

**SUMMER
PROGRAMS
DIRECTORY
2009**

**Residential Summer camps and day programs in Central
Texas and beyond**

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Helpful websites:
acacamps.org
Unitedwaycapitalarea.org/gethelp/

CAMPS	Description
<p>ARCIL Austin Resource Center for Independent Living 825 E. Rundberg Lane, Suite A-1 Austin, TX 78753 (512)832-6349 www.arcil.com</p>	<p>Day Program Arcil provides opportunities for people with disabilities to gain the skills that empower them to live independently. Classes are offered in independent living skills such as money management. Classes are free. Check website for schedule.</p>
<p>Austin Adaptive Sports 1000 East 41 St., Ste. 965 Austin, TX 78751 (512) 451-3637</p>	<p>Day Program A program dedicated to help people of all ages and abilities in fulfilling their athletic dreams through innovation, dedication and determination. Adapts sports, such as track, basketball and tennis for people with physical disabilities. All year round program. Check website for schedule. Ages: 5-adults.</p>
<p>Austin Children's Museum 201 Colorado St. Austin, TX 78701 (512) 472-2499 www.austinkids.org</p>	<p>Day Program Full day camps ages 7-10 and half-day sessions ages 4-6 with field trips and various activities. Please call to see if your child can be accommodated. Ages 4-10</p>
<p>Austin Nature & Science Center 301 Nature Center Dr. Austin, TX 78746 (512) 327-8181 www.ci.austin.tx.us/ansc</p>	<p>Day Program Very active camp offering 1 and 2 week sessions for ages 3-12. Participants must be able to be safe, stay with their group and not be disruptive. 12:1 counselor to camper ratio. Activities include hiking, swimming, caving, canoeing, field trips. Children with special needs accepted on case by case basis. Please call ahead to discuss placing your child in camps.</p>
<p>Austin Parks and Recreation Department 200 S. Lamar Austin, TX 78704 (512) 974-6700 www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks</p>	<p>Day Program Half day and full-day camps available. Each of the 17 recreation centers in town offers summer day camp programs. Staff or interns ready to help with children with disabilities. Please call for the recreation center near you and its programs and discuss the needs of your child. Ages: 3-18</p>
<p>Austin Zoo 10807 Rawhide Trail Austin, TX 78709 (512) 288-1490 www.austinzoo.org</p>	<p>Day Program An education animal park. Wheelchair accessible. A great place for children's parties, school or church groups, family gatherings and company picnics. Please call for more information and to register. They are open to having children with mild disabilities; please ask. Bring own food and drink into zoo.</p>

<p>Camp Brave Heart C/O Hospice Austin 4107 Spicewood Springs Rd. Ste. 100 Austin, TX 78759 (512) 342-4700 www.hospiceaustin.org</p>	<p>Day Program Hospice Austin's Camp Brave Heart is a recreational summer camp for children and adolescents ages 6 through 17 who have experienced the loss of a loved one due to death. Through a variety of creative activities, campers are supported in their exploration of emotional, behavioral and physical adjustments to their loss.</p>
<p>Camp Broncho 5926 Balcones Dr., Suite 100 Austin, Tx 78731 (512) 467-6753 www.texaslung.org</p>	<p>Residential Program Summer asthma camps for children with moderate to severe asthma are held each year in Dallas/Fort Worth, San Antonio, El Paso, Tyler, and Harlingen. The camps provide challenging opportunities in a medically safe and educationally supportive environment to children affected by asthma and who may not otherwise attend summer camps. Activities include swimming, archery, arts & crafts, horseback riding, fishing, and daily asthma education. Scholarships available. Ages: 8-12</p>
<p>Camp C.A.M.P. P.O. Box 27086 San Antonio, TX 78227 (210) 671-5411 Download applications from website www.campcamp.org</p>	<p>Residential Program This camp in the Texas Hill Country provides a wide range of overnight camping experiences for children with special needs who are not eligible for other camps due to severity of the child's condition and their siblings. Offers a wide range of recreational, rehabilitative and respite services for children with developmental disabilities and their families. Six one-week sessions available throughout the summer. Disabilities served: physically and medically disabled, MR or seizure related disabilities, multiple disabilities, and autism and PDD. Please call for more information and applications. Respite weekends during the year are available. One session for adults over 21. Ages: 5-21.</p>
<p>Camp for All 6301 Rehburg Rd Burton, TX 77835 (979) 289-3752 www.campforall.org</p> <p>Admin. Office 10500 NW Frwy, Ste. 220 Houston, TX 77092 (713) 686-5666</p>	<p>Residential Program Camp For All is a unique camping and retreat facility that works in partnership with special needs groups to enrich the lives of people with chronic illnesses and disabilities. Go to their website for a camp focused on a specific disability.</p>
<p>Camp Lone Star 2016 Camp Lone Star Rd LaGrange, TX 78945 (800) 362-2078 www.lomt.com</p>	<p>Residential Program This Christian camp in La Grange has regular camp activities, including archery, canoeing, swimming, hiking and Bible studies, and campfire devotions. They are willing to accept children with mild disabilities but due to rough terrain, please call to see if your child can be accommodated. Also, call for dates. Ages: 5-18</p>

<p>Camp Summit 2915 LBJ Freeway, Ste. 185 Dallas, TX 75234-7607 (972) 484-8900 www.campsummittx.org</p>	<p>Residential Program Camp Summit seeks to enrich the lives of individuals with disabilities by broadening their experiences and improving their social skills while increasing their capacity for independence and providing opportunities to have camp-loads of FUN. For children who are physically challenged, developmentally delayed, dual sensory impaired, multiple disabilities. Ages: 6-Adult.</p>
<p>Camp Sweeney P.O. Box 918 Gainesville, TX 76241 (940) 665-2011 www.campsweeney.org</p>	<p>Residential Program This camp welcomes Children with Juvenile Diabetes. This camp provides medical instruction and recreation activities. Three 3-week sessions and 1 mini session. Ages: 6-18 Located 75 miles NW of Dallas/Ft. Worth.</p>
<p>Camp Xtreme TIRR Sports, Houston (713) 877-0488 www.tirrfoundation.org</p>	<p>Residential Program Youths with physical disabilities are welcome to attend Camp Xtreme held at Camp For All just right outside Brenham, TX. Campers need to be independent and provide their own personal self-care. Please call for cost of camp and more information. Ages: 8-21</p>
<p>Camp Villa Christina Weller Blind Children's Specialist Amarillo Field Office 7120 J 40 West #100 Amarillo, Tx 79106 800-687-7010</p>	<p>Residential Program Camp Villa, sponsored by TX Dept. of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (formally known as the Texas Commission for the Blind), is for youth who are blind or visually impaired. This camp is for DARS/DBS consumers. Call for information. Ages: 12-18</p>
<p>Center for Music Therapy 4106 Marathon Blvd., Ste. C Austin, TX 78756 (512) 472-5016 www.centerformusictherapy.com</p>	<p>Day Program Individual sessions and a variety of groups. Music and More groups (inclusive groups) on Saturday through summer and fall. Also have drumming circles for kids. Early childhood through adulthood.</p>
<p>Clay Madsen Recreation Center 1600 Gattis School Rd Round Rock, TX (512) 341-3383 www.claymadsen.com</p>	<p>Day Program The Summer Fun Youth Adventures Day Camp is for youth with disabilities; Sizzling Summer Teen camp is for teens and adults with disabilities. This program offers daily activities and lots of fun, each related to the weekly theme. Morning and afternoon snacks provided. Campers need to bring a sack lunch, rest mats, and swimwear. Youth Camp ratio is 1:4, Teen Camp ratio is 1:5. Campers must be able to behave and function within this ratio. Information forms must be filled out at time of registration. One week sessions all summer. Ages: 6-12 and 13-21.</p>

<p>Crenshaw's Athletic Club 5000 Fairview Dr. Austin, TX 78731 (512) 453-5551 www.crenshaws.com</p>	<p>Day Program All-day camp and afternoon sports camp offered. Minimum requirements for participation would be the ability to stay with the group and not be disruptive. Thereafter, participation would depend upon the difficulty of the sports. Parents are advised to come by and watch the program to see if it is appropriate for their child. Regular gymnastics and swim lessons also offered. Ages: 5-7; 6-10; 5-11. Also available in Northwest Austin and Westlake.</p>
<p>Crowe's Nest Farm 10300 Taylor Lane Manor, TX 78653 (512) 272-4418 www.crowesnestfarm.org</p>	<p>Day Program Crowe's Nest Farm, Inc. is a private, non-profit educational organization established in 1983 and dedicated to fostering public appreciation, knowledge and wise stewardship of Texas agriculture and Texas wildlife. Summer half-day weekly sessions are offered for campers to experience the outdoors at the farm. Wheelchair accessible. Call for schedule and information and to determine if the camp is able to accommodate your child's special needs. Grades K-5</p>
<p>Dougherty Art Center 1110 Barton Springs Rd. Austin, TX 78704 (512) 397-1458 www.ci.austin.tx.us/dougherty</p>	<p>Residential Program The Dougherty Arts School has award winning programs and provides a variety of multi-disciplinary classes, workshops and camps including painting, drawing, photography, pottery, metals, dance, jewelry, fiber, computer graphics, animation, drama and much more? Students range in age from 3 years old to senior adults. Pre-School; Youth & Preteen; Youth at Arts.</p>
<p>Down Home Ranch 20250 FM 619 Elgin, TX 78621 (888) 926-2253 Contact: Jerry and Judy Horton www.downhomeranch.org</p>	<p>Residential Program Ranch Camp is an innovative camp for children and adults with mental retardation, must be physically and emotionally well. Crafts, nature lore, archery, target practice, fishing, hiking, boating, farm animal care and swimming are the camp's activities. Ages: 13 and up.</p>
<p>Dream of Hopes Ranch, Inc. P.O. Box 26836 Austin, TX 78755 (512) 791-0160 Contact: Laura Stock www.dreamofhopesranch.org</p>	<p>Day Program This camp is for anyone who has mild to moderate mental retardation, who is emotionally and physically well, and whose behavior is within our guidelines. Activities include bowling, swimming, field trips, and crafts. Limited to 10 campers per week. Ages: 8 & up Sessions: Monday – Friday 8am – 6pm</p>

<p>Easter Seals – Central Texas 1611 Headway Circle Bldg 2 Austin, TX 78754 (512) 478-2581 www.centraltx.easterseals.com</p>	<p>Day Program Easter Seals – Central Texas is offering a therapeutic respite day camp called Camp Eskimo for children with special needs ages 5-15 and their siblings. Activities include swimming, crafts, community outings and games adapted to meet the child’s special needs. Space is limited. First come, first served. 3 sessions. Ages: 5-15 Fees: Sliding fee scale (\$30 non refundable deposit is required with registration).</p> <p>NEW—camp for adults 3 in Gonzales, TX. Camping experience for adults with disabilities and their caregivers. Go to Easter Seals website for more information.</p>
<p>Elizabeth Ney Museum 304 E. 44th St. Austin, TX 78751 (512) 458-2255 www.elizabethneymuseum.org</p>	<p>Day Program The museum is partially wheelchair accessible. Self guided tours or guided tours by appointment. Please call for more information.</p>
<p>Extend-A-Care For Kids 55 N. IH 35 Austin, TX 78702-5206 (512) 472-9402 www.eackids.org</p>	<p>Day Program Offers one-week sessions throughout the summer break at Greater Austin Area elementary schools. Activities include swimming, field trips, sports, art, science projects, etc. Breakfast and afternoon snack provided; sliding fee scale. One-week sessions; Full day and part day available. Ages: 5-12</p>
<p>Jewish Community Association of Austin Summer Camps 7300 Hart Lane Austin, TX 78731 (512) 735-8050 www.Shalomaustin.org</p>	<p>Day Program Camp Shalom is for children in grades K-8. Children participate in a variety of fun and educational activities, swimming, sports, arts and crafts, outings, and for older kids, service projects. Camp Shalom provides the opportunity for children with special needs to participate in the camp program. Experienced counselors support campers through appropriate adaptations and individual attention. Work with staff to identify needs and supports to make camp successful.</p>
<p>The Magic Camp (512) 288-1596 www.magiccamp.com www.kent@magiccamp.com</p>	<p>Day Program Camp teaches magic, juggling and puppets for children. Fee includes T-Shirt, snack, and all supplies. Program is eager to meet the needs of any child; please call and discuss your child and his/her special needs. Before and after camp care is available. Scholarships available: attendants free. Five 2-week camp sessions; 9am –3pm; Monday – Friday. Sites around the city of Georgetown.</p>
<p>Marbridge Summer Camp P. O. Box 2250 Manchaca, TX 78652 (512) 282-1144 www.marbridge.org</p>	<p>Residential Program For young men and women ages 16-30 with a variety of developmental disabilities or cognitive challenges must be independent in their basic activities of daily living or in need of minor verbal prompting or cueing. Hiking, nature walks, greenhouse, swimming, socialization and interpersonal skill development.</p>

<p>McBeth Recreation Center 2401 A Columbus Dr. Austin, TX 78746 (512) 974-9011 www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/mcbeth.htm</p>	<p>Day Program McBeth Recreation Center is located in Zilker Park. Facilities include a large multipurpose room, kitchen, craft room, game room, activity/computer room, playscape, and outdoor picnic areas. This fully accessible facility offers adapted and inclusive recreation programs throughout the year. Staff to participant ratios vary from 1:4 to 1:10 depending on type of program and special needs of participants. Participants will take part in various activities. Pre-registration is required. Scholarships may be available. Please call for more information. Programs for ages 7-21 and 22 and up. Full days, half days and sports camp.</p>
<p>Muscular Dystrophy Association 9430 Research Blvd Eschelon Bldg #2 #300 Austin, TX 78759 (512) 691-0065 www.mdaua.org</p>	<p>Residential Program A one week camp in Bruceville at Green Family Camp will be offered this summer. Any child with at least one of the 43 neuromuscular diseases served by MDA is eligible. This is an overnight camp that will provide at least one doctor and two nurses on site. There will be a 1:1 ratio with a volunteer. Please call to receive more information. Ages: 6-21; Fees: No Cost.</p>
<p>Odyssey School 4407 Red River Austin, TX 78751 (512) 472-2262 www.odysseyschool.com</p>	<p>Day Program Remedial and enrichment courses, open to students in grades 4-8 with learning differences. Excellent way to maintain skills over the summer. Grades: 4 – high school</p>
<p>Open my World Therapeutic Riding Center 1020 CR 270 Leander, TX 78641 (512) 259-6665 www.openmyworld.org</p>	<p>Day Program Improve the quality of life of children with special needs including physical and emotional handicapping conditions. Provide a safe and structured riding program, encourage personal achievement and increase their self-esteem. Ages 5-14</p>
<p>Scottish Rite Learning Center 12871 Research Blvd Austin, TX 78750 (512) 472-1231 www.scottishritelearningcenter.org</p>	<p>Day Program The summer program is 3 2-week sessions for students with Dyslexia, to maintain, enrich, and deepen understanding of concepts for the fall semester. Ages: 5-13.</p>
<p>Sea Camp Texas A&M University at Galveston P.O. Box 1675 Galveston, TX 77553-1675 (409) 740-4525 www.tamug.edu/seacamp</p>	<p>Residential Program A hands on marine adventure. Founded in 1986, Sea Camp has opened up the world of marine biology to over 10,000 campers. This weeklong camp explores the wonders of the marine environment of the Galveston Island area. This camp is open to having children with special needs participate, but due to the nature of the activities, please call to discuss your child's individual needs and whether the camp can accommodate them. Ages: 10-18.</p>
<p>South Austin Karate 10203 Old Manchaca Rd. Austin, TX 78748 (512) 280-0611 www.southaustinkarate.com</p>	<p>Day Program Karate to children. Please call for dates, prices and additional information. Martial Arts training plus swimming, arts and crafts, CPR, First Aid, other safety topics, games, etc. Sessions: summer camp and evening classes. Ages: 5+</p>

<p>Special Olympics – AISD Contact: Karl Cooks Delco Center Kcooks@austinisd.org (512) 841-8334 www.austinisd.org From website, go to Academics and then to Special Olympics</p>	<p>Special Olympics Texas is a year-round movement that provides sports training and competition opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities. Contact the AISD Special Olympics coordinator.</p>
<p>Spectrum Social & Recreation Services 1509 W. North Loop Blvd. Austin, TX 78756 (512) 524-5482 www.spectrumsocial.net</p>	<p>Day Program Social Skills Classes for students with Autism Spectrum disorders and other social-communication challenges</p>
<p>Star Ranch 149 Camp Scenic Loop Road Ingram, TX 78025 (830) 367-4868 ext. 328 www.starranch.org</p>	<p>Residential Program A Christian educational camp for children ages 7-18 with learning, disabilities, ADD/ADHD, and emotional disorders and behavioral concerns. Located in the Texas Hill Country near Kerrville. 40 students per session.</p>
<p>Summer Camps at Community Schools (512) 414-0371 www.communityeducation.org</p>	<p>Day Program Full day camp with weekly themes and traditional camp activities. Call to see what is offered to determine whether the program can accommodate and meet the needs of your child. Grades 1-6</p>
<p>Sunshine Camp PO Box 684980 Austin, TX 78768 (512) 472-8107 Contact: Margaret Marucci www.sunshinecamps.org</p>	<p>Residential Program The Austin Sunshine Camp offers programs benefiting over 700 Austin area at-risk children annually. Camps provide a 5-day overnight summer camp experience. Camps are not set up for kids in wheelchairs. Applications available through school counselors. Cases will be determined on an individual basis. Please call for further information. Fees: No Cost; Ages: 7-11.</p>
<p>St. David's Wheelchair Sports and Fitness Program 1000 East 41st St. #965 Austin, TX 78750 Contact: Larry Turner (512) 451-3637</p>	<p>Day Program Youths with physical disabilities are welcome to attend St. David's Wheelchair Sports and Fitness Programs. Open 10 am – 7 pm M-Fri</p>
<p>Texas Elks Camp Rt. 5, Box 185 Gonzales, TX 78629 (830) 875-2425 www.texaselkscamp.org</p>	<p>Residential Program Texas Elks Camp provides camp opportunities for any child with a disability not requiring one-to-one care who is a resident of Texas. Offers swimming, fishing, horseback, team building, etc. No charge. Ages 7-15</p>

<p>Texas Lions Camp P.O. Box 290247 Kerrville, TX 78029 (830) 896-8500 www.lionscamp.com</p>	<p>Residential Program Residential camping facility for children with physical handicaps, type 1 diabetes and cancer. The camp is located on over 500 acres in Texas Hill Country. Each week is designed for fun, exploration and challenge, swimming, riding, arts & crafts and much more. All children must be residents of Texas and have a Lions sponsor. Any Lion in your area can do this; just get in touch with one or call the camp for the name of a Lion near you. Most disabilities served, prefer 70+IQ, but depends on the child. Please call for more information.</p>
<p>Texas School for the Deaf Summer Programs 1102 S. Congress Austin, Tx 78704 (512) 462-5353 with TTY 1-800-332-3873 www.tsd.state.tx.us</p>	<p>Residential Program Several types of camps including early childhood education, adventures in learning, drivers ed, high school and family weekend retreat. Pre-school through high school.</p>
<p>Traditional Martial Arts Academy 1503 Morgan Lane Austin, TX 78704 512-535-4404 www.TraditionalMartialArtsAcademy.com</p>	<p>Day Program Martial arts for special needs children. Life skills and community-based activities integrated into martial arts curriculum. Special needs classes designed with slower pacing. Ages: 6 and up</p>
<p>VSA Arts of Texas Arts Summer Camp April Sullivan 3710 Cedar Street #7 Austin, TX 78705 (512) 454-9912 www.vsatx.org</p>	<p>Day Program Check website to see what programs are currently being offered. Programs include music, visual arts and performing arts.</p>
<p>YMCA Camp Flaming Arrow P.O. Box 770 Hunt, TX 78024 (800) 765-9622 www.campflamingarrow.org</p>	<p>Residential Program ACA accredited camp. Camp is not wheelchair accessible. Special needs accepted on a case-by-case basis. Primarily able to serve children with learning disabilities, but depends on the child. Resident RN on site. Please call for more information and an application. Ages: 6-16</p>
<p>YMCA of Austin www.austinyymca.org</p> <p>YMCA Greater Williamson County www.ymcagwc.org</p>	<p>Day Program Day camp features a theme every week including swimming, games, sports, crafts and field trips. One-week sessions; Ages: 4-15. Located at centers all over the city.</p>
<p>Helpful Websites</p>	<p>www.acacamps.org Unitedwaycapitalarea.org/gethelp/2006SummerCampDirectory.pdf</p>