

Gulf South Region Summer Camp and Recreation Resource Guide

For Children and Youth with Special Healthcare
Needs & Chronic Illnesses

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Welcome!

In this guide, you will find information on summer camps and recreational resources for children and youth with disabilities and chronic illnesses in the Gulf South Region Area.

Please keep in mind that this is only a listing of the opportunities currently available and that the inclusion of a camp or program does not imply an endorsement or recommendation. Always verify with the American Camping Association (<http://www.acacamps.org/>) and contact the camps and programs that you are considering before deciding if it's the right fit for you and your child. Also, it is recommended that you try your local fitness center, high school athletic department, parish's recreational department or YMCA for other summer camps, as they may be able to make the necessary accommodations.

Finally, as camps are constantly opening and closing, some of these listings may change over time. If you would like to share any additional camps or leisure opportunities, please contact the CSHS Family Resource Center at (504) 896-1340 or by emailing Steven Nguyen at snguyen@fhfgno.org. We have made every effort to include available programs, but it is possible that some may have been overlooked. If you cannot find a summer camp in Louisiana, contact national organizations, as they may be able to point you in the right direction.

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Guidelines for Selecting a Summer Camp

General Questions:

- Is my child ready for a sleep-away or would a day camp be better?
- What do I want and what does my child want from a camp experience?
- Is the camp a match for my child's personality, interest and maturity level?

Questions about the Camp:

- How long has the camp in operation?
- What are the camp's screening and hiring practice regarding counselors?
- Can the camp put me in touch with other parents whose children have attended?
- What is the background and experience of the camp director?
- What is the counselor to camp ratio?
- Does the camp have a camping philosophy?
- Does the camp inform the children who to go with if there is a problem?
- How do they handle discipline and behavior problems?
- How do they handle homesickness, phone calls, mail, etc.?
- Is the camp American Camping Association (ACA) accredited?
- Are activities developmentally appropriate (cognitively, emotionally, and physically) for my child?

Questions about Accessibility and Medication:

- Are the campgrounds fully accessible to my child?
- How do they handle medical emergency?
- Can they handle all of my child's needs, including storing and administering medications, equipment, mealtime and bedtime?
- Field trips, bathroom, hygiene, and other accessibility precautions?
- What is their physician/nurse coverage
- What information and training can I offer to help them know and care for my child?

[Camps for Children with Various Types of Disabilities/Illnesses](#)

Camp Tiger, Summer Camp for Children with Special Care Needs

Contact: camptiger@lsuhsc.edu | Ages: 6-15 | is there a fee? **No** | <http://www.lsuhs.edu/orgs/camptiger/>

Camp Tiger was founded in 1985 by first year students from the LSU School of Medicine in New Orleans. Its mission is to give disadvantaged and challenged children an enjoyable summer camp experience. This week-long day camp lets campers be "just one of the kids" and provides them with freedom to play, socialize and express themselves as healthy, vibrant children. Participation in Camp Tiger is open to all qualified children on a first come, first served basis and is completely free of charge. All campers will receive personalized attention. Campers come from all walks of life; city, suburbs, and a variety of socio-economic backgrounds. Children with disabilities, including Autism, Down Syndrome, severe mental retardation, epilepsy, HIV and Cerebral Palsy

Jefferson Parish Rainbow and Butterfly Summer Camps

Contact: Peggie Massaro | (504) 736-6999 ext. 114 | pmassaro@jeffparish.net | www.jeffparish.net | | 6921 Saints Dr. Metairie, LA 70003 | is there a fee? **Yes**

Parks and recreation offers recreational activities to children with developmental disabilities. The goals are to improve or maintain physical, cognitive, emotional and social functions and promote healthy, independent leisure lifestyles.

St. Charles Parish Parks & Recreation

Contact: (985) 331-3010 or (985) 331-3007 | <http://stcharlesparish-la.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/camps> | | 171 Keller St. Hahnville, LA 70057 | Ages: 5 -21 | is there a fee? **Yes**

Inclusive Summer Day Camp is scheduled to run from June 6-15 from 9 AM until 3 PM. Monday-Friday for campers ages 5 through 12 (regular camp), 13 through 15 (teen camp – Schoeffner site only) and 5 through 21 (campers with developmental disabilities – Schoeffner site only) Potential attendees should register early as there is limited enrollment at each site.

Boys & Girls Club of Southeast LA Summer Camp

Contact: (504) 309-7952 | 650 Poydras St., Suite 2225 New Orleans, LA 70130 | Ages: 5 -21 | <http://www.bgcsela.org/nflyet> | is there a fee? **Yes**

The core of our mission statement is "to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens." Boys & Girls Clubs provide evidence-based curriculum and structured after school activities design to ensure youth are prepared to graduate from high school ready for college or career, committed to living healthy lifestyles and being good citizens of our community.

Camps for Children with Various Types of Disabilities/Illnesses – Continued

Speech 'n' Motion Camp, Crane Rehab Center

Contact: Kimberly Pizzo | (504) 828-7696 | www.jeffparish.net | | 101 River Rd. Suite 112
Jefferson, LA 70121 | Ages 3-10 | <http://www.cranerehab.com/programs.html> | Is there a fee?

Yes

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Crane also offers two 8-week sessions of Write from the Start, a multi-sensory handwriting program. The curriculum includes opportunities for writing practice. Camp accommodates children with a variety of disabilities, including autism and Spina Bifida.

Camp Wawbansee, Girl Scouts

Contact: Briana Luers | 1-800-960-2093 | 610 Girl Scouts Rd. Simsboro, LA 71575
| <http://www.gslpg.org/en/our-council/locations/Wawbansee.html> | Ages 5-17 | is there a fee?

Yes

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Louisiana Academy of Performing Arts Summer Camps

Contact: (985) 674-2992 (Mandeville) or (504) 738-3050 (Harahan) | <http://www.laapa.com/index>
| Ages 5-17 | is there a fee? **Yes**

Our summer camps provide all campers (beginning, intermediate and advanced) with opportunities to explore up to 5 of our instrumental, theory and vocal programs. Campers with little or no music background are able to receive initial training and see what program(s) interest them. Our camps can also provide experienced students with a week of concentrated study to accelerate proficiency and to generate motivation to learn new and improved methods of student, giving new life to the student's instrument or vocal study. 25 students are admitted per week. Accommodations are provided for children with disabilities, including those students with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), Autism, Developmental Disabilities and Down syndrome.

Camp Sunshine (Developmental Disabilities & Mental Disabilities)

Contact: (225) 272-9200 ext. 572 or kcoots@brec.com | <http://brec.org/index.cfm/page/2784> |
Ages 6-25 | is there a fee? **Yes**

Camp Sunshine designs summer camp for children with mental and developmental, aged 6-25, years old. All BREC summer camps are inclusive, but this camp is for children who need to function within a staff ratio of 1:5. Each themed week consists of games, activities, arts and crafts, field trips, water activities and inclusive activities with other recreational camps to give

children opportunities to interact with their typical peers. BREC staff conducts recreation assessments to determine if Camp Sunshine is the right choice for your child or if they should attend an inclusive summer camp.

Louisiana Lions Camp

Contact: 1-800-348-6567 | 292 L. Beauford Dr. Anacoco, LA 71403 | www.lionscamp.org
| Ages 6-19 | is there a fee? **No**

LA Lions Camps at varying times for children with different disabilities – sessions vary by age. Children participate in activities like archery, arts and crafts, baseball, softball, basketball, canoeing, golf, nature/environmental studies, tennis and swimming. For children with Diabetes, Cystic Fibrosis, asthma, respiratory ailments, cancer, Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy and Visual impairments.

MedCamps of Louisiana

Contact: (318) 329-8405 | 102 Thomas Rd., Suite 615 West Monroe, LA 71291 | www.medcamps.org | Ages 6-16 | is there a fee? **No**

Every week during the summer, a different camp is held and each camp is designed specifically for a particular type of disability, which includes appropriate health professionals, specially-trained staff and tailored activities. The focus is on what campers can do and all campers are encouraged to reach their full potential. In the safe environment surrounded by other children with similar challenges, these special campers discover that they are not alone and gain a genuine sense of belonging, accomplishments and self-worth. For children with a variety of physical and mental disabilities including Spina Bifida, Cerebral Palsy, asthma, Sickle Cell Anemia, Autism, Epilepsy, juvenile arthritis, visual impairments, hearing impairments, speech impairments and developmental disabilities

Audubon Zoo Summer Camp

Contact: Charlotte Page, Camp Director (504) 212-5380 or (504) 861-5103 or cpage@auduboninstitute.org | <http://audubonnatureinstitute.org/zoo-camp> | 6500 Magazine St. New Orleans, LA 70118 | | Ages 6-16 | is there a fee? **Yes**

Campers can attend 1 of 8, 1 week long sessions. Children are grouped by age and each group experiences hands-on learning, animal encounters, arts and crafts and lots of wild play throughout Audubon Zoo. While we are a traditional camp (not specialized for specific special needs), we welcome all children and do our very best to accommodate every child. Please understand that our camps are very active, with multiple transitions and sensory changes throughout the day. All campers are expected to follow directions and safety rules. If you have specific concerns, please call or email our camp counselor to discuss.

Kingsley House Summer Camp

Contact: Trinell Farria at (504) 523-6221 ext. 187 or ffarria@kingsleyhouse.org | 1600 Constance St. New Orleans 70130 | www.kingsleyhouse.org/our-programs/ | Ages 5 - 12 | is there a fee? **Not Specified**

Kingsley House continues to operate our historic summer camp for over 300 children ages 5-12. Our 8 week, full day camp activities include indoor and outdoor sports, recreation, drama, arts and crafts, swimming, individual and group mental health counseling, academic enrichment,

drug and violence prevention and weekly field trips to fun and exciting locations throughout the area. **Kingsley House Facilities are wheelchair accessible. Kingsley House is not equipped to accommodate children with extreme special needs.**

[Camps for Children with Primary Diagnosis of Autism](#)

The Creative Learning Center of Louisiana, Summer Camp

Contact: Sheila Ealey | sheilaealey@yahoo.com | (504) 975-7961
2432 General Ogden St., New Orleans, LA 70118
Age: 4 – 21 years of age | <http://www.clcofla.org/> | is there a fee? **Yes**

This summer camp is for campers who have a primary diagnosis of Autism. Activities include a social integration group, music, academics, bowling, swimming and field trips.

NOLArts Learning Center Summer Arts Intensive

Contact: (914) 844-5053 | www.nolartslearningcenter.com |
<https://www.facebook.com/Integrative-Touch-Pediatric-Occupational-Therapy-126859530660387/>
1215 Prytania St., Suite 424 New Orleans | Age: 9 – young adults | is there a fee? **Yes**

Young people with autism and other exceptionalities ages 9 to young adults learn to make instruments, masks, costumes, puppets and develop a show to be performed at the end of the session. A week-long session of all creative programming, including daily demonstrations by guest artists, hands on workshops and an end of session performance revue.

Integrative Touch Pediatric Occupational Therapy

Contact: Tammi Lavin, LOTR, Owner | (504) 341-7300 (office) or (504) 417-0281
4899 Westbank Expressway, Suite D. Marrero, LA 70072 | Age: 4 – 14 years of age | is there a fee? **Yes** |

This camp provides summer opportunities including a multi-sensory summer camp and writing camp.

Country Day Camp Challenges

Country Day School Campus – New Orleans | Is there a fee? **Yes** |
<https://countrydaycreativearts.com/>

Challenges for very high ASD, Asperger, but mostly ADHD; Social Skills, life skills, emotionally therapeutic, coping skills and self-esteem. Ages: Girls and boys entering 3rd through 7th grades are eligible. Enrollment is limited.

Creating New Connections, LLC.

Contact: (504) 231-8981 | Is there a fee? **Yes** | <http://www.creatingnewconnections.com/>

Helps children with autism spectrum disorders create meaningful interactions with the world. Creating New Connections employs the techniques of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) to teach children on the autism spectrum and offers support and training to families in the Greater New Orleans area. (This is not specifically a camp, but there is summer programming available.)

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Yes

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Within Reach NOLA

Contact: (504) 885-4327 or emily@withinreachnola.com | www.withinreachnola.com | 3313
Jurgens St., Suite A Metairie, LA 70002 | Is there a fee? **Yes**

The goal of Within Reach NOLA pre-school program is to equip children with the necessary tools to be successful in future school enrollment, while developing individualized academic skills during group activities such as circle time, story time and arts and crafts. "School Readiness Behaviors" are also targeted. Some of these "school readiness behaviors" including walking with a group of peers, participating and attending during group activities, toileting, appropriate manipulation of arts and craft materials and mealtime behaviors. **They offer special needs summer programming.**

Handwriting Clinics, Therapeutic Learning Center/Family Behavioral Health Center

Contact: Jenny Domiano, MOT, LOTR & Brooke Weinstein, OTD, LOTR (504) 323-3450 |
<http://www.tlcnola.com/> | 7252 Lakeshore Dr. New Orleans, LA 70124 | is there a fee? **Yes**

Utilizing the popular program "Handwriting Without Tears ®"

Learning Styles Strategies

Contact: Kathy C. Patterson, M.C.D., L-SLP, CCC-SLP at (504) 220-3905 or kcpllove@aol.com
| 6216 Sixth St. Marrero, LA 70072 | Ages: Pre-K through 8th Grade | is there a fee? **Yes**

Summer Learning and Enrichment Institute

Busy Bees Retreat, MedCamps of Louisiana

Contact: (318) 329-8405 or info@medcamps.org | West Monroe, LA | Ages: 6-16 | is there a fee?
No

3 day retreat for children, ages 6-16, with Autism. Each child is accompanied by one parent.

Camps for Children with Neuro-Muscular Diseases

Muscular Dystrophy Association, Summer Camp

Contact: Diane Dobbs at (504) 455-4460 | Camp Grant Walker – Pollock, LA | www.mda.org | Ages: 6 to 17 | is there a fee? **No**

Children participate in a variety of activities such as fishing, boating, swimming, arts and crafts, horseback riding and canoeing. The camp has a nurse and a physician on site.

Camps for Children with Spina Bifida

Camp Friendship, Spina Bifida of Greater New Orleans

Contact: Jamie MacDonald, Camp Director | campdir@sbgno.org or (504) 737-5181 | www.sbgno.org/campfriendship | River Ridge, LA | Ages: 3 – High School | is there a fee? **No**

Camp Friendship is a free, week-long, day camp for children 3 years of age through high school, with Spina Bifida and similar orthopedic conditions. Camp attendees are paired up with trained high school aged counselors. Attendees medical needs are met by trained staff. A nurse is also available on site. Camp activities include arts & crafts, swimming and field trips. **A hotel and travel stipend is offered for families who travel in from outside the greater New Orleans area.**

Camp Rolling Thunder, MedCamps of Louisiana

Contact: (318) 329-8405 | West Monroe, LA | www.medcamps.org | Ages 6-16 | is there a fee? **No**

Camp Rolling Thunder is a week-long sleep away camp for children, ages 6-16, with Spina Bifida and Orthopedic conditions.

High Rollers Retreat, MedCamps of Louisiana

Contact: (318) 329-8405 | West Monroe, LA | www.medcamps.org | Ages 6-16 | is there a fee? **No**

High Rollers Retreat is a 3 day retreat for young adults, ages 18-22, with Spina Bifida, Cerebral Palsy, and wheelchair bound.

Camps for Kids with Cerebral Palsy

Camp Summer Tribe

Contact: (504) 228-3995 or friendshelpingkids@gmail.com | <http://campssummertribe.blogspot.com/> | Fontainebleau State Park – Mandeville, LA 70470 | Age: 6 – 20 years of age | Is there a fee? **No**

Camp Summer Tribe is a 7 day residential camp for children with Cerebral Palsy and other similar conditions. Held at Fontainebleau State Park in Mandeville, this camp annual serves about 50 Louisiana campers, ages 6 – 20. This camp provides a traditional summer camp experience and the parents of these campers a chance for a much needed vacation or time for the other children in the family.

Camp Rough Riders, MedCamps of Louisiana

Contact: (318) 329-8405 or info@medcamps.org | www.medcamps.org | West Monroe, LA | Age: 6 – 16 years of age | Is there a fee? **No**

Camp Rough Riders is a sleepaway camp for children, 6-16, with Cerebral Palsy.

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Contact: (318) 329-8405 | West Monroe, LA | www.medcamps.org | Ages 6-16 | is there a fee? **No**

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Camps for Children with Physical Disabilities

Camp Dream Street

Contact: 601-885-6042 | URJ Henry S. Jacobs Camp Utica MS | Ages: 8-14 | is there a fee? **No** | www.dreamstreetms.org

Camp Dream Street is a 5 day, 4 night camping program for children with physical disabilities. This camp is held on the grounds of URJ Henry S. Jacobs Camp in Utica, MS.

Dream Street was founded in 1975 with the mission that all children, regardless of their abilities, must be offered a chance to have fun, to make new friends, to achieve, to be accepted for who and what they are, and to learn from the challenges of group life. Both the children and staff at Camp Dream Street Benefit from the life changing experiences that camp has to offer. Camp Dream Street is a place where children with physical disabilities are given the chance to be children, not "special" children, not children with disabilities, but children. This is the true magic of Camp Dream Street.

Rotary Youth Camp

Contact: 850-328-0302 or campryc@gmail.com | Tallahassee, Florida | Ages: 7- adults | is there a fee? **No** | <http://www.rycnf.org/>

Our campers have the opportunity to attend overnight camp session for a week, to make new friends, explore camping life, to disconnect from electronics, to have down to earth wholesome fun, to challenge themselves, to increase their self- confidence, to enhance themselves socially, while not being "a fish out of water", but being among peers with disabilities maybe like theirs. Many of our staff serves as role models in the fact that over 60 percent of our staff also have disabilities of some form, both visible and invisible; sensory, neuromuscular, intellectual, physical, medical, and behavioral. Our staff also are truly dedicated to working with our children. While we do pay them to work, they all know that it is far below what most camp staff would receive at a traditional camp where attendees pay to attend. Our staff are truly dedicated to the children, and camp experience.

Louisiana Lions Camp

Contact: 1-800-348-6567 | 292 L. Beauford Dr. Anacoco, LA 71403 | www.lionscamp.org
| Ages 6-19 | is there a fee? **No**

LA Lions Camps at varying times for children with different disabilities – sessions vary by age. Children participate in activities like archery, arts and crafts, baseball, softball, basketball, canoeing, golf, nature/environmental studies, tennis and swimming. For children with Diabetes, Cystic Fibrosis, asthma, respiratory ailments, cancer, Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy and Visual impairments.

Camps for Children with Developmental Disabilities

Krewe De Camp, Families Helping Kids

Contact: 504-722-2765 or familieshelpingkids@gmail.com | Camp Abbey – Covington, LA | <https://www.friendshelpingkids.org/> | Ages: 6 – through high school graduation | is there a fee? **No**

The mission of Krewe De Camp is to provide a traditional, overnight summer camp experience to children with developmental disabilities while giving their parents and caretakers a much needed rest. We operate the one week long camp with charging the campers or their caretakers any fees so that the experience is available to all families regardless of financial need. Our campers get to experience an array of activities including swimming, outdoor games, guest presenters, arts and crafts, concerts, a dance and a fair. Camp is also an opportunity to socialize among peers and relax in a fun, nurturing atmosphere.

Camp Kandoo, MedCamps of Louisiana

Contact: 318-329-8405 or info@medcamps.org | West Monroe, LA | www.medcamps.org
| Ages: 6 – 13 | is there a fee? **No**

Camp for children, ages 6-13, with developmental disabilities.

Camp Smiling Suns, MedCamps of Louisiana

Contact: 318-329-8405 or info@medcamps.org | West Monroe, LA | www.medcamps.org | Ages: 14-21 | is there a fee? **No**

Camp for children, ages 14-21, with developmental disabilities.

Tall Pines Retreat, MedCamps of Louisiana

Contact: 318-329-8405 or info@medcamps.org | West Monroe, LA | <https://www.friendshelpingkids.org/> | Ages: 22 and up | is there a fee? **No**

3 day retreat for adults, ages 22 and above, with developmental disabilities.

Camp for Kids with Pulmonary Disorders

Camp Pelican

Contact: campinfo@camppelican.org or (888) 617-1118 | www.camppelican.org
P.O. Box 10235 New Orleans, LA 70181 | is there a fee? **No**

Camp Pelican is a joint venture between the Louisiana Pulmonary Disease Camp, Incorporated and the Louisiana Lions League for Crippled Children. It is a week-long overnight resident camp for children with pulmonary disorders- such as but not limited to- asthma, cystic fibrosis, tracheotomy and ventilator assisted children. These children would not be able to attend regular summer camp programs due to their extensive medical needs.

CHAMP Camp

Contact: (317) 679-1806 | Greenwood, Indiana | www.champcamp.org | is there a fee? **No**

CHAMP Camp provides a week-long, summer camp experience for children and adolescents with tracheostomies and those who require technological respiratory assistance. Our campers enjoy and fully participate in outdoor summer camp activities including swimming, canoeing, climbing and zip lining to encourage independence, confidence, and self-esteem and create memories that last a lifetime.

Camp Easy Breezy, MedCamps of Louisiana

Contact: (318) 329-8405 or info@medcamps.org | West Monroe, LA | www.medcamps.org | is there a fee? **No**

Camp Easy Breezy is for children, ages 6-16, with Asthma.

Louisiana Lions Camp

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| **Ages 6-19** | is there a fee? **No**

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Cystic Fibrosis, asthma, respiratory ailments, cancer, Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy and Visual impairments.

Camps for Children with Intellectual Disabilities

Camp Shriver, Special Olympics

Contact: (985) 345-6644 | campdir@sbgno.org or (504) 737-5181 | <http://www.laso.org/what-we-do/camp-shriver/> | All around Louisiana | is there a fee? **No**

Camp Shriver brings together people with and without intellectual disabilities for training a competition each summer. The primary goals are to provide another level of challenge and promote inclusion. Camps take place in many cities throughout LA. Camp Shriver will in many, if not most, cases help supplement on-going local community school activities. Find a camp in your area: <http://www.laso.org/what-we-do/camp-shriver/>

Camp for Children Who are Deaf

Camp Big Hearts, MED Camps of Louisiana

Contact: or (318) 329-8405 or info@medcamps.org | <http://www.medcamps.org/> | West Monroe, LA | Ages: 6-16 | is there a fee? **No**

Camp Big Hearts is a sleepaway camp for children, 6-16, with hearing, speech and vision impairments.

Cajun Camp

Contact: (337) 232-3959 or (337) 232-3463 [TTD & Voice] or daclaf@bellsouth.net | <http://diolaf.org/index.cfm?load=page&page=694> | Deaf Action Center, Social & Recreational Services, 1408 Carmel Dr. Lafayette, LA 70501 | Ages: 5-13 | is there a fee? **Yes**

Two week Summer Day Camp with arts and crafts, field trips, Tae Kwon Do, therapeutic animals. Camp can accommodate up to 50 campers.

Camps for Children with Visual Impairments

Lighthouse Louisiana, Summer Camp

Contact: Kimberly Pizzo | (504) 828-7696 | www.jeffparish.net | | 101 River Rd. Suite 112 Jefferson, LA 70121 | Ages 3-10 | <http://www.cranerehab.com/programs.html> | is there a fee? **Yes**

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[Camps for Children with Diabetes](#)

Camp Victory, Louisiana Lions Camp

Contact: Treva Lincoln 888-342-2383 or (225) 216-3980 ext. 6079 | Anacoco, LA | Ages: 6 to 14 | <http://www.lionscamp.org/html/camping-dates.html> | is there a fee? **No**

Camp Victory, a program of the American Diabetes Association and Lions of Louisiana, is located at the Louisiana Lions Camp near Leesville. It sits on 170 acres of rolling pines on the edge of Lake Vernon. Activities are geared to the camper's age and includes swimming, archery, canoeing, paddleboats, nature lore, skits, dances and volleyball. Priority is given to first time campers and Louisiana residents. This camp is offered to all campers for free.

[Camps for Children with Dyslexia](#)

Creative Scholars Camp

Contact: Karen Chauvin (985) 493-2569 | Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, LA | Ages: 6 to 14 | <https://www.nicholls.edu/dyslexia/> | Students Grades 4-9 | is there a fee? **Yes**

A week long summer camp for students with Dyslexia or related learning disorders for grades 4-9 – age may not exceed 16 years old. Students with dyslexia can improve their reading comprehension, writing and math skills at a summer camp that mixes fun activities with learning. There is an overnight option for 5th through 9th graders for an additional fee. Space is limited, applications accepted on a first come, first served basis.

[Camps for Children with Heart Conditions](#)

Camp Bon Coeur

Contact: Andy Parker at (337) 233-8437 | Lafayette, LA | www.heartcamp.com | Ages: 6-18 | is there a fee? **Yes**

Camp Bon Coeur "Good Heart," is a non-profit residential summer camp for kids dealing with cardiovascular issues, based in South Louisiana. The camp takes place annually in July and provides a fun and safe environment for "cardiac campers" who have the need for additional support because of their heart conditions.

Camp Bon Coeur's mission is to provide a safe summer camp environment in which children with heart defects can grow physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially while learning lifelong coping skills. Campers participate in many traditional camp activities that may include athletics, the arts, swimming and more. For children with heart defects, Camp Bon Coeur is a place where they can grow, have fun, challenge themselves and make friends and memories that will last a lifetime.

Oncology/Hematology Camps

Camp Challenge, Louisiana Lions Camp

Contact: (504) 347-2267 or CampDirector@campchallenge.org | Anacoco, LA | www.campchallenge.org | Ages: 5-15 | is there a fee? **No**

The mission of Camp Challenge is to enrich the lives of young hematology/oncology patients including, but not limited to, cancer and sickle cell disorders, their siblings and survivors by creating a week-long camping experience at no cost. Our purpose is to provide a recreational environment that is memorable, fun, empowering, safe and medically sound to help them cope with the challenges of childhood diseases and prepare them for life after illness.

Camp Rap-A-Hope | Children Diagnosed with Cancer

Contact: 251-476-9880 | Mobile, Alabama | www.camrapahope.org | is there a fee? **Free of Charge. Transportation is provided from Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida** | Ages 7-18 years of age.

Starting in 1986, Camp Rap-A-Hope is a non-profit organization that offers free fun through year round programs for children diagnosed with cancer and their families. Camp Rap-A-Hope's largest event each year is a week-long summer camp for children ages 7-17. Each year, kids from all along the Gulf Coast meet together to experience the fun and excitement of a traditional summer camp. In addition to Camp Week, Camp Rap-A-Hope offers many other programs for the entire family.

Camps for Children with Hemophilia/Bleeding Disorders

Louisiana Hemophilia Foundation, Camp Globe Clotters

Contact: 1-800-749-1680 or (225) 291-1675 or contact@lahemo.org | Ponchatoula, LA | www.lahemo.org | Ages: 6-16 | is there a fee? **No**

A week-long, sleepover, summer camp for children with bleeding/clotting disorders, Hemophilia. Activities include horseback riding, campfires, swimming, nature trails and arts. Camp GlobeClotters is free of charge to campers ages 6-16 who have a bleeding disorder or are the sibling of a patient who is attending camp, and transportation will be provided!

Camps for Children with Sickle Cell Anemia

Camp Little Giants, MedCamps of Louisiana

Contact: or (318) 329-8405 or info@medcamps.org | <http://www.medcamps.org/> | West Monroe, LA | Ages: 6-16 | is there a fee? **No**

Camp for children, 6-16 years of age with Sickle Cell Anemia.

Camps for Children with Kidney Disease

Camp Okawehna, Dialysis Clinic, Inc.

Contact: Andy Parker at (615) 327-3061 or campO@dciinc.org | Lyles, Tennessee | Ages: 6-18 | is there a fee? **Not Specified**

“Camp O” is for children with kidney disease, takes place 50 miles outside of Nashville, TN, in Lyles, TN. Camp O is unique because hemodialysis and peritoneal treatments are performed on site. The Stix hemodialysis unit is a fully certified 10 station unit in the woods that runs 3 shifts. The lodge holds up to 21 kids who plug in their cyclers to perform peritoneal dialysis while the sleep. Children attend camp from cities all around the US including: Memphis, St. Louis, Houston, Austin, New Orleans, Shreveport and Nashville. Children who have received a transplant are also encouraged to attend.

During the week at Camp O, everything is provided; from accommodations, food, non-stop fun filled activities and on-site medical facilities. Every effort is made to accommodate individuals with special needs, including those who are hearing and visually impaired, those with rigid dietary requirements or individuals in wheelchairs.

Camps for Grief Therapy

Camp Bearable

Contact: (985) 643-5470 | Fontainebleau State Park – Mandeville, LA | Ages: 7-12 | is there a fee? **Yes** | <http://hospicefoundationofthesouth.org/camp-bearable/>

Camp Bearable is a weekend camp to help children who are grieving the loss of a loved one. It is a weekend filled with indoor and outdoor activities for children, ages 7-12, who have experienced loss. Through art, drama, music, games, camp fires, pet and horse therapy, the children will have an opportunity for working through their grief; while having fun and meeting new friends.

Children will be divided into age groups for appropriate art and grief therapy sessions. The activities are designed to help children identify their feelings, which may be associated with grief. The activities also will help children express their feelings and provide tools for them so they can continue to work through their grief in a positive and healthy way.

Camps for Children Who are Overweight

Fit as a Firefighter Camp, St. Tammany Fire District 1 Training Academy & Slidell Memorial Hospital

Contact: (985) 280-8529 | 34780 South Range Rd. Slidell, LA 70460 | Ages: 7-12 | is there a fee? **No**

St. Tammany Fire Protection District 1 and Slidell Memorial Hospital hosts a week-long camp aimed at building self-esteem and teach nutrition and exercise skills to local children who are

overweight. The program includes daily nutrition and fitness classes by a certified dietitian and fitness trainers. Children also learn personal safety, including CPR, First Aid Training, boat and community safety. Campers also participate in fun fitness activities such as Karate, rock climbing, water games, cooking classes, line and square dancing just to name a few.

Additional participants include the Slidell Police Department SWAT and k-9 teams, Louisiana State Troopers, Junior Auxiliary of Slidell, Crossgates Athletic Club, Acadian Ambulance, the Rotary Club of Slidell – Northshore and the Louisiana National Guard.

[Nationwide Camps](#)

TEAAM, Autism Spectrum Disorder

Contact: (601) 782-9005 | Mize, Mississippi | Ages: 7 years old and older | is there a fee? **Yes** | <http://www.teaam.org/SummerCampPrograms.html>

Kamp Kaleidoscope is an inclusive summer camp program for campers ages 7 to 17. The camp was founded by Dr. Mark H. Yeager in 2001 to meet the summer program of children with ASD, who were not accepted to other camps due to their diagnosis or space was not available. The basis for the camp is steeped deep in the concept of socialization with neuro-type peers. The opportunity to develop these skills is found at the center of all activities conducted during the camps. Through labor intensive, the campuses continue to grow. In past years, the counselor staff has including from 6 different countries and students from 8 colleges and universities. Camp staff includes full time members who are autism specialists. Campers are assigned counselors who are under the guidance of a lead counselor trained in the “Kamp Kaleidoscope” method. The camp's format includes sessions that are designed with some providing one-on-one supervision and others with campers working in small groups of 3 to 4 with a counselor. Parents should be sure which level of supervision their camper requires.

Camp Walapei are summer camp sessions for adults 18 and older, designed to be fun in an age appropriate environment. This camp is open to a limited number of participants and includes a strong emphasis on outdoor adventure and fun. Camp Walapei offers a similar experience that Kamp Kaleidoscope provides but with less rigorous demands and with adults in mind. Participants of Camp Walapei are often “graduates” of Kamp Kaleidoscope and enjoy participating with the older group of peers.

Brain Injury Association of Georgia

Contact: (404) 712-5504 | Atlanta, Georgia | Ages: 7 years old and older | is there a fee? **Yes** | <http://www.braininjurygeorgia.org/camps.htm>

Each year BIAG hosts **Camp Hargrove** and its concurrent Caregiver's Camp. Adults with brain injury and their caregiver throughout Georgia are invited to participate. Most cannot afford the cost of camp. Camps are held at Ft. Yargo State Park in Winder, GA. The adult brain injury campers will be on-site at the Camp Twin Lakes facility, which provides housing, meals, all recreational activities, and a nearly one-to-one supervision with trained volunteers, students and professional staff including nurses in a wooded setting within the state park. Campers enjoy swimming, arts and crafts, cooking hiking, boating, a zip lining, a teamed dance with professional DJ and many other therapeutic activities where they can be themselves.

The **Caregiver Camp** hosts the family member(s) of the brain injured adults in cabins on the other side of the park. The caregivers enjoy 4 days of relaxation, meals, therapeutic activities and groups lead by a licensed clinical social worker who specializes in working with brain injury. The camp is often the only respite these hard working and dedicated family members have throughout the year. Camps provide an opportunity to network, learn new skills, share strategies and create a system of support of their own.

Camp for All, Variety of Disabilities and Illnesses

Contact: (404) 712-5504 | Houston, Texas | Ages: All ages | is there a fee? **Not Specified** | <http://campforall.org/>

Camp for All is unique camping and retreat facility that strives to enrich the lives of people with special needs. Camp for All works with other special needs groups whose members gain self-esteem, self-awareness and independence by participating in programs that are recreational, therapeutic and educational. The camps provide an environment that tailors to meet the needs of the camper of all ages, interests and abilities. The camp has hosted more than 56 groups throughout the year from the greater Houston area. Campers include those with special needs; including cancer, HIV, severe burns, autism, muscular dystrophy, epilepsy, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, spina bifida, kidney disease, developmental disabilities, neurofibromatosis, visual challenges, brain injuries, gastrointestinal disorder, cardiovascular disease, arthritis, Tourette syndrome and others.

Camp John Marc, Chronic & Physical Disabilities

Contact: (214) 360-0056 | Bosque County, Texas | Ages: Children & Teens | is there a fee? **Not Specified** | www.campjohnmarc.org

Camp John Marc inspires confidence for life through high-quality camping programs for children, teens and families. Year round programming and specialized camp facilities are uniquely designed in partnership with Dallas-Fort Worth area pediatric hospitals, community volunteers and health organizations who are dedicated to serving campers living with chronic and physical challenges. The dignity of each camper is nurtured at Camp John Marc as well as in the community through outreach programs.

Miracle Camp, Chronic & Life Threatening Illnesses

Contact: (850) 416-7733 | Pensacola, Florida | Ages: All ages | is there a fee? **Not Specified** | www.sacred-heart.org

Miracle Camp provides camp and programs that lift the spirit of children and adults with chronic or life-threatening illnesses. Thanks to this special place, people of all ages experience a "gateway from every day." This camp provides a memorable experience for all who come here seeking respite, peace and renewal. The camp enriches the lives of its visitors and helps them better cope with the challenges they face by providing a therapeutic camping experience, offering educational and supportive programs and developing programs for those who provide care to children with chronic and life-threatening illnesses. Our campers enjoy a variety of indoor and outdoor activities – from hiking and fishing – to singing, arts and crafts, softball, and swimming in our pool and take in the beautiful scenery around the pond and more.

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Rotary Youth Camp, Physical Disabilities

Contact: 850-328-0302 or campryc@gmail.com | Tallahassee, Florida | Ages: 7- adults | is there a fee? **No**

Our campers have the opportunity to attend overnight camp session for a week, to make new friends, explore camping life, to disconnect from electronics, to have down to earth wholesome fun, to challenge themselves, to increase their self- confidence, to enhance themselves socially, while not being "a fish out of water", but being among peers with disabilities maybe like theirs. Many of our staff serves as role models in the fact that over 60 percent of our staff also have disabilities of some form, both visible and invisible; sensory, neuromuscular, intellectual, physical, medical, and behavioral. Our staff also are truly dedicated to working with our children. While we do pay them to work, they all know that it is far below what most camp staff would receive

Hand Camp, Congenital Hand Differences

Contact: 352-273-7382 | Altamonte Springs, Florida | Ages: Toddlers to 8th Grade | is there a fee? **Not Specified**

Hand Camp (Affectionately nicknamed H2L) is an organization for children with upper limbs differences and their families. The H2L network of families is coordinated by volunteers from many walks of life including medical, educational and family support professionals and include family-to-family mentoring. Every spring, campers ranging from toddlers to 8th grade come together from all over the country for an amazing weekend of adapted camp activities, networking and support groups, exciting special guests, parent pampering and meaningful camaraderie for children with upper limb differences.

CHAMP Camp, Tracheostomies & Respiratory Assistance

Contact: (317) 679-1806 | Greenwood, Indiana | www.champcamp.org | is there a fee? **No**

CHAMP Camp provides a week-long, summer camp experience for children and adolescents with tracheostomies and those who require technological respiratory assistance. Our campers enjoy and fully participate in outdoor summer camp activities including swimming, canoeing, climbing and zip lining to encourage independence, confidence, and self-esteem and create memories that last a lifetime.

Blaze Camp, Blaze Sports America | Variety of Physical Disabilities

Contact: (404) 270-2000 | Norcross, Georgia | www.blazesports.org | Ages: 7-17 | is there a fee?
Yes

Blaze Sports All-Star Camp takes place at the beautiful and accessible Camp Dream in Warm Springs, Georgia. The camp is set on 74 acres of wooded land, located on the grounds of the Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation. This camp is a fun, week long, overnight summer camp providing kids, ages 7-17 with a physical disability, a chance to play a variety of adaptive sports and recreational activities. Kids eligible for camp must have a physical impairment such as Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida, acquired a brain injury, dwarfism, amputation, spinal cord injury, visual impairment, muscular dystrophy or other related physical disabilities.

Camp Aldersgate, Various Disabilities

Contact: (501) 225-1444 | Little Rock, Arkansas | www.campaldersgate.net | is there a fee?
Sliding Scale (Based on Family's Income)

Camp Aldersgate is located on Aldersgate Road, half a mile south off of Kanis Road in Little Rock, Arkansas. It is near the intersection of I-430 and I-630 and is less than one mile from Baptist Medical Center. Camp Aldersgate's Summer Camps serve children with medical, physical and developmental needs. Camp offers traditional summer camp activities such as campfires and singing, canoeing, fishing, arts and crafts, swimming, and nature hikes. Like all kids, our campers want new and exciting adventures. With this in mind, activities are developed that provide for that personal challenge. Some include: an accessible challenge ropes course and carousel, adapted archery and SCUBA diving. It's about creating opportunities for individual accomplishment in a positive and encouraging environment. Parents continually report increased independence, self-esteem, and social interactions following a week at camp. During the Summer Camps program, campers stay overnight from Sunday to Friday and are provided the highest quality of care by Camp Aldersgate's counselors, staff, volunteers, nurses and volunteer physicians.

Summer Medical Camps

There are five sessions dedicated to children diagnosed with specific medical conditions including muscular dystrophy, spina bifida, diabetes, heart conditions, arthritis, kidney disorders, cancer, bleeding disorders, and asthma. The program works in partnership with local health agencies who help recruit the campers and provide partial funding, as well as MedCamps of Arkansas, Inc., a not-for-profit project of the Arkansas Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, who provide volunteer physicians for each week of camp, reviews all medical policies and procedures, and provides partial funding. Our unique partnership with Arkansas Children's Hospital plays a large part in helping Camp Aldersgate's campers. Arkansas Children's Hospital encourages its nursing and medical staff to volunteer at Camp to support the staffing needs of Camp's programs. Camp Aldersgate provides the site, the staff, the program structure and funding.

Kota Camps

There are two Kota Camp summer sessions for campers with various disabilities (primarily those not covered by a Summer Medical Camp) and his or her non-disabled sibling or friend. These

camps are named for the Quapaw Native American word for "friend." Campers with disabilities participate with a brother, sister or friend. Kota Camps are inclusive camping experiences for campers with and without medical conditions and/or disabilities. These camps are available for children ages 6 to 18, and we encourage campers to attend with a friend or sibling. Kota Camps are offered as a week-long camp twice during the summer, as well as a weekend camping experience twice during the school year.

Camp ASCCA (Alabama's Special Camp for Children and Adults)

Contact: (256) 825-9226 | Jacksons Gap, Alabama | www.campascca.org | is there a fee? **Yes**

Camp ASCCA offers 230 wooded acres on the shores of beautiful Lake Martin in Alabama. The needs of campers with disabilities are cared for by trained staff, and there are many different camping opportunities for all individuals throughout the year. Camp ASCCA is a special place where campers with disabilities have the opportunity to express their individuality and independence within a carefully supervised setting. Their families also are provided with a chance to relax in the knowledge that over thirty-six years of experience goes into providing a safe environment where all can have fun. The activities offered at Camp ASCCA include horseback riding, swimming, canoeing, fishing, arts and crafts, accessible waterslide, zip-line, water tubing, archery and rifle range, mini-golf course, paved nature trails, splash pad, and more. Our goal is to serve those who can derive maximum benefit from the resident camp experience and provide a healthier, happier, longer, and more productive life for children and adults of all abilities.

Camp Boggy Creek, Serious Illnesses

Contact: (352) 483-4200 | Eustis, Florida | www.boggycreek.org | Ages: 7-16 | is there a fee? **No**

Camp Boggy Creek has made it possible for children with serious illnesses to enjoy a camp experience in a safe, medically-sound environment. Located just a short drive from Orlando, Florida, the 232-acre camp serves children ages 7-16 who've been diagnosed with chronic or life-threatening conditions.

Camp Boggy Creek never charges campers to attend and never asks them to contribute anything other than a positive, playful attitude. As a year-round retreat, Camp Boggy Creek is able to serve thousands for campers and their families through activity-packed weekly and weekend camp programs. The camp offers children the chance to catch their first fish, go horseback riding or climb our ropes tower, all while making new friends. Beyond boundless fun, Camp Boggy Creek provides fellowship. Children can spend time with others who are just like them and share their life-experiences, which serves as a reminder that they are not alone.

Camp Summit,

Contact: (972) 484-8900 | Dallas, Texas | www.campsummittx.org | Ages: Children & Adults | is there a fee? **Sliding Scale (Based on family income)**

Camp Summit is a "sleep away" camp for children and adults with disabilities. We offer weeklong camp sessions during spring break, summer and fall months as well as weekend sessions and respite days. Campers are offered a wide variety of traditional camp activities in our barrier-free environment all of which are adapted for our campers' abilities and not limited to their disabilities. Activities include horseback riding, swimming, arts & crafts, nature studies,

kaleidoscope, ropes challenge course and sports & games. Camp Summit's campers may range in age from six to ninety-nine years old. We have experienced a unique longevity in our client base due to the fact that we have no upper age limits. Many of our campers have been coming to and re-connecting with their camp friends every year for 20, 30 and even 50 plus years.

Children's Association for Maximum Potential (C.A.M.P.), Variety of Special Needs

Contact: (210) 671-5411 | San Antonio, TX | www.campcamp.org | Ages: 5-50 | is there a fee? **Yes**

The Summer Camp sessions help at Camp CAMP in Center Point, Texas. Camp CAMP has 55 acres and includes activities like canoeing on the Guadalupe River, horseback, 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 need. Each CAMPer is assigned to a Tribe based on gender and age with a Camper: counselor ration of 1:1 to 4:1, depending on the need of the CAMPer. All counselors are trained by CAMP staff and stay with the Tribe day and night. The cabins at CAM are large, climate controlled, and wheelchair accessible. Meals can be modified to accommodate special dietary needs and spaces are available for CAMPers who need 24 hour medical care, dependent on the session. CAMPer's medical needs are overseen by professional Health Care Volunteers. Each of the 9 Summer Camp sessions has varied age requirements and diagnosis guidelines; Sessions are filled on a first come, first served basis.

Quest's Camp Thunderbird, Variety of Disabilities

Contact: 813.423.7700 | Orlando, Florida | <http://aquestinc.org/play.html> | is there a fee? **Yes** | Ages: All Ages

Quest's Camp Thunderbird is dedicated to providing recreational programs for children and adults.

This is their chance to learn new skills and focus on the remarkable things they can do, while making new friends and unforgettable memories.

Because of the physical and behavioral challenges associated with Down syndrome, autism, Cerebral Palsy and other developmental disabilities, the opportunities for these individuals to relax, socialize and have fun are often very limited. Quest's Camp Thunderbird's six and 12-day overnight sessions gives parents and guardians a break from the demands of 24-hour caregiving. For many families, this respite is their first chance to relax, spend time with friends, or even take a vacation knowing that their loved one is receiving quality care and attention.

Age-specific programming ensures that all the unique recreational and developmental needs of the participants are met.

Youth Program & Inclusion Program

Camp Cayuga

Our youth camp program is one of only a few in the state of Florida with a specific focus on inclusion – where children of ALL abilities are able to play, learn and grow together. For children with disabilities, the feeling of acceptance from attending camp alongside able-bodied peers is invaluable.

Quest's Camp Thunderbird provides the opportunity for these youth to learn valuable social and daily living skills. For children without disabilities, our program creates the chance for them at a young age to recognize others as individuals helping to create a more understanding community in the future.

Teen Program

The teenage years for individuals with disabilities can be a difficult time. Their able-bodied peers have begun the steps for life after high school that they may be struggling to achieve.

Participants

Our teen program focuses on what these individuals CAN do, while creating a fun and enjoyable environment that is more conducive to learning. Goals such as increasing independence and developing social and daily living skills are more easily achieved because they take on the challenges together and can relate to one another's struggles.

Activities

Campers are provided with choices in their activities based on their own personal interests and preferences. Activities vary in type within the program and include arts & crafts, music & drama, aquatics, sports & games, and nature studies. Through choice programming, campers have ownership in their experience allowing them to create a schedule that best caters to their desired outcomes and goals.

Adult Program

Adult Program offers vacation experiences and social opportunities through retreat camping.

Participants

In comparison to other camp programs, our team serves "guests" vs. "campers" to create an age appropriate environment where independence is promoted and guest service is a focus. Participants have the opportunity to meet up with 80 individuals within the program – many of whom become lifelong friends.

Activities

Guests are provided with activity choices based on their own personal interests and preferences. Activities vary in type within the program and include active (sports, games), social (social hour, pool time), instructive (baking, dance classes), creative (fine arts, performance/dance) and environmental (nature studies). Through choice programming, campers have ownership in their experience allowing them to create a schedule that best caters to their desired outcomes and goals.

Program Eligibility

Quest's Camp Thunderbird's decision is based on present medical or behavior conditions and our ability to assure the adequate counseling and health staff for it. We are not equipped for individuals who do not have weight bearing ability, cause physical harm to fellow guests, require feeding tubes, Foley catheters, dialysis, and ventilators or have a tracheostomy.

Quest's Camp Thunderbird typically provides one staff member for every four guests (1:4 ratio). If someone requires additional care (determined by the camp director), we may be able to provide a 1:1 ratio (at an additional \$100 per day). This one-on-one supervision is tailored to meet the individual's needs and fully engage them in an appropriate and exciting program.

Special needs vary in range and can include autism, Asperger's syndrome, ADD, ADHD, developmental delays, gross and fine motor delays, Sensory Integration Dysfunction (SID), and genetic disorders.

Dream Oaks Camp

Contact: (941) 746-5659 | Bradenton, FL 34212 | www.foundationfordreams.org | Ages: 7-17 | is there a fee? **Yes, Sliding Scale (Based on family income)**

Dream Oaks Camp is a nonprofit organization which provides therapeutic camping programs for children ages 7-17 with special needs and chronic/terminal illnesses. Dream Oaks Camp is located in Bradenton, Florida on beautiful Manatee River. We provide year round residential and day sessions for children with varying ability levels (both physical and developmental) and chronic/terminal medical conditions including: (but not limited to) autism, spina bifida, cerebral palsy, developmental delays and cancer patients. Our goals are to provide a special place for children and give them the opportunity to bond with others, build steps toward a greater self-confidence, as well as strengthen activities of daily living and life skills, while providing respite services to parents and/or caregivers.

They offer an exceptional camping experience for children with special needs and chronic illnesses ages 7-17. Our unique programs focus on each child's abilities, and are specifically designed to strengthen their social skills, self-esteem and independence in a safe, barrier-free environment.

Camp Dream Street, Physical Disabilities

Contact: 601-885-6042 | URJ Henry S. Jacob Camp, Utica, MS 39175 | www.dreamstreetms.org | is there a fee? **No** | Ages: 8 -14

The mission is that all children, regardless of their abilities, must be offered the chance to have fun, make new friends, to achieve, to be accepted for who and what they are, and to learn from the challenges of group life. Both the children and the staff at Camp Dream Street benefit from the life-changing experiences the camp had to offer. Dream Street is a place where children with physical disabilities are given the chance to be children- not "special" children, not children with disabilities, but just children. Dream Street campers are primarily from Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas and West Tennessee and are between the ages of 8-14. All of the campers are children with physical disabilities. Predominant diagnoses of our campers include cerebral palsy, spina bifida, limb deficiencies, spinal cord injury, communicative disorders and other developmental disabilities. We are able to accept approximately sixty children each summer to participate in our overnight camping program.

One day is divided into multiple activity periods, with campers grouped by age into small groups and rotating through a daily schedule designed to give every camper an opportunity to participate in every activity. Activities include: Arts and Crafts, Horse-back riding, Music, Fishing and Canoeing, Athletics, Outdoor, Adventure, Science and Swimming.

Camp Abilities Texas, Denton Independent School District—Special Education Services | Visual Impairments & Deaf Blind

Contact: 940-369-4098 | Denton, TX | <http://www.dentonisd.org/campabilities> | is there a fee? **Not specified** | Ages 9-18

Camp Abilities Texas is a one-week developmental sports camp for students who are blind, visually impaired, and deafblind. The camp model provides a one-on-one instructional situation for each participant. This model provides an in-depth, enriched experience for our campers.

Our counselors are pooled from undergraduate and graduate kinesiology programs from Texas Woman's University. Our specialists are professionals in the education field and have a wide variety of experiences with students who are blind, visually impaired or deafblind and serve as excellent role models for our students.

Camp Rap-A-Hope | Children Diagnosed with Cancer

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