camps**

Camps are tailored to help all children discover their creativity. Builds skills and confidence, while allowing each child to perform or lead just as much as they are ready. Summer Camps take place in several locations around Austin with a rotating theme. Accommodates children with special needs on a case-by-case basis.

**Ages:** 5-11

**Hours:** 9:00 am to 4:30 pm (Before care and after care available at select locations)

**Cost:** \$285 for one-week camps, \$510 for two-week camps; nonrefundable enrollment fee; financial aid available

**Location:** 2921 E 17th St., Bldg. B, Austin, TX

**Call:** (512) 442-8773 x107

**Email:** [florinda@creativeaction.org](mailto:florinda@creativeaction.org)

**Website:** <https://creativeaction.org/>

## **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.

**Ages:** 4-11

**Location:** 5000 Fairview Dr., Austin, TX 78731; also available in Northwest Austin and Westlake

**Call:** (512) 453-5551

**Email:** [info@crenshaws.com](mailto:info@crenshaws.com)

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

## **CTX (Central Texas) Ability Sports**

A non-profit that provides year-round sports and activities to children with disabilities, their siblings, and parents free of charge for total family inclusion.

**Ages:** 2-adulthood

**Cost:** Free



**Days/Hours:** Varies

**Location:** Various locations

**Website:** <http://www.huttochallenger.webs.com/>

## **Deaf Space Camp**

Space Camp is an experience that encompasses everything around space, simulated astronaut training, space hardware, exploration of missions and so much more. February deadline for registration.

**Ages:** 12-18

**Days/Hours:** June 24 - 29, 2018

**Email:** [deafspacecamp@gmail.com](mailto:deafspacecamp@gmail.com) (Amy Newland, Director)

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/deafspacecamp/>

**Website:** <https://sites.google.com/site/deafspacecamp/home>

## **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. Registration begins in February.

**Ages:** 3.5 - Adult

**Cost:** Varies by camps

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

**Call:** (512) 974-4000

**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 to children with developmental disabilities (with a special emphasis in Autism) in the greater Austin area.

**Ages:** 6-18

**Cost:** varies

**Location:** 23650 Round Mountain Cir, Leander, TX 78641

**Call:** (512) 260-5957

**Email:** [info@dadth.org](mailto:info@dadth.org)

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

## **Dream of Hopes Ranch**

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.

**Ages:** 14 years and up

**Cost:** \$180.00 per week; \$25 per week non-refundable deposit to ensure reservation

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

**Locations:** 16250 Oak Grove Road, Buda, TX 78610

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

**E-mail:** [hockeymom4123@gmail.com](mailto: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 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 in late March.

**Ages:** Elementary-Secondary

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

**Days/Hours:** 8 am-2 pm

**Location:** Various locations in Georgetown, TX

**Call:** (512) 930-3595

**Email:** [exceptionalgeorgetown@gmail.com](mailto:exceptionalgeorgetown@gmail.com)

**Website:** <http://www.exceptionalgeorgetown.org/>

## **Extend-A-Care for Kids**

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 1:12 ratio. Individual assessments will be required to complete enrollment for any individuals with disabilities. State licensed programs serving the Austin area since 1969.

**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:** [help@eackids.org](mailto:help@eackids.org)

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

## **Fantastic Magic Camp**

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!"

**Ages:** 5-12

**Cost:** \$295 for one-week session, \$590 for two-week session; scholarships available

**Days/Hours:** Monday-Friday; 8-3 pm; optional time available from 3-6 pm

**Location:** Journey IFC, 7500 Woodrow Ave., Austin, TX 78757

**Call:** (512) 850-4677

**Email:** [peter@magiccamp.com](mailto:peter@magiccamp.com)

**Website:** <https://magiccamp.com/>

## **First Leap Pediatric Therapy**

Offers 3 social skills groups on Saturdays in addition to ABA therapy throughout the week. Children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), social communication disorder, social anxiety, or any other developmental delay are welcome.

**Cost:** Insurance may cover cost for children with ASD-(\$500 for evaluation and \$50 per hour)

**Location:** 2 Austin locations and 1 Georgetown location

**Call:** (512) 887-2126

**Email:** [office@first-leap.com](mailto:office@first-leap.com)

**Website:** <http://first-leap.com/>

## **From the Heart Therapy Camps**

A cutting-edge 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.

**Cost:** \$130-\$195/week

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

**Call:** (512) 306-1707

**Email:** [fromtheheart@fthts.com](mailto: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.

**Ages:** all ages

**Cost:** \$50-\$225

**Location:** 10014 FM 973, Manor, TX 78653

**Call:** (512) 228-4126

**Email:** [healingwithhorse@gmail.com](mailto:healingwithhorse@gmail.com)

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

## **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.

**Ages:** 9+ (with classes 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:** [lacy@hideouttheatre.com](mailto:lacy@hideouttheatre.com) (Lacy Shawn)

**Website:** <http://www.hideouttheatre.com/improv-for-kids/building-connections>

## **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.

**Ages:** All ages

**Cost:** various with services

**Days/Hours:** Spring break camp, March 12th to the 16th; Summer Camps in June and July 2018

**Location:** 17000 Trails End Cove, Leander TX (3 miles outside of Cedar Park)

**Call:** (512) 484-8480 (Lisa Rivers)

**Email:** [lisarivers302@gmail.com](mailto:lisarivers302@gmail.com)

**Website:** <http://www.horseserct.org/>

## **Johnson Center**

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

**Ages:** 8-16

**Cost:** Varies (Grants Available)

**Location:** 1700 Rio Grande Street, Austin, TX 78701

**Call:** (512) 732-8400

**Email:** [jhill@johnson-center.org](mailto:jhill@johnson-center.org)

**Website:** [http://www.johnson-center.org/educationbehavioral/page/peers\\_program](http://www.johnson-center.org/educationbehavioral/page/peers_program)

## **Joshua's Stage - The Creative Outlet for Exceptional Individuals**

Featuring classes for individuals with special needs including workshops, after-school programs, camps, performances, film screenings, and exhibits in theatre arts, dance, music, arts and crafts, digital photography, and filmmaking.

**Ages:** 3-18 and Adults

**Cost:** \$200-\$475; Sibling discounts; financial assistance including scholarships and tuition assistance may be available

**Location:** Various

**Call:** (512) 825-2744

**Email:** [joshua.levy@joshuasstage.org](mailto:joshua.levy@joshuasstage.org)

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

## **Kids Acting**

Classes, camps and Fun! Supporting students who love to sing, dance, act, play theatre games, paint faces, and have a blast with crafts and the performing arts. Major productions throughout the year. Partners with the Autism Society of Texas.

**Ages:** 3-high school seniors  
**Cost:** varies with discounts offered  
**Location:** various locations  
**Call:** (512) 836-5437  
**Email:** [info@kidsActingStudio.com](mailto:info@kidsActingStudio.com)  
**Website:** <https://www.kidsactingstudio.com/>

## **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, 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.

**Ages:** 2-7+  
**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](mailto:frontdesk@kidventurestherapy.com)  
**Website:** <http://kidventurestherapy.com/services-specialties/camps-and-groups/>

## **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.

**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>

## **Miracle League at Town & Country**

Provides opportunities for all children to play baseball regardless of their ability. Players paired with a buddy.

**Ages:** 4-19  
**Cost:** Free

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

**Call:** (512) 335-7434

**Email:** [traceyb1@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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, movies, art 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.

**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](mailto:neg-usa@outlook.com); [negadvertising@outlook.com](mailto:negadvertising@outlook.com)

**Website:** <http://www.neg-usa.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.

**Ages:** For middle and high school students

**Location:** 4407 Red River, Austin, TX 78751

**Call:** (512) 472-2262

**Email:** [info@odysseyschool.com](mailto:info@odysseyschool.com) or [brinnson@odysseyschool.com](mailto:brinnson@odysseyschool.com)

**Website:** <http://odysseyschool.com/>

## **Open my World Therapeutic Riding Center**

With the help of a few special horses, Open My World Therapeutic Riding Center strives to improve the quality of life for individuals with special needs involving physical, mental, and emotional disabilities.

Safe and structured riding program, personal achievement encouraged and self-esteem building.

**Ages:** 4+

**Cost:** Fees vary; ask about funding options

**Location:** Therapeutic Riding Center, 1020 CR 270, Leander, TX 78641

**Call:** (512) 259-6665

**Email:** [info@openmyworld.org](mailto:info@openmyworld.org)

**Website:** <http://openmyworld.org/>

## **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.

**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](mailto:info@REDarena.org)

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

## **R.O.C.K., 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 camps and programs offered throughout the year. Space is limited and available on a first come first served basis. Camp registration form is due in early spring.

**Ages:** 2-88

**Cost:** \$150-\$250; \$25/\$35 non-refundable registration/screening fee

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

**Call:** (512) 930-7625

**Email:** [kristinw@rockride.org](mailto:kristinw@rockride.org)

**Website:** <http://rockride.org/>

## **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. Our mission and goal is to help children and families thrive by giving children the opportunities 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.

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

Varies by term, scholarships available **Location:**

2415 Twin Oaks Drive, Austin, TX 78757

**Call:** (512) 453-5258

**Email:** [info@sammymyhouse.org](mailto:info@sammymyhouse.org)

**Website:** <http://sammymyhouse.org/>

## SeaWorld San Antonio Education Camps

Multiple types of day and overnight residential camps. (See entry under Overnight Camps.) Day Camp is for ages 2-13 (parent may need to attend depending on age). SeaWorld offers accessibility services at various camps.

**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:** [SWT.GuestCorrespondence@SeaWorld.com](mailto:SWT.GuestCorrespondence@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.

**Ages:** 4-12

**Cost:** \$75 deposit per camp at the time of enrollment which is applied to your tuition; \$130-\$180

**Days/Hours:** Morning (9-12 pm) and afternoon sessions (1-4 pm)

**Location:** Multiple locations

**Call:** (512) 368-9090

**Email:** [austin@snapology.com](mailto:austin@snapology.com)

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

## 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.

**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:** [kayla@spark-learning.com](mailto:kayla@spark-learning.com) (Kayla Hsieh, Office Coordinator)

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



## 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.

**Ages:** 5+

**Hours:** 7:00 am-6:00 pm

**Cost:** Daily, weekly, monthly rates available; registration fee extra

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

**Call:** (512) 280-0611

**Email:** [sak@austin.rr.com](mailto:sak@austin.rr.com)

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

## Texas Rowing for All

Provides adaptive rowing and paddling recreation 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. The Rowing Camp teaches the group all about the sport of rowing using our rowing barge, adaptive rowing shells, and various sized rowing shells.

**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](mailto:tony@texasrowingcenter.com) (Tony Kuhn)

**Website:** <http://www.texasrowingforall.org/>

## 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.

**Ages:** 5-12

**Cost:** \$110 per session; discounts are available for multiple sessions; need-based scholarships are available.

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

**Location:** unavailable at print

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

**Email:** [tingliu@txstate.edu](mailto:tingliu@txstate.edu)

**Website:** <http://www.hhp.txstate.edu/Camps/Autism-Camp.html>

## **The Arc of the Capital Area Evening ACC Art Courses**

Evening fine arts education program offered by The Arc of the Capital Area in partnership with Austin Community College, where clients explore different artistic mediums and produce artwork that is professionally shown and sold. Classes offered in photography, performance art, film studies, visual art and more. Experienced instructors provide structured art classes for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and community members.

**Ages:** 16+

**Cost:** \$295 for 8-week classes

**Location:** 4902 Grover Ave., Austin, TX 78756

**Call:** (512) 476-7044 ext. 215 (Mariah Lossing, Director of Innovative Programs)

**Email:** [mlossing@arcaustin.org](mailto:mlossing@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.

**Ages:** 5 - 15

**Cost:** \$175 - \$275

**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](mailto:info@TheDogAlliance.org)

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

## **Thinkery**

Offers camp during spring break and summer. Week long camps are designed around unique themes that inspire campers to learn through having fun. Campers use stimulating science and their imaginations to explore new concepts, solve challenges, and develop critical learning skills.

**Ages:** Pre-K - 5th grade

**Cost:** \$212-\$435; scholarships are available

**Location:** 5 locations throughout Austin

**Call:** (512) 469-6201

**Email:** [reservations@thinkeryaustin.org](mailto:reservations@thinkeryaustin.org)

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

## **VSA Texas**

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

**Location:** 3710 Cedar Street, Room 128, Austin, TX 78705

**Call:** (512) 454-9912

**Email:** [info@vsatx.org](mailto:info@vsatx.org)

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

## **We Rock the Spectrum Kids Gym**

We Rock the Spectrum - Austin is a sensory safe indoor playground for children of ALL abilities. All equipment (including the ZIPLINE!) is therapeutic/OT based and holds adult weight so kids of ALL ages can enjoy! Offering Open Play, Break Time drop off, Arts & Crafts, a Teen Zone, trampoline, climbing structures, a space themed calming room for meltdowns, classes, birthday parties & CAMPS! Camp includes both neurotypical campers as well as those with Special Abilities. Campers are given a daily pep talk on inclusion and acceptance of ALL peers. 1:1 staffing can be provided for campers who need extra assistance.

**Ages:** 3-12

**Cost:** \$39 half day daily, \$69 full day daily; discounted weekly rates

**Days/Hours:** AISD Spring, Summer & Holiday Breaks; sessions are 9am-12pm, 12pm-3pm, or 9am-3pm

**Location:** Center of the Hills Shopping Center, 7010 West Highway #71, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78735

**Call:** (512) 687-4443

**Email:** [info@werockthespectrumaustin.com](mailto:info@werockthespectrumaustin.com)

**Website:** <http://www.werockthespectrumaustin.com/>

## **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.

**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](mailto: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 10 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.

**Ages:** 2-17

**Cost:** vary based on therapies and behavioral support

**Location:** 5209 Duval Road, Austin, TX 78727

**Call:** (512) 250-5700

**Email:** [info@williamscommunityschool.org](mailto:info@williamscommunityschool.org)

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

## **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!

**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](mailto:kredman@austinyymca.org) (Kimberly Redman)

**Website:** <https://www.austinyymca.org/> 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.

**Ages:** 7 +

**Cost:** See website for details

**Days/Hours:** June 17 - August 10

**Location:** Colorado Mountain College - Spring Valley Campus, Colorado

**Call:** 970-927-3143

**Email:** [info@ascendigo.org](mailto:info@ascendigo.org)

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

### Austin Sunshine Camps

In collaboration with the Young Men's Business League, Austin Sunshine Camps provides FREE overnight summer camp programs for the children of the greater Austin area. Campers must meet the 2017-2018 free & reduced school meals income eligibility guidelines. Each camp is for 5 days & 4 nights of exciting outdoor activities including canoeing, hiking, swimming, science, nature, cooking, arts & crafts, ropes course, and team building activities. Transportation to camp on the first day, three meals a day, and 2 snacks are included.

**Ages:** Zilker 8-11, Lake Travis 12-15

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** Zilker Park and Lake Travis Area

**Call:** (512) 472-8107

**Email:** [info@sunshinecamps.org](mailto:info@sunshinecamps.org)

**Website:** <https://www.sunshinecamps.org/>

### Camp Agape

Camp Agape is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization and provides a free bereavement camp for children who have suffered the loss of a loved one. Summer camp program offers swimming, horseback riding, archery, miniature horse cart rides, group-therapy activities, etc. Due to the number of children in need of our service, a child is only allowed to attend our program as a camper once, unless they have suffered a new loss.

**Ages:** 7-12

**Cost:** Free with \$100 refundable deposit

**Days/Hours:** Summer 2018

**Location:** Camp Buckner, 3835 FM 2342, Burnet, TX 78611

**Call:** (830) 385-8916

**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.

**Ages:** 7-22

**Cost:** \$915 per session; scholarships may be available

**Location:** 9402 Palestine Rd. Brenham, TX 77833

**Call:** (281) 259-5789

**Email:** [Glen.Elder@campblessing.org](mailto:Glen.Elder@campblessing.org)

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

## **Camp CAMP**

Camp CAMP is on 55 acres and includes multiple activities-canoing 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, regardless of the severity of the Camper's physical or developmental needs. Sessions are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. The Summer Camp applications are online in English. Call for Spanish application

**Ages:** 5-50

**Cost:** \$1500 per camper; scholarship tier based on income; Medicaid Waiver Program funding accepted

**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

**Call:** (210) 671-5411 English (210) 671-8112 Spanish (call for application)

**Email:** [campmail@campcamp.org](mailto:campmail@campcamp.org)

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

## **Camp Discovery**

This is a special camp experience for children with chronic skin conditions. 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 advice to campers. Fun, friendship, independence, and inclusion are on the top of everyone's agenda.

**Ages:** 8-16

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** Camp Dermadillo, Burton, TX

**Call:** (847) 240-1737

**Email:** [jmueller@aad.org](mailto: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.

**Ages:** 18 and above

**Cost:** \$250 per weekend which begins Friday at 5pm to Sunday at 11am

**Location:** 20250 FM 619 Elgin, TX 78621

**Call:** (512) 848-3936

**Email:** [robert@campdrive.org](mailto:robert@campdrive.org)

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

## **Camp Erin Central Texas (formerly Camp Brave Heart)**

Hospice Austin's Camp Erin Central Texas is a recreational summer 4 day/3-night camp for children and adolescents who have experienced the loss of a loved one due to death. Through a variety of creative activities, campers are supported in their exploration of emotional, behavioral and physical adjustments to their loss. Roundtrip transportation is provided from a Northwest Austin location. 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. Camp Erin Central Texas is a program of Hospice Austin and part of The Moyer Foundation's national Camp Erin program.

**Ages:** 6-17

**Cost:** Free

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

**Call:** (512) 342-4700

**Email:** [info@hospiceaustin.org](mailto:info@hospiceaustin.org)

**Website:** <https://www.hospiceaustin.org/>

## **Camp for All**

Camp for All is a unique barrier-free camp working in collaboration with other 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.

**Location:** 6301 Rehburg Rd., Burton, TX 77835

**Call:** (979) 289-3752

**Email:** [bdeans@campforall.org](mailto:bdeans@campforall.org)

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

## **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.

**Ages:** 5 - 21 and siblings 5-12

**Cost:** \$250-\$350; limited stipend supports available

**Days/Hours:** Spring Camp February 23-25; Family Camp April 15; Fall Camp October 19-21

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

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

**Email:** [aday@tamu.edu](mailto:aday@tamu.edu)

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

## Camp Lonestar

This Christian camp in La Grange has regular camp activities, including archery, canoeing, swimming, hiking, Bible studies, and campfire devotions. They will accept children with very mild disabilities but due to rough terrain please call to see if your child can be accommodated. There are a variety of different camps and numerous dates available.

**Ages:** 5-18 depending on camp

**Cost:** \$219-\$549; some scholarships available

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

**Call:** (800) 362-2078

**Email:** [lonestar@lomt.com](mailto:lonestar@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.

**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](mailto:camp@campsummittx.org)

**Website:** <https://www.campsummittx.org/>



## Camp Sweeney

Camp Sweeney is a specialized camp for children with diabetes. 20-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.

**Ages:** 5-18

**Cost:** \$3,600; non-refundable deposit required for each three-week session and overnight camps. Financial aid is available.

**Location:** 10687 FM 678, Whitesboro, TX 76273

**Call:** (940) 665-2011

**Email:** [info@campsweeney.org](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:info@charishills.org)

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

## College Learning Experience (CLE)-Denver, Colorado Summer Exploration

CLE's 2018 Summer Exploration Program is a unique opportunity for students to personally experience the next step towards gaining more independence. Within a supportive environment, students participate in their choice of college or vocational courses while enhancing their social development and independent living skills. Students reside in dorms and attend non-credited courses at a nearby college campus. Space is limited to 34 students. Apply online. Application deadline is 5/31/18.

**Ages:** high school juniors, seniors, and recent graduates of pre-college programs

**Cost:** \$5,900 with a \$75 application fee. Tuition includes all housing, meals, academic or vocational classes along with some recreational activities. Travel costs and weekly spending money not included.

**Days/Hours:** 3-week residential experience; 6/24/18 -7/14/18

**Location:** 1391 Speer Blvd., Suite 400, Denver, CO 80204

**Call:** (800) 486-5058

**Email:** [clesummer@experiencecle.com](mailto:clesummer@experiencecle.com)

**Website:** <https://experiencecle.com/summer-exploration/>

## **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!

**Ages:** 5+

**Cost:** Free

**Days/Hours:** May 11-13, 2018

**Location:** Camp for All, Burton, Texas

**Call:** (866) 742-7284

**Email:** [victoria@cpathtexas.com](mailto:victoria@cpathtexas.com) (Victoria Polega, Camp Director)

**Website:** <http://www.cpathtexas.com/>

## **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.

**Cost:** \$30 non-refundable reservation fee and \$30 per night

**Location:** 257 CR 3110, Jacksonville, TX 75766

**Call:** (713) 294-0690

**Email:** [cherylltorres@gmail.com](mailto:cherylltorres@gmail.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.

**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](mailto:registration@elranchito.org)

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

## **Jill's House Weekend Adventures**

JHWA is a three-day overnight respite camp experience for children and teenagers with intellectual disabilities. Activities include hayrides, hikes, crafts, games, talent shows, ropes courses, swimming and more. Staff include onsite medical personnel, child care specialists, staff, and one-on-one buddies that ensure every detail is managed and every unique need is met so parents can enjoy a worry-free break. Meals, accommodations, activities, and full-time care are all included, making this all-inclusive weekend a stress-relieving time for everyone. Seven camps throughout the year.

**Ages:** 6-17

**Cost:** \$170

**Location:** Camp Buckner, 3835 Farm-to-Market Road 2342, Burnet, TX 78611

**Call:** (730) 639-5664

**Email:** [Kyrsten.Withem@jillshouse.org](mailto:Kyrsten.Withem@jillshouse.org) (Kyrsten Withem, Local Program Supervisor-Hill Country)

**Website:** <http://www.jillshouse.org/weekend-adventures/>

## **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.

**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:** [camp@eftx.org](mailto:camp@eftx.org) or [info@eftx.org](mailto: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 strives to have at least 1 registered nurse on camp grounds at all times.

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

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

**Location:** 13743 CR 270, Somerville, TX 77879

**Call:** (979) 820-1393 (Nick) or (979) 212-8729

**Email:** [Information@kingdomranch.org](mailto: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 and transfer independently. 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 will be posted on website 2/5/2018

**Ages:** 16-30

**Cost:** \$735

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

**Call:** (512) 282-1144 X1204 (Barbara Bush)

**Email:** [info@marbridge.org](mailto:info@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 one doctor and two nurses on site (usually 15 medical staff in total). There will be a 1:1 ratio with a volunteer.

**Ages:** 6-17

**Cost:** Free

**Days/Hours:** June 2-9, 2018

**Location:** Camp for All site in Burton, Texas

**Call:** (512) 691-0065

**Email:** [amos@mdausa.org](mailto:amos@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. Be sure to ask about their upcoming sibling camp April 2018.

**Ages:** 8 years-adult

**Cost:** Approx. \$300-\$500 per camper. A non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 with application is required for reservation for the camper. 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:** [faithnhim01@gmail.com](mailto:faithnhim01@gmail.com)

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

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

## **Sea Camp**

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. If the child needs an assistant, the assistant may ask to attend free.

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

**Cost:** \$890.00- \$965.00; deposit for overnight camps \$150.00 per camp.

Day Camps \$140.00 to \$160.00 deposit \$25.00 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](mailto:seacamp@tamug.edu)

**Website:** <http://www.tamug.edu/seacamp/>

## 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). SeaWorld offers accessibility services at various camps.

**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:** [SWT.GuestCorrespondence@SeaWorld.com](mailto:SWT.GuestCorrespondence@SeaWorld.com)

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

## Texas Elks Camp

Residential overnight camps in six 1-week sessions serving Texas children with special needs in a therapeutic recreation setting. Multiple special needs accepted. Call to ensure your camper's disability is eligible. Offers swimming, hiking, fishing, horseback riding, and team building exercises.

**Ages:** 7-15

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** 1963 FM 1586, Gonzales, TX 78629

**Call:** (830) 875-2425

**Email:** [txelks@gvec.net](mailto:txelks@gvec.net)

**Website:** <http://www.texaselkscamp.org/>

## Texas Lions Camp

Residential camping facility for Texas children with physical disabilities, type 1 diabetes and cancer. The camp is designed to introduce the "Can Do" philosophy to children dealing with special medical conditions. All children must have a Lions 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.

**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](mailto:tlc@lionscamp.com)

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

## **Texas School for the Deaf (TSD) Summer Program for Students with Special Needs**

This summer program serves students who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing from across the state of Texas. Summer Programs are for students currently enrolled in an early childhood program, Elementary/Middle/High School grades, or are interested in Driver's Training and Education. Open to current TSD students only. All programs are available as day programs or overnight except for Early Childhood, which a half day program.

**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](mailto:ercod@TSD.state.tx.us)

**Website:** [www.texasdeafed.org/sp](http://www.texasdeafed.org/sp)

## **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. [Link for 2018 Schedule of Camps](#)

**Location:** 19051 FM 2484, Killeen, TX 76542

**Call:** (254) 554-5555

**Email:** [michelle.adler@varietytexas.org](mailto:michelle.adler@varietytexas.org)

**Website:** [www.varietytexas.org](http://www.varietytexas.org)

## HELPFUL INFORMATION

### Activity Hero

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

**Website:** <https://www.activityhero.com/in/kyle-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/>

### 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 Parks Pass for People with Disabilities

Free "Access Pass" for person with a permanent disability. Must provide appropriate documentation such as a physician's statement or proof of SSI/SSDI. The pass gives the person with the disability and three adults free admission to federal recreation sites around the country, and it's good for life! Can also 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](https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/passes.htm#CP_JUMP_5088581)

For more details, or to find a recreation site, visit the National Park Service's Web site:

<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>