



## 2016 SUMMER CAMP DIRECTORY: A FREE RESOURCE GUIDE FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WHO HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS

*Welcome to the 2016 Summer Camp Directory!* Summer camp provides a unique opportunity for growth and development, and provides a period of summertime respite for parents and caregivers. The camp experience may be especially valuable for children who have special needs, as they can be isolated from some of the social experiences that other children take for granted.

The camps in this directory are organized alphabetically by county for camps in North Carolina, and alphabetically by state for camps outside the state. Each entry includes contact information for the camp, type of disability it serves, a description of camp activities, cost, and dates for 2016\*. We have also included a list of camps organized by specialty/condition.

This directory is a product of the Family Support Program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Social Work. It is a resource for family members and service providers who are looking for summer camp experiences for children. The Family Support Program does not endorse any camp programs, including those listed in the directory.

*Happy Camping!*

\*Please note that some camps are still in the process of finalizing camp details for 2016. This directory will be updated as we receive this information.

### Selecting a Camp

#### **What to Look for in a Camp Program**

If you are considering sending your child to a camp program, you will need to make some decisions concerning the type of camp experience that is most appropriate for your child. You can use this guide to gather some basic information about some camps which might be appropriate for children with special needs in North Carolina.

There are camps specifically for children with special needs and camps where children with special needs are included. You can choose a camp that best suits your child's abilities and interests. You may begin by considering whether you are looking for a day camp or a residential (overnight) camp.

### **Day Camps**

Day camps usually offer a variety of recreational activities designed to promote your child's physical and mental well-being. Programs may run full days or half days, five days a week or several days a week, all summer or only a few weeks. Advance registration and a physical exam with complete medical history are usually required. Day camp activities typically include music, swimming, a variety of sports, arts and crafts, hobby clubs, and trips. Most camps accept children 5 years of age and older.

If a program is offered by your local community or municipal recreation department, a fee is often charged. Most private camps typically charge higher fees, although they may offer scholarships or fee reductions based on financial need.

### **Residential Camps**

Residential camps are those in which your child may spend two days, two weeks, or an entire summer away from home. These programs provide a unique living experience for children. In addition to offering some of the same activities available at day camps, "sleep away" camps enable children to live together in cabins or tents under the supervision of qualified staff. A major emphasis of these programs is increasing the independence and self-help skills of each child. Most children are between the ages of 5 and 16.

Advance registration and a complete physical examination are usually required. Fees are generally charged; however, a scholarship program may be available.

### **Religious Affiliation**

Some camps are religiously affiliated. Most of these welcome campers of all faiths. Camp staff can provide more information about camp philosophy and practices.

### **Suggested Questions**

Once you have decided on the type of camp program (day or residential), you may use the list of questions below to help you decide which camp will best meet your child's needs and interests.

- How do you apply?
- What is the deadline for submitting applications?
- What are the camp's opening and closing dates?
- Are there clothing requirements and clothing checklists?

- Is transportation to and from the camp provided?
- Is the program designed for children with specific disabilities?
- Is the program accessible for children with physical disabilities?
- Does the American Camping Association (ACA) accredit the camp?
- Does the camp meet state and local health standards and regulations for the operation of day and residential camps?

### **General Information**

Some general information can be obtained by visiting the camp's web site, requesting a brochure, calling the camp organization directly, or visiting the camp facility to get more specific answers to your questions. Parents can usually make appointments with camp directors in the spring.

### **Staff**

- What are the criteria for selecting a counselor (i.e., what education or experience is required by the camp)?
- What are the counselors' duties?
- What is the ratio of counselors to children?
- Are counselors hired for short periods or for the entire summer?
- Does the staff include a nurse and a doctor?
- (For residential camps) How many counselors live in each of the cabins, tents, or bunkhouses?

### **Facilities**

- What types of facilities are available?
- What is the overall condition of the facilities?
- Are the toilet and shower facilities adequate and accessible?
- (For residential camps) How many children are housed in campers' quarters?
- Is there a well-equipped infirmary on the premises?

### **Health Emergencies**

- Is the camp insured?

- Is your child covered under that insurance policy?
- Is the doctor/nurse on duty 24 hours a day?
- Is there a hospital close by?

### **Activities**

- What types of activities are offered?
- Are activities coordinated and designed according to the age or development of the child?
- Is the program flexible or is it highly structured and formal?

### **Fees**

- Is there a fee?
- What is included with this fee? Does it cover transportation, meals, insurance, linens, laundry, special trips, entrance fees, canteen, health services, and use of equipment? Ask the camp director to itemize any services for which an additional fee is required.
- Is there a membership fee? (Must you join the sponsoring organization in order for your child to participate?)
- Are scholarships or fee reductions available?

### **Transportation**

- What kind of transportation is provided?
- Is it door-to-door or group pick-up?
- Is a counselor or chaperone available to take care of your child while in transit?
- Do the vehicles meet state and local safety regulations for operation of vehicles that transport children?
- How long does your child have to travel to and from camp?
- For long trips, is there a bathroom on the bus?

### **Meals**

- Are lunches provided by the day camp?
- Are the camp menus prepared by a dietitian?
- Are snacks provided during the day? What kind?
- Are special meals available if needed?

*Note:* Remember to advise camp personnel of any food allergies or special dietary needs that your child may have.

### **More Things to Remember about Camps**

- Camp is intended to be fun, so you can expect it to be a bit messy!
- Remember the setting and make sure your child is appropriately dressed. Good sneakers are a must!
- It is a good idea to label all clothing.
- It is a good idea to keep an extra set of clothes at day camp. Some have cubbies or lockers for this purpose.
- Talk to your child's counselor about your child's likes and dislikes.
- Beware of overstuffing backpacks. They get heavy and can become a nuisance.
- Sunscreen!
- HAVE FUN!

Don't be afraid to ask questions. The more you and your child know, the better the camp experience will be. Sometimes the best references for a camp are previous campers. Camps should be able to provide references.

*The preceding section on selecting a camp was adapted from materials prepared by the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.*

## **Additional Resources**

The following agencies have offices in most counties in North Carolina, and they often sponsor camps or have information about camps. You can call them to find out about local camps.

- [Family Support Network™ programs](#)
- [Arc chapters](#)
- Churches, synagogues, other faith organizations
- Municipal and county parks and recreation departments
- Public and private schools' summer programs
- [United Way](#)
- YMCA, YWCA, YMHA, YWHA
- [4-H Clubs](#)

### **[American Camping Association](#)**

The American Camping Association (ACA) is a community of camp professionals who for nearly 100 years have joined together to share knowledge and experience and to ensure the quality of camp programs. The ACA accredits over 2,300 camps. ACA-accredited camps meet up to 300 standards for health, safety, and program quality. The purpose of ACA is to serve as a knowledge center; to educate camp owners and directors in the administration of camp operations, particularly program quality, health, and safety; and to assist the public in selecting camps that meet -

industry--accepted and government-recognized standards. The ACA has an interactive Camp Database on their web site, where you can search accredited camps by specialty, interest area, affiliation, etc.

### **Other Resources**

- [Association of Hole In The Wall Camps](#)
- [Allen's Guide](#)
- [The Camp Channel](#)
- [CampPage Summer Camp Directory](#)
- [CampResource.com](#)
- [DayCamps.net](#)
- [Disability Resources, Inc.](#)
- [goCamps.com](#)
- [Kids' Camps](#)
- [SummerCamps.com](#)
- [MySummerCamps.com](#)

### **Can't Find What You're Looking For?**

Contact a Resource Specialist at 1.800.852.0042 or [FSP.CDR@unc.edu](mailto:FSP.CDR@unc.edu)

## **Camps listed by specialty/condition**

This listing includes both residential and day camps. Please note that some camps may be listed in more than one category. For more information on each camp, please see the listing of summer camps organized by county.

### **Asthma**

Camp Breathe Easy  
Camp Coast

### **Autism**

ABC School of Winston-Salem  
Camp Boomerang  
Camp G.R.A.C.E.  
Camp Holiday Trails  
Camp Lakey Gap  
Camp Royall  
Camp Tikvah  
Camp Virginia Jaycee  
Talisman Camp

### **Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder**

Camp Ginger Cascades  
Camp Pisgah Girl Scout Camp  
Keyauwee Program Center  
SOAR (Success Oriented Achievement Realized)  
Talisman Camp

### **Burns**

Camp Celebrate  
Camp Holiday Trails

### **Cancer**

Camp Carefree  
Camp Sunshine at Sebago Lake

## **Developmental Disabilities/Delays**

Camp Ann  
Camp Escape  
Camp Free Spirit  
Camp Ginger Cascades  
Camp G.R.A.C.E.  
Camp Green Leaves  
Camp Joy  
Camp Lee Mar  
Camp Living Wonders  
Camp Pisgah Girl Scout Camp  
Camp Tekoa Special Needs Day Camp  
Camp Trusted Parents  
Camp Virginia Jaycee  
Happiness Retreat  
Happy Day Camp  
Keyauwee Program Center  
Mecklenburg Therapeutic Recreation Programs  
Summershine Camp at Lutheridge

## **Learning Disabilities/Cognitive Delays**

Camp Lee Mar  
Camp Living Wonders  
Camp Trusted Parents  
Camp Virginia Jaycee  
SOAR (Success Oriented Achievement Realized)  
Summershine Camp at Lutheridge  
Summer Teen Camp

## **Lupus**

Camp Sunshine at Sebago Lake

## **Muscular Dystrophy**

Camp Carefree  
MDA Summer Camp at Bethelwoods

## **Sickle Cell Anemia**

Camp Carefree  
Camp Sunshine at Sebago Lake  
Sickle Cell Camp

## **Chronic Illness**

Camp Carefree  
Camp Holiday Trails  
Camp Sunshine at Sebago Lake  
Victory Junction

## **Crohn's Disease**

CCFA Camp Oasis

## **Deaf or Hard of Hearing**

Camp Ginger Cascades  
Camp Joy  
Camp Pisgah Girl Scout Camp  
Camp Sertoma  
Happiness Retreat  
Spring Camp Cheerio  
Kayauwee Program Center

## **Diabetes**

Camp Carolina Trails

## **Fine Motor Difficulties**

Camp Crayon

## **Physical Disabilities**

Adventure Amputee Camp  
Camp Escape  
Camp Free Spirit  
Camp Ginger Cascades  
Camp Joy  
Camp Pisgah Girl Scout Camp  
Camp Virginia Jaycee  
Happiness Retreat  
Kayauwee Program Center

## **Vision Impairments**

Camp Abilities at Camp Dogwood for the Blind & Visually Impaired  
Camp Ginger Cascades  
Camp Joy  
Camp Pisgah Girl Scout Camp  
Keyauwee Program Center  
Student Adventure Camp (SEE) at Nantahala Outdoor Center  
Student Enrichment Experience (SEE) – Asheville  
Student Enrichment Experience (SEE) – Winston-Salem

## **Inclusive of All Disabilities**

Blended Abilities Camp  
Camp Ann  
Camp Easter Seals UCP  
Camp Exploration  
Camp Explore  
Camp Friendly  
Camp Hanes YMCA  
Camp Journey  
Carrboro Recreation and Parks Camps  
Durham Parks & Recreation Summer Camp  
Johnston YMCA Summer Day Camps  
Hugs Camp  
McCrorey YMCA Summer Day Camps  
Summer Drama Camp  
Summer Enrichment Camp  
Wings of Eagles Ranch  
YMCA of Western North Carolina Summer Camps

## Camps listed by county

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### Alamance County

#### **Blended Abilities Camp**

4705 Nicks Rd.

Mebane, NC 27302

<http://www.nctrcriders.org/camp.html>

(919) 304-1009

**Type:** Day

**Age:** 5 to 12

**Type of Disability:** Inclusive

**Description:** Hosted by the North Carolina Therapeutic Riding Center, this camp is open to children with and without disabilities. Campers participate in a variety of activities, including horseback riding, arts and crafts, learning about farm animals and painting ponies.

**Cost:** \$375 per week

**2016 Camp Dates:** Various week-long sessions June-August, Monday-Friday, 9am-2pm.

Session 1: June 13 - 17

Session 2: June 17 – July 1

Session 3: July 11 - 15

Session 4: July 18 - 22

Session 5: August 1 - 5

**Notes:** Some scholarships are available, as well as sibling and multi-week discounts.

#### **Camp Free Spirit**

6657 Kimesville Rd.

Liberty, NC

[www.koppertop.org/CampFreeSpirit.html](http://www.koppertop.org/CampFreeSpirit.html)

(336) 565-9723

**Type:** Day

**Age:** 2 and up

**Type of Disability:** Inclusive of physical or developmental disabilities

**Description:** Camp Free Spirit is an inclusive day camp that uses the outdoors and animals, especially horses, to teach individuals with and without disabilities both everyday living skills and an understanding of animals and the great outdoors. This inclusive program allows campers to learn from each other, and encourages siblings to participate together. Other activities include a hayride, cookout, arts and crafts, and scavenger hunts. Helmets and safety stirrups are provided, and adapted equipment available if needed. All teaching is adapted to each person's needs, and campers can have a 1:1 ratio if necessary. Camp facilities are wheelchair accessible.

**Cost:** \$25 registration fee, \$175 per week.

**2016 Camp Dates:** Various week-long sessions June-August, please see website for exact dates. Camp is Monday-Friday, 9am-12pm, with afternoon care available for an additional fee.

#### **Camp Green Leaves**

Lake Cammack Park and Marina

4790 Union Ridge Rd.

Burlington, NC 27217

[www.burlingtonnc.gov/index.aspx?NID=1330](http://www.burlingtonnc.gov/index.aspx?NID=1330)

(336) 229-3148

**Type:** Day

**Age:** 5 to 21

**Type of Disability:** Mild to moderate developmental disabilities

**Description:** Camp Green Leaves is a summer day camp for youth with developmental disabilities/delays of Alamance

**Cost:** TBD

**2016 Camp Dates:** 5 Weeks during the summer months  
Dates TBA, 9am – 3pm

**Notes:** Contact Jim Self at (336) 229-3148 for more information.

County. Campers are divided into five groups with four counselors per group and will rotate to different areas of camp daily. Activities include swimming, arts and crafts, sports and games, character building and nature studies, and free time. They also have several field trips planned through the summer. Sponsored by Burlington Recreation & Parks, with assistance from other governmental agencies and individual and civic group donations.

### **Buncombe County**

#### **YMCA of Western North Carolina Summer Camps**

53 Asheland Ave  
Asheville, NC 28801

[www.ymcawnc.org](http://www.ymcawnc.org)

(828) 210-9622

**Type:** Day Camp

**Age:** Varies by Camp

**Camp Discovery and Explorer:** Rising K-5<sup>th</sup>

**Adventure Camp:** Rising 4<sup>th</sup> – Rising 8<sup>th</sup>

**CIT (Counselors in training):** Rising 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

**Type of Disability:** Inclusive

**Description:** Activities include nature hikes, camp songs, group games, arts & crafts, swimming, outdoor exploration, water play, drama, sports and games, and weekly field trips.

**Cost:** \$175 - \$2225 per week with a one-time registration fee of \$50.

**2016 Camp Dates:** Various week-long sessions June – August, organized by camper age and theme. See website for exact dates.

**Notes:** The Y accepts vouchers for camps at the Buncombe, McDowell and Henderson County locations. There is also financial assistance available.

#### **Camp Lakey Gap**

222 Fern Way  
Black Mountain, NC 28711

[www.christmount.org/camplakeygap/index.htm](http://www.christmount.org/camplakeygap/index.htm)

(828) 669-8977

**Type:** Overnight

**Age:** 4-18+

**Type of Disability:** Autism Spectrum

**Description:** Camp Lakey Gap welcomes anyone on the autism spectrum to come and enjoy a summer camp experience. It offers a unique program approach of therapeutic recreation using visually structured programming, 1:1 and 1:2 positive support from well-trained college and graduate students, development of independent living skills, and opportunities for engaging in social interaction with peers. All activities cater to a camper's individual needs and interests, whether they include insects, reptiles, outer space, Pokemon, Star Wars, or anything else.

**Cost:** \$200 deposit with application; \$1,775 (includes the \$200 deposit) per week for the first child and \$1,575 per week for a second child.

**2016 Camp Dates:** \* Indicates *High Functioning Weeks*, Check website for more information.

**Week 1:** June 12-17 [Ages 4-11]

**Week 2:** June 19-24 [Ages 12-17]

**Week 3:** June 26-July 1 [Adults 18+]

**Week 4:** July 10-15 [Adults 18+]

**Week 5:** July 17-22 [Ages 12-17\*]

**Week 6:** July 24-29 [Ages 4-11\*]

**Notes:** Payment plans and some scholarship options are available based on family income.

#### **Camp Tikvah**

Asheville Jewish Community Center  
236 Charlotte St.

Asheville, NC 28801

<http://www.jcc-asheville.org/youth/camp-ruach/camp-tikvah-for-children-with-autism/>

(828) 253-0701, x107 (Camp Director)

**Type:** Day Camp

**Cost:** \$330 per week for Asheville JCC members; \$430 per week for non-members.

**2016 Camp Dates:** Camp is Monday-Friday, 9am-3:30pm.

Session 1: June 15-19

Session 2: June 22-26

Session 3: June 29-July 2

Session 4: July 6-10

**Ages:** Rising 1st-5th grade

**Type of Disability:** Autism Spectrum

**Description:** Camp Tikvah enables children on the autism spectrum to enjoy the fun and community of Camp Ruach in an individually monitored and highly structured program. Each one-week session runs interwoven with Camp Ruach (9am -3:30pm) — and enables these awesome kids to participate in as many peer activities as are individually appropriate. Specially-trained counselors continuously monitor each camper's sensory environment to help facilitate communication, socialization, and of course, community and fun. All Camp Tikvah staff complete an intensive training.

### Summer Enrichment Camp

West Asheville Recreation Center  
970 Haywood Road  
Asheville, NC 28802

[www.ashevillenc.gov/Departments/ParksRecreation/recreation/TherapeuticPrograms.aspx](http://www.ashevillenc.gov/Departments/ParksRecreation/recreation/TherapeuticPrograms.aspx)

(828) 259-5483

**Type:** Day

**Age:** 6 to 13

**Type of Disability:** Inclusive

**Description:** This is a 9-week long camp for youth ages 6-13 with and without disabilities. Campers enjoy activities in an inclusive environment, including group games, arts and crafts, nature exploration, special events and field trips. Camp has limited spots.

### Summer Teen Camp

West Asheville Recreation Center  
970 Haywood Road  
Asheville, NC 28802

[www.ashevillenc.gov/Departments/ParksRecreation/recreation/TherapeuticPrograms.aspx](http://www.ashevillenc.gov/Departments/ParksRecreation/recreation/TherapeuticPrograms.aspx)

(828) 259-5483

**Type:** Day

**Age:** Middle & High School

**Type of Disability:** Mild to moderate cognitive or developmental delays

**Activities:** This is an 8-week long camp for teens with and without disabilities. Campers enjoy activities in an inclusive environment, including group games, arts and crafts, nature exploration, special events and field trips. Camp has limited spots.

### Summer Drama Camp

Dr. Wesley Grant Southside Community Center  
285 Livingston Street  
Asheville, NC 28802

[www.ashevillenc.gov/Departments/ParksRecreation/recreation/TherapeuticPrograms.aspx](http://www.ashevillenc.gov/Departments/ParksRecreation/recreation/TherapeuticPrograms.aspx)

(828) 277-1315

**Type:** Day

Session 5: July 13-17

Session 6: July 20-24

Session 7: July 27-31

Session 8: August 3-7

**Notes:** Space is limited to six campers per session; contact Seth Kellam (Camp Director) for more information or to arrange an interview: (828) 253-0701 x107

**Cost:** TBD

**2016 Camp Dates:** June through August, Monday through Friday from 10am to 5:30pm

**Notes:** Asheville Parks and Recreation provides financial assistance for campers. To find out if your child qualifies, apply in advance at the West Asheville Recreation Center (970 Haywood Road, (828) 251-4031). Applications may take up to two weeks to process. For more information, contact Randy Shaw at (828) 259-5483 or [rshaw@ashevillenc.gov](mailto:rshaw@ashevillenc.gov)

**Cost:** TBD

**2016 Camp Dates:** June through August, Monday through Friday from 10am to 5pm

**Notes:** Asheville Parks and Rec provides financial assistance for campers. To find out if your child qualifies, apply in advance at the West Asheville Recreation Center (970 Haywood Road, (828) 251-4031). Applications may take up to two weeks to process. For more information, contact Randy Shaw at (828) 259-5483 or [rshaw@ashevillenc.gov](mailto:rshaw@ashevillenc.gov)

**Cost:** TBD

**2016 Camp Dates:** TBD

**Notes:** Asheville Parks and Rec provides financial assistance for campers. To find out if your child qualifies, apply in advance at the West Asheville Recreation Center (970 Haywood Road, (828) 251-4031). Applications may

**Age:** All ages

**Type of Disability:** Inclusive

**Description:** This is a four-week camp for youth, teens and adults with disabilities who want to experience acting and drama. Campers will work together to put on a small production at the end of camp.

### **Summershine Camp at Lutheridge**

2049 Upper Laurel Drive

Arden, NC 28704

[www.novusway.com/our-programs/summer-camp/summershine.aspx](http://www.novusway.com/our-programs/summer-camp/summershine.aspx)

(828) 209-6329

**Type:** Overnight

**Age:** 15+

**Type of Disability:** Mild to moderate learning and developmental disabilities.

**Description:** The focus of this camp is on building faith and having fun. Campers are challenged to make new friends and experience new adventures. All programs are designed for campers who are independent in personal hygiene, nonaggressive and generally compliant. There are Three different programs: **Camp Summershine** is for *ACTIVE* campers. Campers must be able to walk up the hill to dining hall unassisted. Activities include games, hiking, arts and crafts and bible study. **Hilltop Summershine** is for campers who are *less mobile*. Activities include crafts, games, bible study, and karaoke, with lots of opportunities for rest periods in between. **Holiday Summershine** is for *ACTIVE* campers. Campers must be able to walk up the hill to dining hall unassisted. Activities include games, hiking, arts and crafts and bible study.

### **Student Enrichment Experience (SEE)-Asheville**

Grace Baptist Church

718 Haywood Rd.

Asheville, NC 28704

[www.abpfoundation.org](http://www.abpfoundation.org)

(828) 667-9778 Ext. 5802

**Type:** Day

**Age:** Grades K-12

**Type of Disability:** Blind or visually impaired

**Description:** Provided by A Brighter Path Foundation and Industries for the Blind, SEE provides campers with a variety of independent living skills activities and field trips. This year, our first week will have a Foods & Cooking theme, and our second week will have an Arts & Performance theme. For more information, or to register for camp, please contact Jay Hardwig at A Brighter Path Foundation: (828) 667-9778x5802 [jhardwig@wsifb.com](mailto:jhardwig@wsifb.com).

take up to two weeks to process. For more information, contact Janet at (828) 277-1315 or [janet@firstwnc.org](mailto:janet@firstwnc.org)

### **Cost:**

Register by March 15: \$509 per session

Register by April 15: \$525 per session

Register by May 15: \$539 per session

Register after May 16: \$549 per session

### **2016 Camp Dates:**

**Camp Summershine:** June 5-11

**Holiday Summershine:** June 24-30

**Hilltop Summershine:** July 31-August 6

**Notes:** Scholarships are available based on need. Campers may attend more than one week of camp but will need to call the registration office to check availability. (828) 209-6329

**Cost:** Free

**2016 Camp Dates:** July 11-14 and July 18-21

## Cabarrus County

### **Camp Tekoa Special Needs Day Camp**

United Methodist Camp Tekoa  
211 Thomas Road  
Hendersonville, NC 28793  
[www.camptekoa.org/camps/special-needs](http://www.camptekoa.org/camps/special-needs)  
(828) 692-6516 or (828) 696-3699

**Type:** Day

**Age:** 8 to 12

**Type of Disability:** Developmental disability

**Description:** Special Needs Day Camp is an inclusive program where campers with developmental disabilities can enjoy full participation in activities alongside other elementary day campers. The camper to staff ratio is lower in these weeks to be able to encourage and support all campers. Activities include arts and crafts, games, songs, zip line, boating, swimming and nature hikes.

### **Wings of Eagles Ranch**

4800 Faith Trails  
Concord, NC 28025  
[www.wingsofeaglesranch.org](http://www.wingsofeaglesranch.org)  
(704) 784-3147

**Type:** Day and Overnight

**Age:** 4 and up

**Type of Disability:** All disabilities

**Description:** Wings of Eagles Ranch is a nonprofit specializing in therapeutic horseback riding, which provides benefits such as increased flexibility and balance, increased confidence and self-esteem, enhanced socialization skills and more. Camp activities include organized therapeutic horseback riding, a ropes course and other outdoor activities. A variety of themes are offered during different weeks throughout the summer, please see website for more details.

**Cost:** \$50 deposit; \$250 per session. Registrations made after May 1<sup>st</sup> must be paid in full.

**2016 Camp Dates:** Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm

Session 1: June 20-24

Session 2: July 4-8

**Notes:** All campers are expected to be ambulatory and able to feed, clothe, and bathe themselves.

Limited scholarships are available. Those interested must complete a scholarship request form prior to registering. Deposit must be paid by everyone.

**Cost:** \$50 deposit; \$225 to \$350 per week depending on session (see website for exact pricing).

**2016 Camp Dates:** Various week-long camps June-August, see website for exact dates. Day camps are Monday-Friday, 8am-3/5:30pm.

**Notes:** All campers must attend the open house. It is scheduled for Saturday, June 4th 2pm – 4pm.

## Caldwell County

### **Camp Ginger Cascades**

2090 Scout Rd.  
Lenoir, NC 28645  
<http://www.camplikeagirl.org/camp-ginger-cascades>  
(828) 758-5321

**Type:** Day and Overnight

**Age:** 5-17 (Girls only)

**Type of Disability:** Inclusive of physical disabilities, mild to moderate developmental disabilities, deaf or hard of hearing, vision impairments and ADHD

**Description:** Located in the foothills of Western North

**Cost:** \$185 to \$650 per session, depending on length and type (day or overnight). See website for exact prices.

**2016 Camp Dates:** There are many sessions that vary in length, from 3 days to 2 weeks, during June-August, organized by age and theme. See website for exact dates.

Carolina, this camp is operated by the Girl Scouts and open to all girls. The camp offers an inclusive environment and aims to help campers develop into strong, confident leaders with a passion for the outdoors and a dedication for helping. There are a wide variety of day and overnight camp options throughout the summer, organized by length, age group and theme. Activities may include boating, climbing wall, nature, arts & crafts, swimming, etc.

**Notes:** Girls do not have to be a member of the Girl Scouts to attend this camp. Prices increase after March 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Catawba County

#### **Camp Abilities at Camp Dogwood for the Blind & Visually Impaired**

7050 Camp Dogwood Dr.  
Sherrils Ford, NC 28573

<http://www.raisingcane.org/?section=camp-abilities-nc>  
(828) 478-2155

**Type:** Overnight

**Age:** 11-17

**Type of Disability:** Visual impairment/blindness

**Description:** Camp Abilities is a week-long sports camp designed to meet the unique needs of children with visual impairments. Campers explore and learn individual and group sports to optimize their potential to improve and sustain health and well-being throughout their lives.

**Cost:** \$150

**2016 Camp Dates:** TBD

### Chatham County

#### **Camp Royall**

250 Bill Ash Rd.  
Moncure, NC 27559

[www.camproyall.org](http://www.camproyall.org)  
(919) 542-1033

**Type:** Overnight and Day

**Age:** 4 to adult

**Type of Disability:** Autism Spectrum

**Description:** Operated by the Autism Society of North Carolina, this is the nation's largest summer camp for people on the Autism spectrum. Campers participate in typical camp activities such as swimming, hiking, boating and arts and crafts in a structured environment designed to meet the unique needs of each camper. Counselor to camper ratios are 1:1 or 1:2. Campers are assigned to weeks according to their age and level of functioning.

**Cost:** \$1,700 per overnight session, \$550 per day session

**2016 Camp Dates:** Various week-long sessions June-August organized by age and level of functioning, see website for exact dates. Each camp begins on Sunday afternoon and ends on Friday afternoon.

**Notes:** 10% discount for second child registered and 20% discount for each additional child. We have scholarship funding to help any family in need. We work hard to make sure the cost of camp does not affect camper's ability to attend.

## Durham County

### **Camp Explore**

Holton Career and Resource Center  
401 N. Driver St.  
Durham, NC 27701

<http://durhamnc.gov/968/Special-Programs-Inclusion>

(919) 560-4355

**Type:** Day

**Age:** 13 to 21

**Type of Disability:** Inclusive

**Description:** Explore serves teens ages 13-21 with disabilities. Participants will be given the opportunity to participate in theater arts through music, acting and dance. Campers will also learn about different sports through play and friendly competition. Finally, participants will engage in volunteerism; exploring career and hand-on opportunities while in a supportive environment of a 1:4 staff to participant ratio. If a camper requires individualized support at a 1:1 ratio, the family will be required to provide additional care.

### **Camp Journey**

Lyon Park  
1309 Halley Street  
Durham, NC 27707

<http://durhamnc.gov/968/Special-Programs-Inclusion>

(919) 560-4355

**Type:** Day Camp

**Age:** 6-12

**Type of Disability:** Inclusive

**Description:** Camp Journey is an exciting summer camp serving children with disabilities who need a special environment in which to learn and grow. This program offers participants the opportunity to gain the full summer camp experience in a supportive environment with a 1:3 staff to participant ratio. Campers will be encouraged to utilize existing skills as well as develop new ones. If a camper requires individualized support at a 1:1 ratio, the family will be required to provide additional care. Camp Journey does not provide personal care including but not limited to toileting, feeding etc.

### **Cost:**

- City residents with Play More card: \$118.75 per session
- City residents w/out Play More card: \$132 per session
- Non-city residents with Play More card: \$141.25 per session
- Non-city residents w/out Play More card: \$157 per session

### **2016 Camp Dates:**

June 14-August 12. Camp is Monday through Friday, 7:30am – 6pm. All camps are closed on July 4.

**Notes:** Sibling and multi-week registration discounts available. Payments can be made based on a sliding scale fee based on family income. Application is available online.

### **Cost:**

- City residents with Play More card: \$118.75 per session
- City residents w/out Play More card: \$132 per session
- Non-city residents with Play More card: \$141.25 per session
- Non-city residents w/out Play More card: \$157 per session

**2016 Camp Dates:** June 14-August 12. Camp is Monday through Friday, 7:30am – 6pm. All camps are closed on July 4.

**Notes:** Sibling and multi-week registration discounts available. Payments can be made based on a sliding scale fee based on family income. Application is available online.

### **Durham Parks & Recreation Summer Camp**

Holton Career and Resource Center

401 N. Driver St.

Durham, NC 27701

<http://durhamnc.gov/2777/Summer-Camps>

(919) 560-4355

**Type:** Day

**Age:** 5 to 17

**Type of Disability:** Inclusive

**Description:** This camp offers a safe, inclusive environment where all children are encouraged to participate. Campers' are able to develop life skills through group activities and exposure to diverse athletic and educational experiences.

*Youth Camp* is for children ages 5 to 12. Campers must have finished kindergarten and turned 5 before 9/1/15 or be no older than 12 by the same date. *Teen Camp* is for children ages 13 to 17. Campers must have turned 13 by 9/1/15 and not be older than 17 by the same date.

### **Cost:**

-City residents with Play More card: \$118.75 per session

-City residents w/out Play More card: \$132 per session

-Non-city residents with Play More card: \$141.25 per session

-Non-city residents w/out Play More card: \$157 per session

**2016 Camp Dates:** Weekly sessions. Begins Monday June 13 and ends August 12. Monday-Friday, 7:30am-6pm

**Notes:** Discounts available for families registering multiple children. Payments can be made based on a sliding scale fee based on family income. Application is available online.

### **ABC School of Winston-Salem**

905 Friedberg Church Road

Winston-Salem, NC 27127

[www.abcofnc.org/services/summer-program/](http://www.abcofnc.org/services/summer-program/)

(336) 251-1180 ext. 120

**Type:** Day

**Age:** 3-21

**Type of Disability:** Autism Spectrum

**Description:** ABC of NC Child Development Center's Summer Education Program combines the fun of a summer day camp with an evidence-based educational program. Children learn through peer and play interaction in a fun and inclusive group environment. Each child's camp experience is tailored to his or her unique needs through the creation of an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) by a team of experienced education professionals prior to the beginning of camp. Please note that children attending the Summer Education Program must have no significant aggressive, self-injurious or destructive behaviors.

### **Forsyth County**

**Cost:** \$2,725 per session for students with autism; \$475 per session for typically developing students

### **2016 Camp Dates:**

-May-June: IEP meetings

-Camp sessions: June 15 – August 2

Camp is Monday-Friday, 8:45am-2:45pm

**Notes:** A limited number of partial scholarships are available for families with a total household income under \$50,000/year or \$75,000/year for families enrolling multiple children with autism.

**Student Enrichment Experience (SEE)- Winston-Salem**

Tracy's Little Red School House  
 Winston-Salem Industries for the Blind  
 7730 North Point Drive  
 Winston-Salem, NC 27104

<http://www.abpfoundation.org/about-us/tracys-little-red-school-house.aspx>

(336) 245-5669

**Type:** Day

**Age:** K-12

**Type of Disability:** Blind or visually impaired

**Description:** Provided by A Brighter Path Foundation and Industries for the Blind, SEE provides campers with a variety of independent living skills activities and field trips.

**Cost:** Free

**2016 Camp Dates:** TBD

**Notes:** For more information, or to register for camp, please contact Jenny Viars of Winston-Salem Industries for the Blind: (336) 245-5669 or [jviars@wsifb.com](mailto:jviars@wsifb.com).

**Guilford County****Camp Ann**

High Point Lake City Park  
 602 W. Main St.

Jamestown, NC 27862

[www.highpointnc.gov/pr/special\\_pop.cfm](http://www.highpointnc.gov/pr/special_pop.cfm)

(336) 883-3481 or (336) 883-3477

**Type:** Day

**Age:** 6 and up

**Type of Disability:** Inclusive

**Description:** Campers can participate in activities such arts & crafts, swimming, outdoor recreation and field trips in an inclusive environment. Lunch and snack will be provided.

**Cost:** \$35 per week for residents, \$50 per week for non-residents

**2016 Camp Dates:** Camp is Monday through Friday, 9am-3pm.

Session 1 Adult: June 13-17

Session 2 Elementary: June 20-24 & June 27-July 1

Session 3 Middle/High School: July 11-15 & July 18-22

Session 4 Adult: July 25-29 & August 1-5

**Camp Carefree**

275 Carefree Ln.

Stokesdale, NC 27357

[www.campcarefree.org](http://www.campcarefree.org)

(336) 427-3123

**Type:** Overnight

**Age:** 6 to 16

**Type of Disability:** Neurological disorders, cancer, spina bifida, hemophilia, sickle cell, muscular dystrophy, siblings of children with a chronic illness, children of a chronically ill parent.

**Description:** Camp Carefree provides children with serious health problems an opportunity to play, learn and have fun with other who encounter similar difficulties. Activities include horseback riding, canoeing, fishing, climbing a rock wall, zip lining, arts & crafts, and more.

**Cost:** Free

**2016 Camp Dates:** Various week-long camps offered June-August organized by disorder, including weeks for siblings of a chronically ill child and children of a chronically ill parent; see website for exact dates. Each session is Sunday-Saturday.

**Camp Joy**

5920 Hagan-Stone Park Rd.

**Cost:** \$55 per week

Pleasant Garden, NC 27313

[www.greensboro-nc.gov/mainstream](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/mainstream)

(336) 373-2954 or (336) 373-2735

**Type:** Day

**Age:** 5 and up

**Type of Disability:** Various abilities including developmental, vision and hearing impairments, and physical disabilities

**Description:** Camp Joy is an inclusive camp for ages 5 and up of all abilities. The camp is a program of the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department, provided through the MainStream Resources Unit. Campers are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis with a completed and approved application and medical form. There are a limited number of spaces available in each cabin.

Sessions 1 and 2 are designed for campers with various disabilities, including but not limited to developmental disabilities and visual and hearing impairments. Accessible Adventures is specifically designed for persons with physical disabilities. Facilities include six cabins, a multipurpose building, an arts and crafts shelter, a playground, and a pool. Activities include arts and crafts, music, swimming, sports and outdoor activities as well as talent shows, dances, movie days, and theme weeks. Campers who need personal assistance are welcome to have personal assistance accompany them at camp.

### Hugs Camp

Haw River State Park

339 Conference Center Dr.

Browns Summit, NC 27214

[www.dionc.org/digital\\_faith/events/3167514](http://www.dionc.org/digital_faith/events/3167514)

(800) 448-8775

**Type:** Overnight

**Age:** 8 and up

**Type of Disability:** Inclusive

**Description:** HUGS is a unique camp for unique people, bringing together young people of diverse abilities. Campers with special needs are paired with one or more "helper" campers, who assist the special-needs campers with all the activities of camp life. Needs may range from needing assistance in bathing, eating, and/or dressing to help getting around or just having a friend to encourage participation. Helper Campers take part in a day of training with counselors and nurses to learn how to care for the campers.

### Sickle Cell Camp

PO Box 2094

Greensboro, NC 27420

[www.piedmonthhealthservices.org/Camp.htm](http://www.piedmonthhealthservices.org/Camp.htm)

(336) 274-1507

**Type:** Overnight

### 2016 Camp Dates:

Session 1: June 20-July 8

Accessible Adventures: July 11-15

Session 2: July 18-August 5

**Notes:** Campers may register for one or more weeks in a session

**Cost:** \$420

**2016 Camp Dates:** Monday, July 11 – Saturday, July 16

**Notes:** Scholarships are available to participants who have their scholarship application form signed by a priest or youth minister at their parish.

**Cost:** Free

**2016 Camp Dates:** TBD

**Notes:** For more information, contact Piedmont Health Services and Sickle Cell Agency at (336) 274-1507.

**Age:** 6 to 15

**Type of Disability:** Sickle Cell Disease

**Description:** The goal of this camp is to foster the social, emotional, and physical growth of children with sickle cell disease and encourage self-confidence and independence, social skill-building and development of peer relationships. Activities include swimming, horseback riding, arts and crafts, fishing, talent show, field trips, motivational speakers, sports and movie nights.

## Henderson County

### **Carolina Pediatric Therapy Camp Crayon**

510A Fleming Street  
Hendersonville, NC 28739  
[www.campcrayon.com](http://www.campcrayon.com)  
(828) 670-8056

**Type:** Day

**Age:** Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**Type of Disability:** Children with fine motor difficulties

**Description:** Camp Crayon is a handwriting camp using the Handwriting Without Tears curriculum, a hands-on multi-sensory approach to writing. Three different camps are offered that focus on different skill areas matching the child's cognitive and developmental readiness for writing.

### **Camp Living Wonders**

1415 Country Road 1109  
Zirconia, NC 28790  
<http://www.camplivingwonders.org/>  
(678) 888-2CLW (2259)

**Type:** Overnight

**Age:** 7-25

**Type of Disability:** Various cognitive and developmental disabilities

**Description:** Camp Living Wonders is the South's only Jewish residential camp built exclusively for the benefit of children with cognitive and developmental disabilities. Camp Living Wonders engages high functioning children ages 7-25 with disabilities including, but not limited to, Autism Spectrum Disorders, Down's syndrome, Fragile X, PDD, NoDD/LD, ADD/ADHD with behavioral components, Tourette's syndrome. Camp Living Wonders also has a fully inclusive Staff in Training program which provides neuro-typical 16-17 year old teens the opportunity to live and work with older campers with special needs who prepare, live, work, and train together to become the stellar staff of the future. Nestled in the heart of the Blue Ridge mountains, our camper-based, nature-based

**Cost:** \$250

**2016 Camp Dates:** Various week-long camps, July-August. Check website for more information.

**Cost:** \$4200 for full session, \$1900 for Nitzutzot sessions

### **2016 Camp Dates:**

Full Session (Ages 7-25): July 10 – July 31

Session 1 Nitzutzot (Ages 7-10): July 10 – July 20

Session 2 Nitzutzot (Ages 7-10): July 20 – July 31

**Notes:** Scholarships available

program ensures that our campers return home with boosted confidence and independence, a passion for Jewish life and community, the skills to integrate better into their respective communities, with a trunk full of new friendships, and a backpack of memories campers are eager to share.

### **Talisman Camp**

64 Gap Creek Road  
Zirconia, NC 28790

<http://talismancamps.com/>

(828) 697-6313

**Type:** Co-ed Overnight

**Age:** 6-22

**Type of Disability:** Autism Spectrum Disorder, Asperger's, Bipolar Disorder, ADHD

**Description:** Talisman programs provide exceptional summer camp opportunities for young people ages 6-22 with ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorders, and other learning differences. Since 1980, our ACA-accredited programs have been offering unique alternatives to ordinary summer camps. We provide a structured, nurturing environment within an exciting adventure program in which our campers can have a successful summer while increasing social skills, a sense of personal responsibility, and a more positive self-image.

**Cost:** Various on length of session from \$1150 to \$4370

### **2016 Camp Dates:**

Session 1: June 11-June 23

Session 2: June 26-July 14

Session 3: July 17-August 1

Session 4: August 3-August 7

Theme Week (can only be added to Session 3): August 1-August 7

## **Jackson County**

### **SOAR (Success Oriented Achievement Realized)**

PO Box 388  
Balsam, NC 28707

[www.soarnc.org](http://www.soarnc.org)

(828) 456-3435

**Type:** Overnight

**Age:** 8 to 25

**Type of Disability:** Learning disabilities and ADHD

**Description:** Features a success-oriented, high adventure program for preteens, teens, and adults. Emphasis is placed on developing self-confidence, social skills, problem-solving techniques, a willingness to attempt new challenges and the motivation which comes through successful goal orientation. Activities include backpacking, rafting, rock climbing, llama trekking, fishing, surfing, kayaking, scuba diving and more. Includes a weekend-long family adventure camp.

**Cost:** \$250 registration fee; tuition is \$2,900 to \$4,900 per session depending on length; family weekend is \$1,200 per family of 4 and \$300 for additional siblings.

**2016 Camp Dates:** Various 12, 18 and 26 day long sessions June-August, organized by theme; see website for exact dates. Family Adventure Weekend is May 6-8

**Notes:** There are a limited number of scholarships available based on family income.

## **Lee County**

### **Happy Day Camp**

San-Lee Park  
572 Pumping Station Road  
Sanford, NC 27330

[www.leecountync.gov/Departments/ParksRecreation/RecreationPrograms/tabid/274/Default.aspx](http://www.leecountync.gov/Departments/ParksRecreation/RecreationPrograms/tabid/274/Default.aspx)

(919) 775-2107 Ext. 207

**Type:** Day

**Age:** 5 to 15+

**Cost:** Free

**2016 Camp Dates:** Various week-long sessions in June and July. Check website for more information.

**Type of Disability:** Developmental Disabilities

**Description:** Happy Day Camp is designed to involve individuals with special needs in recreational activities to increase their self-esteem and confidence. One-week sessions are held for different age groups. During camp participants have the opportunity to interact with their peers through activities such as arts and crafts, nature studies, boating, swimming and special field trips.

## Mecklenburg County

### **Camp Boomerang**

9760 Happy Valley Drive

Charlotte, NC 28270

Mailing Address:

3127 Weddington Road

Matthews, NC 28105

[www.ymcacharlotte.org/campboomerang](http://www.ymcacharlotte.org/campboomerang)

(704) 716-4309

**Type:** Day

**Age:** 5 to 15

**Type of Disability:** Autism and special needs

**Description:** All campers will participate side by side in an inclusive environment with typically-developing children in age appropriate activities that include nature, parachute, field sports, low ropes, tower, fishing, swimming, devotions, and arts and crafts. Campers will also take part in specialized enrichment activities several times a week. Peer buddies, 1:2 and 1:1 support can be provided for campers who have autism and other special needs.

### **Camp Trusted Parents**

1914 JN Pease Place

Charlotte, NC 28262

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 480688

Charlotte, NC 28269

<http://www.trustedparents.org/camp>

(980) 229-7253

**Type:** Day

**Age:** Rising 2<sup>nd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders

**Type of Disability:** Intellectual and developmental disabilities

**Description:** Our program offers socialization opportunities that will help erase the invisible line that often-separate individuals with IDD from those without. This year we are only accepting high functioning (IDD) children with no behavioral issues. Our camp will focus on using therapeutic recreational activities designed to promote fun, teamwork, and social skills. Our campers will engage in group games, playground fun, arts and crafts, field trips, sports, and much more. Every week will have a specific theme designed to have each child embark on a new and unique adventure, all while engaging in therapeutic activities designed to build and strengthen the gross and fine motor skills of our campers with IDD.

**Cost:** \$265 for members and non-members

**2016 Camp Dates:** June 27-August 5

**Notes:** Registration takes place on a first-come first-serve basis in person at the Siskey YMCA branch. Campers are limited to three sessions. Financial aid is available based on family income.

**Cost:** \$235 per week if registered by March 11, \$260 per week after March 11 for full day sessions; \$185 per week for half-day sessions (morning) and \$170 per week for half-day sessions (afternoon). 10% discount of each additional child. Includes a \$75 registration fee for first child and \$65 registration fee for each additional child

**2016 Camp Dates:** June 13 - July 29; Camp is closed on July 4

**Notes:** Financial assistance is available. Application is online. \$75 registration fee must still be made.

### **Johnston YMCA Summer Day Camps**

3025 N. Davidson St  
Charlotte, NC 28205

[www.ymcacharlotte.org/programs/youthdevelopment/camp/camp.aspx](http://www.ymcacharlotte.org/programs/youthdevelopment/camp/camp.aspx)

(704) 716-6362

**Type:** Day

**Age:** 5 to 12

**Type of Disability:** Inclusive

**Description:** Campers discover and build skills while working as a team doing activities like swimming, games and challenges. Several different camps with different themes are offered, please see the website for more details.

### **McCrorey YMCA Summer Day Camps**

3801 Beatties Road  
Charlotte, NC 28216

[www.ymcacharlotte.org/mccrorey/camp](http://www.ymcacharlotte.org/mccrorey/camp)

(704) 716-6500

**Type:** Day

**Age:** 3-18

**Type of Disability:** Inclusive

**Description:** The McCrorey YMCA offers a variety of camps to meet the needs of the entire family. From Preschool Camps, Traditional Day Camps, Sports Camps, Arts Camps and Teen Camps, our programs offer quality-filled experiences that developed the whole child/teen!

### **MDA Summer Camp at Bethelwoods**

1515 Mockingbird Ln.  
Charlotte, NC 28209

[www.mda.org](http://www.mda.org)

(704) 567-2912

**Type:** Overnight

**Age:** 6 to 17

**Type of Disability:** Muscular Dystrophy

**Description:** Activities include swimming, karaoke, boating, fishing, adaptive sports, archery, horseback riding, scavenger hunts, arts and crafts, dances and talent shows, and campfires. All activities are specially designed to be inclusive of campers who have limited mobility or who use wheelchairs.

### **Mecklenburg Therapeutic Recreation Programs**

2219 Tyvola Rd.  
Charlotte, NC

<http://charmec.org/mecklenburg/county/ParkandRec/Therapeutics/SummerDayCamp/>

(704) 432-4328 or (704) 432-4327

**Type:** Day Camp

**Age:** 2 to 16

**Type of Disability:** Developmental Disabilities

**Description:** The Mecklenburg Department of Parks and Recreation offers a wide variety of day camps for individuals

**Cost:** \$65-\$125 per session for Charlotte YMCA members; \$85-\$162 for nonmembers. Prices vary by session, see website for exact rates.

**2016 Camp Dates:** Various week-long full and half day sessions June-August, organized by age group and theme. See website for exact dates

**Notes:** Registration opens February 15

**Cost:** \$125 per week for members of the YMCA. \$147 per week for those who are not members of the YMCA. Financial assistance is available.

**2016 Camp Dates:** June 13-August 26

**Notes:** Breakfast, lunch and snack provided! Weekly field trips and swimming also apart of program.

**Cost:** Free

**2016 Camp Dates:** TBD

**Notes:** Only children registered with the Muscular Dystrophy Association are eligible to apply.

**Cost:** \$100 per session

**2016 Camp Dates:** TBD

who have disabilities that focus on their abilities and encourage them to attain their highest level of functioning by increasing leisure skills, improving social and communication skills, increasing independent living skills and increasing awareness of and involvement in community recreation activities. There are various types of camps over the summer that are organized by age group, please see website for more details.

### **New Hanover County**

#### **Spring Camp Cheerio**

1430 Camp Cheerio Rd.  
Glade Valley, NC 28627

[www.springcampcheerio.org](http://www.springcampcheerio.org)  
(704) 798-1094

**Type:** Overnight

**Age:** 0-15+ and family

**Type of Disability:** Deaf and hard of hearing

**Description:** This camp is designed to teach strategies for development of spoken language, including Cued Speech methodologies. During this camp weekend, children are placed in age appropriate classes where they participate in activities such as crafts, games, hiking, canoeing, archery, a hillside waterslide, and more while parents attend educational sessions that include cued speech training, language facilitator training and time for sharing experiences.

**Cost:** Varies by family size and type of accommodation (lodge, cabin or motel); see website for details

**2016 Camp Dates:** May 13-15

**Notes:** Registration opens in March. A limited number of scholarships are available based on family income

### **Orange County**

#### **Carrboro Recreation and Parks Camps**

100 N. Greensboro St.  
Carrboro, NC 27510

[www.carrbororec.org/](http://www.carrbororec.org/)  
(919) 918-7364

**Type:** Day Camp

**Age:** 3 to 17

**Type of Disability:** Inclusive

**Note:** Multiple camp themes available including music, art, sports, crafts, nature and more, please see website for details. Placement based on Parks & Rec's ability to aid camper in fulfilling their needs.

**Cost:** \$40 registration fee (non-refundable); \$90-\$165 per week depending on camp

**2016 Camp Dates:** There are a variety of camps June-August organized by camper age and theme. Each camp is Monday-Friday and lasts for 3-4 hours per day. See website for exact dates

#### **Camp Celebrate**

101 Manning Dr.  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

(919) 966-8539  
[www.med.unc.edu/burn/aftercare-programs-temp/camp-celebrate-1](http://www.med.unc.edu/burn/aftercare-programs-temp/camp-celebrate-1)

**Type:** Overnight

**Age:** 7 to 18

**Type of Disability:** Burn Survivors

**Description:** An annual camping experience for children who are current or former patients of the NC Jaycee Burn Center at

**Cost:** Free

**2016 Camp Dates:** May 20-22; August 12-14 for Teen Camp

**Notes:** For more information, contact Michele Barr at (984) 974-1599 or [Michele.barr@unchealth.unc.edu](mailto:Michele.barr@unchealth.unc.edu).

UNC Hospitals. This camp provides opportunities to play, run, laugh, talk and have fun with campers who have had similar experiences. Activities include swimming, canoeing, arts and crafts, fishing, and an annual Sunday family picnic. There is also a teen camp for adolescent burn survivors, ages 13 to 18 who have not graduated high school, at Camp New Hope. Teens ages 16-18 can serve as Counselors-in-Training.

### **Camp Coast**

604 Medical Dr.  
Greenville, NC 27835  
[www.asthmacamps.org](http://www.asthmacamps.org)  
(252) 847-6834

**Type:** Weekend Retreat

**Age:** 7 - 17 +families

**Type of Disability:** Asthma

**Description:** Camp Coast is a medical camping program that serves children with asthma and their families. Activities include canoeing, arts & crafts, hayrides, archery, swimming and more. In addition, medical professionals offer educational sessions to help campers understand asthma and how to control it.

### **Camp Escape**

Drew Steele Center  
1058 South Elm St.  
Greenville, NC 27858

<http://www.greenvillenc.gov/government/recreation-parks/camps/day-camps>

(252) 329-4270

**Type:** Day

**Age:** 5 to 21

**Type of Disability:** Developmental or physical disabilities

**Description:** Each camp is one week long and has a different theme, including art, dance, sports and nature. Please see website for more information about specific activities for each camp.

## **Pitt County**

**Cost:** Free

**2016 Camp Dates:**

April 23-24

**Cost:** \$75 per session (\$60 for the week of July 5-8); Discounted fee of \$50 per session (\$40 for week of July 5-8) for Greenville residents

**2016 Camp Dates:** Various week-long sessions June-August organized by theme, see website for exact dates. Camps are Monday-Friday, 9am-3pm

**Notes:** Greenville Recreation & Parks Department (GRPD) continues to make strides to offer inclusive programming opportunities for individuals with disabilities. During the last four years, GRPD and Easter Seals UCP have partnered to offer inclusive summer camps. These inclusive camps allow individuals with disabilities to participate in a typical day camp. Camp activities are modified to meet the needs of the camper with disabilities. An Inclusion Specialist will work with the camper, as well as camp staff, to ensure the camper excels mentally, physically, and socially. GRPD has experienced growth in our inclusive camps each year and we look forward to continuing this success.

GRPD and Easter Seals UCP have partnered with Trillium Health Resources to expand this program. All camps offered through Greenville Recreation & Parks are open to individuals with and without disabilities. Staff will work with parents to ensure proper accommodations are made for each camper. In an effort to positively impact more individuals, GRPD offers financial assistance to those who qualify. For more information

concerning camps, contact Chasity McCurdy at 252.329.4270 or email at [cmccurdy@greenvillenc.gov](mailto:cmccurdy@greenvillenc.gov).

### **Randolph County**

#### **Keyauwee Program Center**

2574 Sweetbriar Rd.  
Sophia, NC 27350  
<http://www.camplikeagirl.org/>  
(336) 861-1198

**Type:** Day and Overnight

**Age:** Girls 6-17

**Type of Disability:** Inclusive of physical disabilities, mild to moderate developmental disabilities, deaf or hard of hearing, vision impairments and ADHD

**Description:** Keyauwee Program Center, an all-girls camps, is located just south of Greensboro in Randolph county on 350 acres. It is a multipurpose site with a swimming pool and diving well, riding stables with a covered arena, 50-foot Alpine Tower, archery range, sports court, several large playing fields, and a climbing tower.

At Keyauwee, we allow children to enjoy being children! We keep the girls active, busy, and having fun as they climb, swim, ride, and craft their way through their time with us in a safe environment. Being an ACA-accredited camp means parents can rest assured their child will be safe, as they develop their courage, confidence, and character – without even realizing it!

#### **Victory Junction**

4500 Adam's Way  
Randleman, NC 27317  
[www.victoryjunction.org](http://www.victoryjunction.org)  
(336) 498-9055

**Type:** Overnight

**Age:** 6 to 16

**Type of Disability:** Chronic or serious medical condition  
**Description:** The mission of Victory Junction is to provide life-changing camping experiences that are exciting, fun and empowering in a safe and medically-sound environment. During the summer, Victory Junction offers disease-specific sessions with up to 128 children per session.

**Cost:** \$145 to \$1100 per session, depending on length and type (day or overnight). See website for exact prices.

**2016 Camp Dates:** Various week-long sessions in June and July organized by age group and theme, see website for exact dates. Day camps are Monday-Friday, 8:45am-4pm are there are transportation options for these days.

**Notes:** Girls do not have to be a member of the Girl Scouts to attend this camp. Early bird discounts for those who register before March 15. There is an open house on February 28<sup>th</sup> from 2pm-4pm. Come down to Keyauwee to take a tour of camp, check out accommodations, meet the staff and more!

**Cost:** Free

**2016 Camp Dates:** various week-long sessions June-August organized by type of illness; see website for exact dates.

### **Richmond County**

#### **Camp Sertoma**

1296 Mallard Drive  
Ellerbe, NC 28338  
<http://campsertomaclub.org/>

**Cost:** \$25 deposit (additional \$25 late fee if registering after May 15); \$500 per camper (includes deposit)

**2016 Camp Dates:** June 26-July 1

(301) 620-2254

**Type:** Overnight

**Age:** 8 to 16

**Type of Disability:** Deaf and hard of hearing

**Description:** This camp gives those who are deaf and hard of hearing an opportunity to meet and associate with others like themselves, as well as be exposed to positive adult role models who are deaf, hard-of-hearing or hearing in a fun and safe 4-H camp environment. Activities include swimming, outdoor orienteering, archery, arts and crafts, horseback riding, and nature walks; older campers (ages 15 and 16) can enjoy swimming, canoeing, and sleeping under the stars.

**Notes:** Campers are accepted on a first-come first-serve basis; Financial assistance available

### Stokes County

#### **Camp Carolina Trails**

YMCA Camp Hanes

1225 Camp Hanes Road

King, NC 27021

[www.diabetes.org/adacampcarolinatrails](http://www.diabetes.org/adacampcarolinatrails)

(888) 342-2382 ext. 3217 or (919) 743-5400

**Type:** Overnight

**Age:** 7 to 17

**Type of Disability:** Diabetes

**Description:** This camp is designed to give campers the tools they need to lead happy, healthy and balanced lives. Camp activities include sports, swimming, hiking, canoeing and arts & crafts combined with diabetes education and support.

**Cost:** \$700 (includes non-refundable \$100 deposit)

**2016 Camp Dates:** June 12 – June 18

**Notes:** Fee may be waived in cases of financial hardship

#### **Camp Hanes YMCA**

1225 Camp Hanes Road

King, NC 27021

[www.camphanes.org](http://www.camphanes.org)

(336) 983-3131

**Type:** Day and Overnight

**Age:** 6 to 16

**Type of Disability:** Inclusive

**Description:** Nestled at the base of Sauratown Mountain 25 miles north of Winston-Salem, Camp Hanes is a Christian-led camp with staff dedicated to providing an excellent camping experience for all youth regardless of their ability. Camp Hanes offers various camps including day, residential, family, and more; see website for details.

**Cost:** \$175 registration fee; \$179-\$829 per session, depending on camper age and day or overnight camp

**2016 Camp Dates:** Various week-long sessions June-August organized by age, theme and day or overnight session; see website for exact dates.

**Notes:** \$50 discount for YMCA of Northwest North Carolina members and those registering more than one camper; some financial assistance is available through the Open Doors Program (call (336) 983-3131 for more information)

### Swain County

### **Adventure Amputee Camp**

176 Saddleback Ln

Winchester, VA 22602

[www.adventureamputeecamp.org](http://www.adventureamputeecamp.org)

(703) 568-0074

**Type:** Overnight

**Age:** 8 to 17

**Type of Disability:** Missing one or more limb/Has a difference in one or more limbs

**Description:** Held in the mountains of North Carolina, this camp emphasizes outdoor adventure and hands-on learning. Activities include river rafting, high ropes and water skiing as well as bowling, crafts, games, swimming and horseback riding. All activities are modified as necessary to meet the ability and interest level of each camper.

**Cost:** \$25-\$50 per session

**2016 Camp Dates:** July 6-10

**Notes:** Scholarships are available based on family income.

### **Student Adventure Camp (SEE) at Nantahala Outdoor Center**

13077 W Hwy 19

Bryson City, NC 28713

[www.abpfoundation.org](http://www.abpfoundation.org)

(828) 667-9778 x5802

**Type:** Residential

**Age:** Grades 7-12

**Type of Disability:** Blind or severe visual impairment

**Description:** Provided by A Brighter Path Foundation and Industries for the Blind, SEE Adventure is for teens who are blind or have a severe visual impairment, and who are ready to stretch their legs and hit the trail. We plan to hike, raft, climb, swim, and zip in and around the Nantahala Gorge in Western North Carolina. We'll stay in bunkhouses at the Nantahala Outdoor Center, make most of our own meals, and spend some time around the campfire too. Camp instructors include certified Teachers for the Visually Impaired and Orientation & Mobility Specialists, along with a few other adventurous souls.

For more information, or to register for camp, please contact Jay Hardwig at A Brighter Path Foundation: (828) 667-9778x5802 [jhardwig@wsifb.com](mailto:jhardwig@wsifb.com).

**Cost:** Free

**2016 Camp Dates:** June 20-24

## **Transylvania County**

### **Camp Pisgah Girl Scout Camp**

570 Girl Scout Camp Rd.

Brevard, NC 28712

[www.camppisgah.org](http://www.camppisgah.org)

(828) 862-4435

**Type:** Overnight or Day

**Age:** Girls 6 to 17

**Type of Disability:** Inclusive of physical disabilities, mild to moderate developmental disabilities, deaf or hard of hearing, vision impairments, and ADHD.

**Description:** Camp Pisgah is a 160-acre camp nestled in the beautiful mountains of Brevard, North Carolina. It is an all-

**Cost:** \$145 to \$900 per session, depending on lengths and type (day or overnight). See website for exact prices.

**2016 Camp Dates:** Various three, five and six day long sessions June-August, organized by age and theme. See website for exact dates.

**Notes:** Girls do not have to be members of the Girl Scouts to attend this camp. Early bird discounts for

girls camp that prides itself for building girls of courage, confidence and character. We offer day, resident and family camp sessions lasting three, six or 12 days. We have over 60 unique programs for girls ages 6-17 years old, and although we are proudly affiliated with Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont, girls do not have to be registered Girl Scouts to attend Camp Pisgah. Being an ACA-accredited camp means parents can rest assured their child will be safe, as they develop their courage, confidence and character – without even realizing it! Every girl is welcome!

those who register before March 15. Some scholarships are available based on family income

### Wake County

#### **Camp Exploration**

2401 Wade Avenue

Raleigh, NC 27607

<https://www.raleighnc.gov/parks/content/ParksRec/Articles/Programs/SRIS/SummerCamps.html>

(919) 996-2147

**Type:** Day

**Age:** 16-21

**Type of Disability:** All disabilities

**Description:** Activities include fitness, nature and science, music, games, functional economics and arts and crafts designed for campers with various developmental or physical disabilities. Campers will take field trips to enhance their community, leisure and life skills. Camp Exploration is offered at two locations: Marsh Creek Community Center and Saint Monica Teen Center. Hours of operation are 8:00am-5:00pm with a curriculum day of 9:00am-4:00pm Supervised camper-choice activities will be available for arrival and dismissal hours. Camp Exploration operates on a staff-to-participant ratio of 1:3. Day Session campers are required to stay with the group, manage personal care with minimal assistance and follow basic rules of safety and interaction. Campers needing individual assistance for personal care, mobility, safety or behavior support must provide a personal assistant and register for the Personal Assistant Session. Personal Assistants are expected to attend the full camp day with the camper. Participants should bring a lunch and two snacks each day.

**Cost:** \$140 per week except the week of July 5-8 where it will be \$112

**2016 Camp Dates:** Weekly sessions beginning June 20 through the week of August 15. Visit website for full listing.

**Notes:** Some scholarships are available for financial assistance requests made by June 1; contact Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department Business Office at (919) 996-4800 for more information.

#### **Camp Friendly**

2401 Wade Avenue

Raleigh, NC 27607

<https://www.raleighnc.gov/parks/content/ParksRec/Articles/Programs/SRIS/SummerCamps.html>

(919) 996-2147

**Type:** Day

**Age:** 6 to 15

**Type of Disability:** All disabilities

**Description:** Campers participate in games, nature, music and movement, arts and crafts and field trips created for those with various developmental or physical disabilities. Camp Friendly is offered at two locations: Durant Nature Preserve and Carolina Pines Community Center. Hours of operation are

**Cost:** \$140 per week except the week of July 5-8 where it will be \$112

**2016 Camp Dates:** Weekly sessions beginning June 20 through the week of August 15. See website for details. Camp is open Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm.

**Notes:** Some scholarships are available for requests made by June 1; contact Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department Business Office at (919) 996-4800 for information.

8:00am-5:00pm with a curriculum day of 9:00am-4:00pm. Supervised camper-choice activities will be provided for arrival and dismissal hours. All campers must be at least 6 years old by the start date of the camp week for which they are registering. The Day Session has a staff to-participant ratio of 1:3; these campers are required to stay with their group and follow basic rules of safety and interaction. Mini Sessions are available for campers needing occasional individual assistance; an additional counselor is available to the group for each Mini Session camper. Campers who need full-day, 1:1 support must provide a personal assistant and register for the Personal Assistant Session. All participants should bring a lunch and two snacks each day.

### **Camp G.R.A.C.E.**

9216 Baileywick Rd  
Raleigh, NC 27615

[www.ymcatriangle.org/programs-and-services/camps/camp-grace-north-raleigh](http://www.ymcatriangle.org/programs-and-services/camps/camp-grace-north-raleigh)

(919) 848-9622

**Type:** Day

**Age:** 5 to 15 (willing to interview other ages)

**Type of Disability:** Pervasive Developmental Disorders or Autism

**Description:** Camp G.R.A.C.E. (Growth, Recognition, Achievement, Character, Encouragement) offers a typical camp experience filled with opportunities to have fun, grow, learn and make new friends. Camp is organized into alternating two-week sessions: **Social Skills**, which has a 1:3 ratio and is designed for children who do not require one-on-one assistance, and **Building Blocks**, which has a 1:2 ratio to allow for individual attention.

### **Happiness Retreat**

Baptist Convention  
205 Convention Drive  
Cary, NC 27512

[www.ncbaptist.org](http://www.ncbaptist.org)

(800) 395-5102 Ext. 5630 or (919) 459-5630

**Type:** Overnight

**Age:** All ages

**Type of Disability:** Developmental, physical, and hearing impairment.

**Description:** Happiness retreat is a 3 day, 2 night retreat for people with developmental disabilities and delays. Sponsored by the Baptist State Convention of NC, the retreat is set up similar to Vacation Bible School and includes Bible study, puppets, creative movement, pool time, hand bells, worship and a talent show.

**Cost:** \$462 per two-week session for members; \$554 for other non-members

**2016 Camp Dates:** Camp is Monday-Friday, 9am-2:30pm

Session 1: June 20-July 1

Session 2: July 5-July 15

Session 3: July 18-29

Session 4: August 1-12

**Notes:** Some financial assistance is available based on family income

**Cost:** Approximately \$170.00 per person

**2016 Camp Dates:**

Western Happiness Retreat

Hayesville, June 3-4

Happiness Retreat #1

Asheboro, July 29-31

Happiness Retreat #2

Asheboro, July 31-August 2

Happiness Retreat #3

Asheboro, August 3-5

Happiness Retreat #4

Asheboro, August 5-7

## **Out-of-State Camps**

## Maine

### **Camp Sunshine at Sebago Lake**

35 Acadia Way  
Casco, ME 04015  
[www.campsunshine.org](http://www.campsunshine.org)  
(207) 655-3800

**Type:** Overnight

**Age:** Children birth to 18 years old and their families (families accepted on a case-by-case basis)

**Type of Disability:** Children with life threatening illness (cancer, brain tumors, lupus, sickle cell disease, renal disease, bone marrow failure illnesses, etc.)

**Description:** Nestled alongside the shores of beautiful Sebago Lake, Camp Sunshine provides respite, support, joy and hope to children with life-threatening illnesses and their immediate families through various stages of a child's illness. This program gives families the opportunity to rebuild their relationships together and meet other families facing similar challenges.

**Cost:** Free

**2016 Camp Dates:** Various week-long/weekend programs offered year round, organized by type of illness. See website for exact dates.

## Pennsylvania

### **Camp Lee Mar**

805 Redgate Rd.  
Dresher, PA 19025  
[www.leemar.com](http://www.leemar.com)

(215) 658-1708

**Type:** Overnight

**Age:** 7-21

**Type of Disability:** Mild to moderate learning and developmental disabilities.

**Description:** Camp Lee Mar is a seven-week residential summer camp combining traditional camp activities with an Academic and Speech program. Campers enjoy traditional camp activities as well as academics, speech and language therapy, music and art therapy, daily living skills, sensory-motor-perceptual training, and computer skills. There is also therapeutic horseback riding, a zip line and overnight trips. A structured environment, individual attention and guidance are emphasized at all times.

**Cost:** \$10,700

**2016 Camp Dates:** June 25-August 12

**Notes:** In 2015 we launched the L.I.F.E Program (Living Independently Functional Education) which was a huge success. We look forward to expending it in 2016.

## Georgia

### **Camp Breathe Easy**

600 Means St.  
Atlanta, GA 30318  
[www.campbreatheeasy.com](http://www.campbreatheeasy.com)  
(770) 867-6123

**Type:** Overnight

**Age:** 7 to 13

**Type of Disability:** Asthma

**Description:** A 6-day, 5-night camp giving children with asthma the excitement and fun of a traditional summer camp with the advantage of staff who are responsive to their health concerns. Activities include swimming, fishing, archery, canoeing, tennis, ropes course, and arts and crafts. An

**Cost:** \$30 registration fee; \$275 per session

**2016 Camp Dates:** June 5-10

**Notes:** Scholarships are available based on family income.

extensive asthma education curriculum is incorporated into campers' weekly activities.

### **Camp Easter Seals UCP**

900 Camp Easter Seals RD  
New Castle, VA 24127

[www.campeastersealsucp.com](http://www.campeastersealsucp.com)

Mailing address:

201 E. Main Street  
Salem, VA 24153  
(540) 777-7325

**Type:** Overnight

**Age:** 6 to adult

**Type of Disability:** All disabilities

**Description:** Camp Easter Seals Virginia offers several summer sessions for people with disabilities of all ages, as well as a family week. Campers can participate in activities such as canoeing, swimming, sports and games, climbing wall, arts and crafts, horseback riding, performing arts and much more.

### **Camp Holiday Trails**

400 Holiday Trails Lane  
Charlottesville, VA 22903

<http://www.campholidaytrails.org/>

(434) 977-3781

**Type:** Overnight

**Age:** 5 to 17

**Type of Diagnosis:** Various diagnoses including special weeks for Autism, bleeding disorders, burn victims and siblings.

**Description:** Since 1973, Camp Holiday Trails has been committed to providing a positive camp experience for children with special medical needs and chronic illnesses and their families. Campers can enjoy activities such as canoeing, fishing, hiking, archery, arts and crafts, athletics, drama and music.

### **Camp Virginia Jaycee**

2494 Camp Jaycee Road  
Blue Ridge, VA 24064

[www.campvajc.org](http://www.campvajc.org)

(540) 947-2972

**Type:** Overnight

**Age:** 6 to 18+

**Type of Disability:** Autism, Intellectual and developmental disabilities, and Physical Disabilities

## **Virginia**

**Cost:** \$75 registration fee; \$1000 per week, partial scholarships available

**2016 Camp Dates:** Various 12 and 6 day sessions, end of May-August, organized by age; see website for exact dates. Family camp is August 1-6.

**Notes:** Some scholarships are available based on family income to cover a portion of the cost of camp; no full scholarships.

**Cost:** Prices are \$125-\$600 per session; call camp office for more specific information.

**2016 Camp Dates:** Various week-long sessions June-August, organized by age and disability; see website for exact dates.

**Notes:** Some financial assistance is available based on family income

**Cost:** \$825 per session

**2016 Camp Dates:** Various week-long sessions (Sunday-Friday) June-August organized by age; see website for exact dates. Family Camp is June 10-12.

**Description:** Camp Virginia Jaycee is designed to give campers new outdoor experiences that provide opportunities for socialization and recreation. Activities include swimming, arts and crafts, music, sports, dances, hayrides, skit and talent shows, campfire programs, scavenger hunts, puppet shows, singing carnivals and magicians.

**Notes:** Weekend/respice stay is available between sessions for \$275; Financial assistance is available but limited.

### West Virginia

#### **CCFA Camp Oasis**

Camp Tall Timbers  
High View, WV 26808  
<http://www.ccfa.org/get-involved/camp-oasis/find-a-camp/>  
(646) 943-7480

**Type:** Overnight

**Age:** Grades 2 to 10 / LIT's Grades 11-12

**Type of Disability:** Crohn's Disease/Ulcerative Colitis

**Description:** This week-long, co-ed residential camp program enriches the lives of children with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis by providing them with a safe and supportive camp community. Activities include visual and performing arts, land and water sports, ropes course and leadership development programs.

**Cost:** \$400

**2016 Camp Dates:** June 21-25

**Notes:** Scholarships are available to those who qualify.