

2011 Summer Activities for Children With Special Needs



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ADVENTURE AMPUTEE CAMP

www.adventureamputeecamp.org

Where: Nantahala Outdoor Center, 13077 Highway 19 West, Bryson City, NC 28713, by Adventure Amputee Camp, 176 Saddleback Lane, Winchester, Va. 22602

For information 703.568.0064

What: Formerly ACT Kids Camp, river rafting, swimming, storytelling, horseback riding, ropes course, bowling, waterskiing and much more!

Ages: 8-17 years

When: July 7-10, 2011

Cost: Camp is free, \$25 registration fee, \$ 50 registration fee for repeat campers

Applications due in May; Complete application online

ALERT SENSORY CAMP

Where: 1225 E. Weisgarber Rd. Suite 180 South Knoxville, TN 37909

Contact: (865) 584-5558

What: The Alert Program encourages children to learn how their sensory system works and determines their own needs for increased attention, alertness, or calming. Each child identifies his/her own individual strategies as part of the group activities and learns to apply these to situations as they self-advocate for their sensory needs. Additional follow-up for application to school settings is available for each child as needed. For children ages 7 and older.

When: Session 1: June13-17, 9-10:30 AM

Session 2: July 11-15, 9-10:30 AM

Cost: \$725 per week

ARC OF ANDERSON COUNTY

728 Emory Valley Road, Ste. 42 (Street)

P.O. Box 4823 (Mailing)

Oak Ridge, TN 37831

Phone: (865) 481-0550 Web: www.arcaid.org

Camps and/or Summer Programs

AUSTIM SOCIETY OF NORTH CAROLINA

www.autismsociety-nc.org Visit website for further information and camp registration.

CAMP ROYALL

Where: Moncure, NC

Contact: Elsa Berndt (919) 542-1033

What: Overnight camp for individuals with autism ages 4 to adult.

When: June 5 - Aug 12 (Different weeks for different ages and functioning levels)

Cost: Based on sliding fee scale. Need-based scholarships are available.

AYSO VIP SOCCER LEAGUE - It is a non-competitive, fun league for players with special needs.

Contact Kris Williams for more info: ayso275vip@comcast.net or (865) 363-1232

BILL RICE RANCH, INC.

627 Bill Rice Ranch Road, Murfreesboro, TN 37128

Phone(s): (615) 893-2767 or (800) 253-7423

Email: info@billriceranch.org

Web: www.billriceranch.org

Youth who are deaf, ages 9-19 years

Weeklong deaf family camp; six-week summer camp for youth who are deaf.

When: June 12 - July 29

CAMP CAREFREE

www.campcarefree.org

Where: Stokesdale, North Carolina.

Contact: 336-427-0966 or 336-427-6099

What: Free, one-week camp sessions for children ages 6-16 with special health problems or for well children with a seriously ill or disabled sibling or parent. Includes sessions for children with epilepsy and neurological disorders, cancer, spina bifida, hemophilia, sickle cell disease, muscular dystrophy, and more.

When: June 19 - August 12

CAMP CHICKABABA DAY CAMP

Where: Everett Recreation Center- Maryville TN

www.parksrec.com

Contact: (865) 983-9244

What: Arts/crafts, music, games, swimming, ability appropriate field trips

Ages: Disabled persons 6 years and up

Cost: \$75 per week

When: Week 1 - June 27 - July 1

Week 2 - July 5 - July 8

Camp lasts from 9 AM - 1 PM

CAMP CURE - "Bearing it Together"

Where: Karns Recreation Center in Knox County

Contact: East Tennessee Children's Hospital, 865-541-8281

What: Swimming, arts/crafts, sports, games, for children with diabetes. Goal is to provide children with diabetes a fun and safe learning experience for living and coping with diabetes. Campers gain knowledge and develop confidence and independence in caring for their diabetes through shared experiences with other campers. This encourages acceptance of their disease and promotes each child's positive self-image.

Ages: 5-12 years who have diabetes. Activities include swimming, arts & crafts, sports and educational games/activities to help children learn about living with diabetes.

When: July 11th-15th, 2011

CAMP DISCOVERY

2440 Vale Ln. Nashville, TN 37214

Phone: (615) 556-3887

Email: executivedirector@jayceecamp.org

Web: www.jayceecamp.org

Weeklong overnight camp sessions throughout the summer with campgrounds.

When: June 5 - July 22

Where: 400 Camp Discovery Lane Gainesboro, TN 38562

Wheel Chair Accessibility

CAMP EAGLE'S NEST

Where: Camp Wesley Woods in Townsend, TN.

Contact: Children's Hospital (865) 541-8476

What: Patients from Children's Hospital Hematology/Oncology Clinic participate in a one week camp with activities including horseback riding, canoeing, rock climbing, karaoke, etc. Campers interact with camp counselors who are nurses and other clinical staff from Children's Hospital, which provides an opportunity to bond with medical staff outside the hospital.

When: July 31 - August 4, 2011

Cost: No cost

CAMP HORIZON

Where: Camp Lookout in Rising Fawn, GA

What: Swimming, arts/crafts, games, sports

When: August 27-28, 2011

Ages: 6-18 years for children with a physical disability

Cost: Free

Contact: Lindsay Sharpe (423) 322-7989

www.camp-horizon.com

CAMP KOINONIA

www.thecampkoinonia.org

Where: Clyde M York 4-H Training Center, Crossville, TN

Contact: (865) 974-4363 or (865) 974-1288 for more information or to register for next year's program.

What: Week long residential outdoors education program for children ages 7-22 with multiple disabilities. Visit website for further information about this program and other programs and events offered by Camp Koinonia.

When: Camp usually occurs near the end of March. Dates for 2012 have not been decided.

Cost: \$325. Scholarships available.

CELEBRATION CAMP

Where: Camp Wesley Woods, 329 Wesley Woods Road, Townsend, TN 37882, 423-929-9037, Ext. 325

www.campwesleywoods.com

www.holstoncamping.com

What: Crafts, swimming, canoeing, hiking, cooking out, daily worship

Ages: Mildly or moderately mentally challenged young people ages 10-22, campers should be ambulatory and self-sufficient in caring for personal physical needs.

When: July 3-8

Cost: \$385

CHATTANOOGA PARKS AND RECREATION

(423) 697-1345

The City of Chattanooga Therapeutic Recreation Division offers various activities for persons with disabilities, including wheelchair tennis, swimming, soccer, rowing, art, dance and music therapy.

DONALD M. GALLY SUMMER CAMP

Where: Kiwanis Club Fresh Air Camp Prosser Road, Knoxville

Contact: East TN Children's Hospital Rehab. Center at (865) 690-8961

What: Adaptive camp experience for boys and girls who have disabilities. Activities include arts & crafts, swimming and games directed by staff therapists, special education teachers and adaptive recreation specialists.

When: July 11-15 for ages 5-9. July 18-22 for ages 10-14; 8:30-3pm each day

Cost: No cost

DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS GROUP

What: Host family orientated activities such as zoo day and family fun nights.

Contact: (865) 905-2968 or visit <http://www.dsagtn.org> for upcoming events or register to receive newsletter.

EASTER SEAL CAMP

Camp Widjiwagan at 3088 Smith Springs Road Nashville, TN 37013

www.campwidji.org or www.tn.eastersealstn.com

Phone(s): (615) 360-2267

Email: camp@eastersealstn.com

Age: 6 years of age and older

What: 6-Day Summer Camp Experience & Weekend Respite Available

EAST TENNESSEE TECHNOLOGY ACCESS CENTER

<http://www.discoveret.org/ettac/>

Contact: (865) 219-0130

What: The HeartSong Center provides year-round accessible music and art activities to children with disabilities through its programs and those of other organizations in East Tennessee.

FIT ONE OF OOLTEWAH

(423) 238-5999 and <http://www.fitonegym.com>

These programs promote health and fitness for teens ages 13 and up with special needs.

Strength and Cardio Training- Monday- Thursday 3:30 PM- 5:30 PM, \$20 per day

Spin Classes for Youth with Special Needs- Tuesday & Thursday 4:45 - 5:30 p.m, \$10 per day

JONI AND FRIENDS FAMILY RETREAT

<http://www.joniandfriends.org>

Where: Fort Bluff Camp Dayton, TN

Contact: (865) 540-3860

What: This program focuses on extending the Christian ministry to people affected by a disability.

When: Family Retreat is July 7 - 10

Cost: \$325

J.O.Y. SCHOOL

<http://www.firstprescleveland.com/joy.htm>

Where: First Presbyterian of Cleveland, TN.

Contact: Becky Wright at (423) 478-2101

<http://firstprescleveland.com/joy.asp>

What: Non-denominational program for students with cognitive disabilities. Program is for ages 4-21. Activities include physical exercise, music, art, and story time at the library, etc. Children from Cleveland and Bradley County, TN are given priority in this program.

When: June 13- July 22

Cost: \$90 per student for the entire summer. Need-based scholarships are available.

KNOX METRO TOP SOCCER

Contact: (865) 966-4622 or (865) 966-5224 (Farragut Christian Church) to register.

What: Soccer league for physically and mentally challenged player of any age. This program is sponsored by the Smoky Mountain Soccer Club and Farragut Christian Church.

When: Spring & Fall Season. Games occur Saturdays from 10-12pm.

Cost: \$35 per player

KNOXVILLE ADAPTIVE RECREATION CENTER

<http://www.ci.knoxville.tn.us/recreation/centers/adaptive.asp>

Where: 2235 Dandridge Ave. Knoxville

Contact: (865) 525-9080

What: Adaptive swimming and gym activities.

MANE SUPPORT CAMPS

<http://www.manesupport.org>

Where: 2919 Davis Ford Road, Maryville, TN (Serves all surrounding counties)

Contact: Kim Henry at 865-414-0557 for additional schedule and cost information

What: Equine-assisted grief counseling, art, recreation, journaling; for children who have experienced the death of someone they know.

MDA SUMMER CAMP

Where: Camp Discovery Gainesboro, TN 38562

What: Camp for children ages 6 to 17 who have one of the neuromuscular diseases covered by the MDA.

When: June 19 - 25

Cost: No Cost to children who qualify; must be registered with the MDA

Contact: 865.588.1632 or ccrawford@mdausa.org

PEER PLAY CAMP

Where: 1225 E. Weisgarber Rd Suite, 180 South Knoxville, TN 37909

Contact: (865) 584-5558

What: Peer Play matches socially-skilled peers with children with social skills deficits for games, cooking, stories, role play and theory of mind activities with a licensed speech-language pathologist. Peer volunteers receive a gift card for participation (Call for an application). For ages 5-12.

When: June 6 - July 29

Cost: \$264 per week

SOCIAL NETWORKING FOR TEENS CLASS

<http://pstcc.edu/bcs> (Look under Creative Learning for Kids Classes)

Where: 10915 Hardin Valley Rd Knoxville, TN 37932

Contact: (865) 694-6405

What: Do you sometimes lack confidence and feel awkward in certain situations? Do people shy away from you? It may be time to brush up on your social skills. Learn the rules of etiquette at home, school, work, and the web. Topics include communication skills, dining etiquette, behavior in social settings and many others. Learning these inter-personal skills with hands-on training will change your life for the better.

When: June 20 -21, 12-1:30 PM or July 11-12, 12-1:30 PM

Cost: \$65

MIND YOUR MANNERS CAMP

<http://pstcc.edu/bcs> (Look under Creative Learning for Kids Classes)

Where: 10915 Hardin Valley Rd Knoxville, TN 37932

Contact: (865) 694-6405

What: Does your child feel confident? Does he/she have the tools to make friends easily? This class can make a difference! We will use songs and games to learn new skills. This friendly rhythmic approach to learning is fun and effective. We will learn manners for all occasions. Topics will include: better communication skills, telephone manners, table manners, party manners, and more.

When: June 20-21, 2-3:30 PM or July 11-12, 2-3:30 PM

Cost: \$65

PELLISSIPPI STATE CLASSES FOR KIDS

<http://pstcc.edu/bcs> (Look under Creative Learning Classes for Kids)

Where: 10915 Hardin Valley Road Knoxville, TN 37932

Contact: (865) 694-6405

What: Pellissippi offers a variety of classes for kids and teens during the summer including classes on art, drama, digital photography, and more.

SPEECH AND HEARING

<http://www.speechhearing.com>

Where: 600 North Holtzclaw Avenue, Suite 200 Chattanooga, TN 37404

Contact: (423) 629-5899

SUMMER CAMP AND EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR

What: At the Speech and Hearing's Achieve Learning Center. Provides academic reinforcement, thematic curriculum, sign language classes/songs, educational computer games, recreational games and more!

When: Four weeks in June, a week break, & Four weeks in July

Ages: 18 months- 6 years old

Cost: Negotiated during orientation

SPEECH LANGUAGE READING CENTER'S LANGUAGE CAMPS

Where: 1200 Mtn Creek Rd, Suite 380 Chattanooga, TN

Contact: (423) 877-5042 for further schedule and cost information

Speech and language therapy offered through a summer camp experience and focus on the development of language, articulation, fluency reading and/or writing.

STAR ADAPTIVE HORSEBACK RIDING

<http://www.rideatstar.org>

Where: 11800 Highway 11E Lenoir City, TN 37772

Contact: Lynn Petr at (865) 988-4711

What: This program offers therapeutic riding designed to meet the specific needs of each participant. The prescribed program may include grooming, saddling, and learning riding skills or may be passive in nature. With some riders we position them so the movement of the horse can relax tight muscles, increase range of motion, improve trunk stability, and balance.

When: 8-week summer session from June 13- Aug. 15, 2010

Cost: \$280

Class is full, but a waiting list is available

THE TENNESSEE CAMP FOR DIABETIC CHILDREN

<http://www.tncdc.org>

Where: 2622 Lee Pike Soddy, TN 37379

Contact: (615) 804-3399

What: The Tennessee Camp for Diabetic Children (TCDC) is committed to teaching children with Type 1 insulin dependent diabetes how to live a normal and active lifestyle. Activities include swimming at the pool, horseback riding, mountain biking, archery, arts and crafts, canoeing on Lake Chickamauga and camp wide games. TCDC incorporates educational sessions into daily activities by providing fun learning programs geared toward juvenile diabetes management. Using games, hands-on assistance, and videos, campers learn procedures and techniques to use daily for achieving glucose control. TCDC is a two-week residential camp. For ages 9-15.

When: July 17 - 30

Cost: \$650- Covers meals, insulin, blood testing, and other necessities; limited financial aid available

TENNESSEE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Where: TN School for the Deaf, Knoxville, TN

Contact: Steve Farmer at 865-579-2425 (V/TDD) or visit www.tsdeaf.org

What: Recreational summer camps for hard of hearing and deaf students and students with special needs. Various activities include hiking, games, swimming, etc.

When: July 10-15 Junior Camp (5th-8th grade students)
July 17-22 Senior Camp (9th-12 grade students)
July 17-22 Camp Courage (Deaf/Hard of hearing student with one or more disabilities. Students entering grades 7-12 are accepted.
Cost: \$25, Scholarships available if requested

TRAK CAMP

www.parent-childservices.com
Where: 7316 West Emory Rd. Knoxville, TN 37931
Contact: (865) 584-5558
What: Therapeutic riding for enhancing language, social, sensory, motor skills, in conjunction with Therapeutic Riding Academy of Knoxville. For ages 2-18.
Fee: \$882 per 6-week session
When: Session 1: Tuesdays or Thursdays - May 30 - July 8
Session 2: Tuesdays or Thursdays - July 11- Aug 19

TRI-STATE THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER

<http://tristatereinbowriders.com>
Where: Tri State Exhibition Center in Cleveland, TN
Contact: (423) 339-2517 or email at rainbowriders@gmail.com
What: TSTRC is dedicated to providing therapeutic horseback riding activities for individuals who are physically, mentally, or emotionally challenged ages 2 and older. Participants learn riding skills, receive therapy, and enjoy the freedom of movement on horseback. Therapy incorporates activities that will help develop motor skills, improve balance, coordination, and muscle control. In addition, students show marked improvement in self-confidence and social skills Tri-State serves individuals in Hamilton, Bradley, Polk and Whitfield Counties.

YMCA OF EAST TENNESSEE

<http://www.ymcaknoxville.org>
Contact: Mandy Dyer 922-9622
Where: Branches are located throughout Knoxville, TN
What: Day camp for children in kindergarten through age 13 with all abilities. Activities include art & crafts, swimming, field trips and character building stories and games.

YWCA KNOXVILLE SUMMER KIDS IN PLAY CAMP

<http://www.ywca-knox.com/ywca.asp?id=17>
Where: Phyllis Wheatley Center, Knoxville, TN
Contact: 865-546-0651
What: 11-week day camp for children ages 6-13 with all abilities
When: May 31- Aug 12, 2011- 7:30am-5pm each day
Cost: \$70 per CHILD with a \$65 enrollment fee (includes activities, t-shirt, etc). \$40 for second child. Includes the cost of all fieldtrips.

YAP (YOUTH ACTIVITIES PROGRAM) SUMMER CAMP

Sponsored by Amputee Coalition of America

http://www.amputee-coalition.org/youth_camp.html

Where: Joy Outdoor Education Center in Clarksville, Ohio.

Contact: (888) 267-5669 ext 8130 or email yapinfo@amputee-coalition.org

What: Program that provides fun and exciting sports, recreation and social activities for campers.

For Ages 10-17

When: July 23-27, 2011

Cost: No cost

CAMP ZOO-ABILITY

Contact: (423) 697-1345

What: Summer camp at Chattanooga Zoo with the City of Chattanooga Therapeutic Recreation Department. It is a camp designed for special needs children and their siblings. It is a typical summer camp experience offering: swimming, art-n-crafts, games, special guests, behind the scenes with the animals at the Zoo and so much more! The camp is between the hours of 9:00 - 2:00. It is a great week that allows individuals with disabilities to have fun and expand social networks in a safe environment.

When: Camp 1: ages 22 and up May 23-27, 2011

Camp 2: ages 6-11 June 20-24, 2011

Camp 3: ages 12-21 July 11-15, 2011

Cost: \$75. Need-based scholarships are available.

CELIAC CAMP

Where: Camp Wesley Woods- Townsend, TN 37882

What: Camp for children with Celiac Disease and gluten intolerance.

When: July 17-22 for 6-12 graders; July 20- 22 for 2-5 graders

Cost: \$345 for 6-12 graders, \$180 for 2-5 graders

Contact: 423-929-9037

AUTISM SOCIAL SKILLS CAMP

Where: Open Doors Tennessee- Townsend 37882

What: Canoeing, rock climbing wall, horseback riding, archery, swimming & hiking for grades 6-12.

When: June 3-5

Cost: \$150

Contact: 865.548.6963 or Cah37849@aol.com

STUDY SKILLS CAMP

Where: Parent- Child Services Group- Knoxville 37919

What: Learn organizational skills of time management and study space planning, active reading, note-taking, outline and study guide construction

When: July 11-15 (5TH and 6TH grades), August 1-5 (7th and 8th grades); Both Sessions are from 10 AM- 12 PM

Cost: \$400 per session

Contact: 865.584.5558

FAST FOR-WORD CAMP

Where: Parent- Child Services Group- Knoxville 37919

What: Advanced computer technology including language/auditory, sensory, and motor activities.

When: Sessions from May 30- July 8- 1 session is 6 weeks, 5 days a week, 2 hours per day

Cost: \$1998

Contact: 865-584-5558

PEER PLAY CAMP

Where: Parent- Child Services Group- Knoxville 37919

What: Matches socially- skilled peers with children with social skills deficits for games, cooking, stories, role playing and theory of mind activities with speech pathologist. Ages 2-12 years.

When: June 6 - July 29; Children go for 1 hour, 2 times each week for 8 weeks

Cost: \$264

Contact: 865-584-5558

PALS CAMP- PLAYING AND LEARNING SOCIAL SKILLS CAMP

Where: Parent- Child Services Group- Knoxville 37919

What: Joins principles of behavior with social language to teach children with autism (or social skill deficits due to other diagnoses) how to play and communicate with peers.

When: Ages 2-5: June 6-July 1, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 - 10 AM

Ages 6-8: July 11- August 5, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 - 11 AM

Cost: \$600

Contact: 865-584-5558

HANDWRITING WITHOUT TEARS CAMP

What: The Handwriting Without Tears® (HWT) Camp uses a developmentally-based treatment approach to improve pre-writing, printing, and cursive skills. Children learn letter formation and how to eliminate reversals, increase legibility, and improve sentence spacing and cursive connections. HWT uses multi-sensory strategies to incorporate visual, auditory, tactile, and kinesthetic input. Participants meet once weekly for eight weeks. Materials cost approximately \$15 and are determined by the individual needs of each child. Group size is limited. Some insurance plans may apply.

Who: Grades K-4

Cost: \$760.00

When: June 6 - July 29. The specific weekday and time to be determined.

Where: Parent-Child Services Group, Inc., 1225 E. Weisgarber Road, Suite 180 South, Knoxville TN 37909

Contact: 865-584-5558

TEST-TAKING MINICAMP

What: The Test-Taking Minicamp teaches middle and high school students to become better test takers. It increases understanding of the effective listening and learning concepts required by different types of evaluations. It focuses on organizational skills, study techniques, time management, and proven note and test-taking strategies. Participants will also learn the effective reading and memory skills required to become more successful test-takers. Students meet two hours daily for three days. All supplies are included.

Who: Rising 6-12 Graders

Cost: \$300.00

When: 6-8 Graders: July 11-13, 1-3 PM, or August 1-3, 1-3 PM

9-12 Graders: July 18-20, 1-3 PM, or July 25-27, 1-3 PM

Where: The READ Center, 6906 Kingston Pike, Suite 102A, Knoxville TN 37919

Contact: 865-584-5558

KNOXVILLE RECREATION CENTERS

What: Knoxville Parks and Recreation department offers a variety of classes for all ages at recreation centers all over Knoxville. Classes about art, dancing, drama, and more. Some centers also offer groups for children with special needs, including autism social skills groups.

Contact: 865-215-4311 or go to <http://www.ci.knoxville.tn.us/recreation>

CITY OF KNOXVILLE SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

What: A summer day program open to Knoxville residents at each recreation center. The program provides a wide variety of recreational activities each day, including swimming, canoeing, and field trips. Participants are provided with lunch each day.

Ages: 6-12 years old

Cost: \$20 registration fee for the first two children, free thereafter

When: June 4 through July 29

Times: 9 AM - 3 PM, Monday through Friday

Contact: (865) 215-1400 or go to <http://www.ci.knoxville.tn.us/recreation>

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF OAK RIDGE IMAGINATION STATION SUMMER CAMPS

What: Day camps for children from age 3 through 7th grade. Preschool camps include the Rainforest Romp, Dinosaur Diggins, Art Attack, Disney Princess, 'Lil Gardener, and more. Camps for Grades 1 - 3 include Jedi Training Camp, Whimsical World of Fairies, Kids Go Green, Puppet Theatre, Cooking Concoctions, Arts Sampler, and more. Camps for Grades 4 - 7 include Incredible

Edible Art, Wild and Crazy Kids, Minute to Win It, Launch Time, Back to Business, Snappy Photos, and more.

Where: Children's Museum of Oak Ridge, 461 West Outer Drive, Oak Ridge, TN

When: Various dates throughout the summer

Cost: \$125

Register online at <http://childrensmuseumofOakRidge.org/classes-index.html> or Contact (865) 482-1074

Camp Lakey Gap

What: Camp Lakey Gap (CLG) is a uniquely structured environment serving individuals ages 4 to adult on the autism spectrum, regardless of the degree of disability. There will be 7 weeks of overnight camp with each week for a different age group, and two of the seven weeks will be designated for children with high functioning autism.

Where: 222 Fern Way Black Mountain NC 28711

When: June 12-17 (8-13 years), June 19-24 (11-17 years), June 26-July 1 (High Functioning Campers 4-10 years), July 3-8 (8-13 years), July 10-15 (Adults 18 years & up), July 17-22 (4-10 years), July 24-29 (High Functioning Campers 11-17 years)

Cost: \$1500; Scholarships may be available

Register at <http://www.christmount.org/camplakeygap/> or call 828-669-8977