SUMMER RESOURCES
FOR KIDS WITH SOCIAL/LEARNING/PHYSICAL or OTHER DIFFERENCES

Please note that the following resources are NOT recommendations, but are provided as a helpful starting point to your summer exploring.

REMEMBER:
- Call early for specific and updated details
- Pay attention to registration deadlines
- Ask about scholarships
- Let them know about your child’s age, needs and abilities
- Note that some camps have religious programming (indicated by *)

CAMPS & SUMMER PROGRAMS

1. **Ann Arbor Rec & Ed. Programs** (camps, sports, etc.)
AAPS Rec & Ed Summer Camps
http://aarecedsummer.weebly.com

Safety Town

Sally Searls, the manager of Lifelong Learning, works with parents to figure out which camps are the best fit given ratios, content, camp noise level, amount of outdoor vs indoor activity, etc. She can be reached at searls@aaps.k12.mi.us or 994-2300 ext. 53219. (AAPAC recommends having your child’s IEP accommodations ready to provide if necessary.) Staff needs to talk to parents at least four weeks in advance of the camp start day to be able to accomplish this.

2. **Program to Educate All Cyclists**, or **PEAC Bike Program** - summer cycling programs - Ann Arbor, Dexter, and Saline locations
734-484-2758
www.bikeprogram.org or www.info@bikeprogram.org

3. **Jump-In Summer Camp** - motor skills, language, social skills, and sensory processing
10400 Hamburg Rd,
Hamburg, MI 48139
810-231-9042
www.jump-in-products.com

4. **Camp Tall Tree** - camp for children with autism, siblings and explorers (transition focus)
August 17th - 22nd 2015
YMCA Camp Copneconic
10407 North Fenton Rd., Fenton, MI
5. **Great Lakes Educational Group** - math, science, writing, reading camps
152 S. Industrial Dr.
Saline, MI
944-5658
[www.greatlakeseducationalgroup.com](http://www.greatlakeseducationalgroup.com)

6. **Building Bridges Therapy Center** - social skills camps, weekly programs
9357 General Drive Suite 101
Plymouth, MI 48170
734-454-0866
[www.bridgestherapy.com](http://www.bridgestherapy.com)

7. **YMCA** - summer camps
400 W. Washington
Ann Arbor, Mi 48103
734–996–9622
[www.annarborymca.org](http://www.annarborymca.org)

8. **The Friendship Circle**
6892 West Maple road
West Bloomfield, MI 48322
248–788–7878
[www.friendshipcircle.org](http://www.friendshipcircle.org)/summer/

9. **St. Francis Camp on The Lake** *
10120 Murrey
Jerome, MI 49249
517–688–9212
[www.saintfranciscamp.org](http://www.saintfranciscamp.org)

10. **Camp Casey** - camp for children with cancer
333 West 7th Street Suite 230
Royal Oak, MI 48067
877–388–8315
[www.camp-casey.org](http://www.camp-casey.org)

11. **Cran–Hill Ranch** - Friendship camp *
14444 17 Mile Road
Rodney, MI 49342
231–796–7669

12. **The Fowler Center** (outdoor learning & LifeTREX ASD transition camps)
13. **Camp Grace Bentley** (located in Burtchville, Michigan, just north of Port Huron, on Lake Huron)
8250 Lakeshore Rd
Burtchville Township, MI 48059
[http://www.campgracebentley.org](http://www.campgracebentley.org)
313–962–8242

14. **Acorn Buddy Camps**
1309 N. Ballenger, Suite 1
Flint MI 48504
(800) 334–0544
[camps@detroitconference.org](mailto:camps@detroitconference.org)
[http://www.umccamps.org](http://www.umccamps.org)

15. **Living Water Ministries** *
7898 W Stony Lake Rd,
New Era, MI 49446
Office: 231–861–4138 | Fax: 231–861–4377
[www.elcalivingwater.com/summer/summer–programs/#special](http://www.elcalivingwater.com/summer/summer–programs/#special)

Scroll down to see “Specialized programs”, they have programs for Foster children, Autism Friendly and a week for CI campers ages 18+.

16. **Pine Ridge Bible Camp** *
8415 17 Mile Road
Cedar Springs, Mi 49319
616–696–8675

17. **Spring Hill Summer Camp** *
7717 95th Ave
Evart, MI 49631
231–734–2616
[https://www.springhillcamps.com/](https://www.springhillcamps.com/)

18. **Judson Center – Autism Connections**
3840 Packard Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48108
(734) 528–1720 or contact Betty at (734) 528–2003
[http://www.judsoncenter.org](http://www.judsoncenter.org)

The Judson Center Autism Connections Royal Oak runs a summer camp also:
19. **Hornet Camp** for Saline Residents only
http://www.salineschools.org/schools/saline-community-education/

20. **O.U.R. Camp**
SUMMER DAY CAMP FOR CHILDREN WITH DEVELOPMENTAL NEEDS
Northville Christian
41355 Six Mile Road
Northville, MI
questions@ourcamp.org
http://www.ourcampinc.org

21. **The Robot Garage LEGO Camp**
637 South Eton Street
Birmingham, MI, 48009
248–723–9100
https://clients.mindbodyonline.com/classic/home?studioid=17778

22. **Spectrum Therapy Center**
1955 Pauline Blvd Suite 100 C
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
(734) 769–0505
http://a2spectrumtherapy.com/
Summer Social–Communication Groups, ABA Therapy
Contact Mary Burke, MS CCC–SLP, BCBA

23. **Camp Big Heart** – Meri Lou Murray Recreation Center
2960 Washtenaw (entrance off of Platt Rd.)
Ann Arbor, MI
734–971–6355

24. **Dutton Farm**
2270 Dutton Rd., Rochester MI, 48009
Michele Smither 248–421–2628 michele@duttonfarm.org
Jeannete Brown 248.818.0270 jeanette@duttonfarm.org
www.duttonfarm.org/programs/summer-camp/

25. **Far Conservatory for Therapeutic and Performing Arts**
1669 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham, MI 48009
248–646–3347
Pamela Ayers, Director
pamelaayers@farconservatory.org
www.farconservatory.org
Camp Far Out
www.farconservatory.org/our-programs/camp-far-out/
26. **Canton Leisure Services – Therapeutic Recreation**
46000 Summit Parkway
Canton, MI 48188
Therapeutic Recreation Coordinator – Jennifer Girard Jennifer.girard@canton-mi.org
734–394–5460
http://mi-canton.civicplus.com/135/Therapeutic-Recreation
Camp A.B.L.E, – ages 8–14 and Camp Leisure Club – ages 15 & up
http://mi-canton.civicplus.com/497/Summer-Camps

27. **OU Cares – Oakland University Center for Autism**
425C Pawley Hall
2200 N. Squirrel Road
Rochester, MI 48309–4401
(248) 370–2424
oucares@oakland.edu
http://wwwp.oakland.edu/oucares/programs/

28. **Explore Our World Camp** – for visually impaired
Camp Tuhsmeheta
Greenville, MI
10500 Lincoln Lake Rd.48838
https://mdeli.org/blind-visualy-impaired/events/explore-our-world-camp

29. **OUB Camps** – Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind
989–855–2430
support@oubmichigan.org
4175 Westbrook Road
Ionia, MI 48846
http://www.oubmichigan.org/camps-and-events-schedule/

30. **Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind and Visually Impaired**
16625 Grand River Avenue
Detroit, MI 48227
313–272–3900
Mary Beth Kullen at kullen@gdabvi.org.
http://www.gdabvi.org/youth-programs/summer-enrichment-program/

31. **Braille Beats Fine Arts Program**
Bear Lake Camp– Music – visually impaired
www.braillebeats.com
braillebeats@gmail.com or (248) 790–8065

32. **Camp Abilities Sports Camp** – for visually impaired
Wayne State University
Scott McNamara, 586–945–6597
33. **Lions Bear Lake Camp** – sessions for visually impaired and Deaf & hard of hearing
810–245–0726
3409 N. Five Lakes Road
Lapeer, MI 48446

34. [http://www.bridges4kids.org/SummerCamp.html](http://www.bridges4kids.org/SummerCamp.html) – HUGE list of camps

35. [www.mgoblue.com/camps](http://www.mgoblue.com/camps) – sports camps at the U of M

36. KidsCamps.com
Searchable by state and by Special Needs category
http://www.kidscamps.com

37. My Summer Camps (resource website by category; including special needs category)

38. **Pediatric Brain Injury Summer Program at Mott in Ann Arbor:**
The focus of this program is to promote social success, community experiences and study smart skills in children and adolescents with a brain injury. The treatment day may include a combination of individual and group therapies, recreational therapeutic trips and specialized Parent Guidance and Support Group sessions. For more information, contact Diane DeVoogd at ddvoogd@umich.edu

39. **Charge Syndrome** summer scholarship:

40. **The Holley Family Village**
*Creating new worlds for Children and Adults with Deafness, Hearing and Vision Loss*
Summer Programming for Deaf Students and their families
(Inquire with your DHH Teacher Consultants at WISD about possible financial assistance from a fund for deaf students.)
http://www.holleyfv.org

41. **Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living (AACIL)**
Youth Program Calendar: [http://www.annarborcil.org/events/?calmonth=4&calyear=2015&category=4](http://www.annarborcil.org/events/?calmonth=4&calyear=2015&category=4)

42. **ACE Farms** Summer programs
16530 West Austin Rd
Manchester MI 48158
43. **Camp McYack**  
2 day camp for Dynavox/ACC users at Camp McGregor  
6700 Browns Lake Rd  
Jackson MI 49201  
Kary Swiontek MA, CCC–SLP, 517–990–8092  
kary.swiontek@jcisd.org  
http://www.jcisd.org/Page/578

44. **Camp Quality**  
Camping experiences for children with cancer.  
http://www.campqualityusa.org/mi/Get-Involved/Be-a-Camper

45. Kaufman Children’s Center  
6625 Daly Road  
West Bloomfield Township, MI 48322  
(248) 737–3430  
Summer day programs:  
http://www.kidspeech.com/index.php?link_type=events&option=com_content&task=view&id=1100

46. **JUMP–IN Therapy Summer Camp**  
2 week summer day therapy camp  
10400 Hamburg Rd  
PO Box 205  
Hamburg, MI 48139–0205  
810–231–9042  

47. **Camp Chris Williams** – Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth  
Camp Tuhsmeheta  
10500 Lincoln Lake Rd NE  
Greenville, MI 48838  
586–932–6090 campchris@michdhh.org  
http://www.michdhh.org/youth/campchris.html

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**THERAPEUTIC RIDING**

1. Whispering Horsemanship & Heart 2 Heart  
7615 Sylvan Road  
Manchester, MI 48158  
734–428–8876  
https://www.facebook.com/pages/Whispering-Horsemanship-Heart-2-Heart/242227659130020
2. Stepping Stones Therapeutic Riding Inc
620 W. Hurd Rd
Monroe, MI 48162
(734) 241-0195
www.steppingstonesmonroe.org

3. Michigan Abilities Center (MAC) – Ann Arbor
734-622-9500
www.michiganabilitiescenter.org
http://www.michiganabilitiescenter.org/MACForms/MAC%20Programs%202013–Youth.pdf

4. Ride 4 Fun
8957 Austin Road
Saline, Mi 48176
734-944-6651
Website: www.ride4fun.org

5. Therapeutic Riding, Inc.
3425 East Morgan Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48108
(734) 677-0303
therapeuticriding@earthlink.net
www.therapeuticridinginc.org

6. Great Strides
Chelsea, Mich.
greatstrides@earthlink.net.

7 The Right Step
5600 Katz Rd
Grass Lake, MI 49240
www.rightsteptherapy.com

OTHER IDEAS

1. Ann Arbor News – Watch for CAMP CORNER insert for local summer camps

2. Belmark Bowling, Colonial Lanes Bowling Center

3. Swimming Facilities - public pools are Vets Park, Burh Park, Fuller Park. Vets & Buhr have summer swim teams that accommodate kids with special needs

4. Putt–Putt and Go–Karts

5. U of M, EMU, Washtenaw Community College
6. Detroit Zoo, Toledo Zoo

7. Local Museums

8. Henry Ford / Greenfield Village


10. Local Metro Parks: Kensington, Hudson Mills, Rolling Hills

11. Don’t forget to call each other and schedule play-dates. Places like Jungle Java, Bounce Zone and the Park are perfect play-date places!

12. WISD – Michigan Alliance for Families (additional resources for specific dates / events)
   734–994–8100 ext. 1590 or 1–800–552–4821
   www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org/

13. Detroit Institute for Children – for specific services / events
   2075 East West Maple Road Suite B 204
   Walled Lake, MI 48390
   248–926–0909
   https://www.detroitchildren.org


15. Just for Us Club
   Licensed daycare program at High Point School (at the WISD)
   1735 S. Wagner Rd.
   Ann Arbor, Michigan.
   http://justusclub.org/
   734–994–8100

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