# Camps for Individuals with Special Needs

Search for camps by disability/special populations: [http://find.acacamps.org/](http://find.acacamps.org/)

Discover Camp: Considerations for sending your child with a disability to camp for the first time: [http://www.nchpad.org/discover/index-2.html](http://www.nchpad.org/discover/index-2.html)

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<td>2015 Arc Adventure Camp</td>
<td>Frisco and Rockwall</td>
<td>5-21 yrs</td>
<td>Campers engage in crafts, games, swim outings, and fieldtrips to area attractions, with Arc's professional staff at a ratio of 1 staff to 4 campers plus volunteers</td>
<td><a href="mailto:camp@arcDallas.org">camp@arcDallas.org</a>&lt;br&gt;<a href="http://arcDallas.org/index.php/what-we-do/client-services/summer-camps">http://arcDallas.org/index.php/what-we-do/client-services/summer-camps</a></td>
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<td>2015 iLead Camp</td>
<td>Richardson</td>
<td>Middl e-High School</td>
<td>The Arc's acclaimed Leadership Institute camp is a self-image booster that promotes self-advocacy and citizenship.</td>
<td><a href="mailto:camp@arcDallas.org">camp@arcDallas.org</a>&lt;br&gt;<a href="http://arcDallas.org/index.php/what-we-do/client-services/summer-camps">http://arcDallas.org/index.php/what-we-do/client-services/summer-camps</a></td>
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<td>Arc Days</td>
<td>Desoto, Frisco, Garland and Plano.</td>
<td>15+</td>
<td>The Arc's year-round day habilitation program offers a fun summer program that includes technology and group outings.</td>
<td><a href="mailto:camp@arcDallas.org">camp@arcDallas.org</a>&lt;br&gt;<a href="http://arcDallas.org/index.php/what-we-do/client-services/summer-camps">http://arcDallas.org/index.php/what-we-do/client-services/summer-camps</a></td>
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<td>ARC of Greater Tarrant County</td>
<td>Ft. Worth</td>
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<td>Educational, skill-building, recreational, social and self-advocacy programs for adults with IDD</td>
<td><a href="http://www.Arcgtc.org">www.Arcgtc.org</a></td>
<td>Liz De La Sancha, Adult Services Coordinator 817-877-1474</td>
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<td>Brett Woodall Foundation for Exceptional Children</td>
<td>Irving</td>
<td>Birth - 12</td>
<td>The Brent Woodall Foundation is a 501(c)3 charitable, nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering families of children with Autism and developmental disabilities. The Foundation’s focus is to raise Autism awareness and to further provide education, training, and financial support to families with children that have autism. The Brent Woodall Foundation works with children from birth to 12 years of age either diagnosed with or showing signs of Autism.</td>
<td><a href="http://woodallkids.org/programs/summer-camp/">http://woodallkids.org/programs/summer-camp/</a></td>
<td><a href="mailto:info@woodallkids.org">info@woodallkids.org</a>&lt;br&gt;972-756-9170</td>
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<td>Camp Barnabas</td>
<td>Purdy, MO</td>
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<td>Camp Barnabas exists to provide life-changing opportunities to people with special needs in a Christian camp setting. Each session is listed on the website. Camp Barnabas knows that illness and physical/mental challenges affect the whole family, so we have a special program just for siblings. Siblings are housed with other same age sibling campers and spend their week with fun, challenging activities. The costs are the same for the siblings, and the parents get a “kid free” vacation during camp.</td>
<td><a href="http://www.campbarnabas.org">www.campbarnabas.org</a></td>
<td>Sandy Smith&lt;br&gt;<a href="mailto:kelli@campbarnabas.org">kelli@campbarnabas.org</a>&lt;br&gt;417-708-5298</td>
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<td>Camp Blessing</td>
<td>Garrison, TX/New Caney, TX</td>
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<td>Camp Blessing is a nondenominational Christian summer camp for children with special medical, physical and developmental disabilities and their siblings. Two sessions at Hill Top Camp in Garrison, TX. 217 Hilltop Rd, Garrison, TX 75946. Six sessions at Camp Holy Wild in New, Caney TX.</td>
<td><a href="http://www.Campblessing.org">www.Campblessing.org</a></td>
<td><a href="mailto:director@campblessing.org">director@campblessing.org</a>&lt;br&gt;p. 281.259.5789&lt;br&gt;fax 823.203.4417&lt;br&gt;c. 713.724.0021</td>
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<td>CAMP</td>
<td>515 Skyline Drive Center Point, TX 78010</td>
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<td>CAMP serves individuals with mild to severe disabilities with diagnoses such as Autism Spectrum Disorder, Intellectual Disability, Down syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida, visual impairments, and hearing impairments. CAMP also serves the siblings of our CAMPer’s in the summer and offer Respite Club programs.</td>
<td><a href="http://www.campcamp.org">www.campcamp.org</a></td>
<td>210-671-5411</td>
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<td>Camp Carter, Can-Do</td>
<td>Ft. Worth</td>
<td>6-12</td>
<td>Camp Can-Do is specifically designed for blind and visually impaired children aged 6-12. It has been successfully running for 12 summers. Camp Can-Do prides itself on allowing campers to have a full Camp Carter experience like any other child! Activities include specially designed interactive hiking trails, swimming, canoeing, skeet shooting, riflery and the giant swing... oh and horses too!</td>
<td><a href="http://www.ymcafw.org/Locations/Camp_Carter/Summer_Camp/Camp_Can-Do/Camp_Can-Do.aspx">http://www.ymcafw.org/Locations/Camp_Carter/Summer_Camp/Camp_Can-Do/Camp_Can-Do.aspx</a></td>
<td>David Hagel&lt;br&gt;<a href="mailto:dhagel@ymcafw.org">dhagel@ymcafw.org</a>&lt;br&gt;817-738-9241</td>
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<td>Camp Carter, Camp Discovery</td>
<td>Ft. Worth</td>
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<td>Our focus is to provide a safe environment where children with ADD/ADHD can interact with peers, promote social skills, enhance positive self-esteem, learn new coping skills and above all HAVE FUN!</td>
<td><a href="http://www.cookchildrens.org/ForPatientsFamilies/Programs/Camps/campdiscovery/Pages/Camp%20Discovery.aspx">http://www.cookchildrens.org/ForPatientsFamilies/Programs/Camps/campdiscovery/Pages/Camp%20Discovery.aspx</a></td>
<td>For info and application – call 682-885-7592.</td>
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<td>Camp El Tesoro</td>
<td>Granbury</td>
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<td>Camp Fire Camp El Tesoro includes four campers per week with mild intellectual or developmental disabilities. Children with disabilities are included in cabin groups and camp activities. They are given a “camp buddy” (an Inclusion Counselor with special training) to assist when needed and will be within close proximity of the camper at all times so they may fully enjoy camp. Programs and schedules are adjusted on a child-by-child basis to better fit their needs. Some need a cabin buddy with them at all times, while others do not require that level of assistance while participating in activities.</td>
<td><a href="http://www.campfirefw.org/camp-el-tesoro---inclusion-program/">http://www.campfirefw.org/camp-el-tesoro---inclusion-program/</a></td>
<td>Tanner Rohne, Camp Director <a href="mailto:Tanner@CampFireFW.org">Tanner@CampFireFW.org</a> 817-806-5452</td>
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<td>Camp For All</td>
<td>Burton</td>
<td>Children and adults</td>
<td>Camp For All hosts campers with cancer, autism, muscular dystrophy, epilepsy, autism, severe burns, sickle cell, cerebral palsy, cognitive challenges, cardiac issues, spinal cord injuries, PKU, neurofibromatosis, HIV, dermatological issues, veterans with post war challenges and so much more. Most of the children and adults come from the greater Houston area and southeast Texas, but several of the camps draw nationally and internationally. Camp For All is the host site for 63 different non-profit camps. They bring the campers, medical staff and &quot;in cabin&quot; counselors. You can find an organization that offers a camp that fits your needs and partners with Camp For All on their website.</td>
<td><a href="http://campforall.org/find-camp/">http://campforall.org/find-camp/</a></td>
<td>Houston Office: <a href="http://campforall.org/find-camp/">713-686-5666 Houstonoffice@campforall.org</a></td>
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<td>Camp Friendship</td>
<td>Plano</td>
<td>7+</td>
<td>A social day camp for children ages 7+ and teens with Asperger Syndrome, PDD, High Functioning Autism, ADHD, CAPD and other challenges that make socialization difficult. Camp Friendship offers kids a fun environment for developing and practicing the skills required for meaningful friendships and social interaction.</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:googahly@aol.com">googahly@aol.com</a> 972-633-8244</td>
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<td>Camp John Marc</td>
<td>Meridian</td>
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<td>Camp John Marc partners with community and health professionals and organizations to provide high quality camping experiences year round to campers who have a chronic illness or physical disability. These experiences are motivated by the belief that every camper has the right to</td>
<td><a href="http://www.Campjohnmarc.org">www.Campjohnmarc.org</a></td>
<td>Management Office (M-F 9-5 all year) 2929 Carlisle Street, Suite 355, Dallas, TX 75204</td>
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<td>Camp Summit</td>
<td>Argyle</td>
<td>6+</td>
<td>Provides a barrier-free outdoor experience that fosters independence for children and adults with disabilities. Camp Summit offers week long camp sessions during the summer and fall months and spring break, and weekend sessions and respite days in the fall and spring seasons, and family days. Campers are offered a wide variety of traditional camp activities in our barrier-free environment.</td>
<td>campsomittx.org</td>
<td>214-360-0056</td>
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<td>Camp Rainbow-TX</td>
<td>Pinehurst</td>
<td>4-17</td>
<td>Camp for children with type 1 diabetes and their siblings. This day program has some financial assistance, and there are discounts. It is a weekday program with arts and crafts, canoeing, fishing, and swimming.</td>
<td><a href="http://www.diabetes.org">www.diabetes.org</a></td>
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<td><a href="mailto:clieber@diabetes.org">clieber@diabetes.org</a></td>
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<td>Charis Hills</td>
<td>498 Faulkner Rd. Sunset, TX 76270</td>
<td>4-17</td>
<td>Charis Hills is a Christian Summer Camp for kids with learning differences and social difficulties such as ADD, ADHD, High-Functioning Autism, Asperger’s disorder, and other special needs. Charis Hills also offers weekend family camps during the fall and spring for kids with learning differences and their whole family.</td>
<td><a href="http://www.charishills.org">www.charishills.org</a></td>
<td><a href="mailto:info@charishills.org">info@charishills.org</a></td>
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<td>City of Dallas Bachman</td>
<td>Dallas Bachman</td>
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<td>Offers a variety of summer camps for youth with disabilities and adult therapeutic day programming</td>
<td><a href="http://www.dallasparks.org/Facilities/Facility/Details/Bachman-Recreation-Center-362">http://www.dallasparks.org/Facilities/Facility/Details/Bachman-Recreation-Center-362</a></td>
<td><a href="mailto:bachmanrc@dallascityhall.com">bachmanrc@dallascityhall.com</a></td>
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<td>City of Irving Adult</td>
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<td>18+</td>
<td>Our goal is to provide a recreation program designed for ages 18 and older with mental and/or physical disabilities. The program was created for adults who require moderate staff assistance and instruction with leisure activities and physical fitness. Daily activities teach social and recreational skills and provide learning opportunities which promote a healthy independent lifestyle. The program hopes to improve the quality of life for this special population. Summer Hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost for the 8-week summer session is $175, and includes one field trip each week.</td>
<td><a href="http://cityofirving.org/814/Therapeutic-Recreation-Programs">http://cityofirving.org/814/Therapeutic-Recreation-Programs</a></td>
<td>214-670-6266</td>
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<td>City of Southlake Therapeutic Recreation Program</td>
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<td>Therapeutic Recreation (T.R.) provides recreation and leisure opportunities to persons with physical/mental illnesses or disabling conditions. Our T.R. service philosophy is to encourage people of all abilities to engage in a more active lifestyle through community recreation. Our goal is to provide positive recreation and leisure experiences through adapted, inclusive and community integration programs.</td>
<td><a href="http://www.cityofsouthlake.com/index.aspx?NID=1268">http://www.cityofsouthlake.com/index.aspx?NID=1268</a></td>
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<td>The Clubhouse for Special Needs</td>
<td>Bedford</td>
<td>13-22</td>
<td>A year-round social and recreational program with individuals with special needs ages 13-22. Summer program runs from 8 am - 6:30 pm M-F</td>
<td><a href="http://theclubhouse.org/index.html">http://theclubhouse.org/index.html</a></td>
<td><a href="mailto:director@theclubhouse.org">director@theclubhouse.org</a></td>
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<td>817-285-0885</td>
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<td>Come Read with Me</td>
<td>Euless</td>
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<td>We are a nonprofit life-long, year-round learning and therapeutic center for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The organization strives to support the participants’ long-term cognitive strengths through life-long learning.</td>
<td><a href="http://www.comereadwithme.us">http://www.comereadwithme.us</a></td>
<td><a href="mailto:gillian.edwards@comereadwithme.us">gillian.edwards@comereadwithme.us</a></td>
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<td>Dallas Museum of Art</td>
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<td>Hands on Art for Children with Autism June 15-19, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, ages 7-12</td>
<td><a href="https://www.dma.org/programs/event/summer-art-camp-hands-art-children-autism-0">https://www.dma.org/programs/event/summer-art-camp-hands-art-children-autism-0</a></td>
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<td>Deer Creek Adventure Camp</td>
<td>Medina</td>
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<td>Friends Week: August 3-8This week of camp is designed and set aside for children and adults with special needs. These campers will have the opportunity to participate in</td>
<td><a href="http://deercreekcamp.com/summer-camps/friendsweek/">http://deercreekcamp.com/summer-camps/friendsweek/</a></td>
<td><a href="mailto:Matt@DeerCreekCamp.com">Matt@DeerCreekCamp.com</a></td>
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<td>First Methodist Mansfield-Special Needs Vacation Bible Camp</td>
<td>Mansfield</td>
<td>5-12</td>
<td>June 15-18. Both morning (9:00 am - 12:00pm) and evening classes (6:00 pm - 8:00 pm) are available for special needs children age 5-12, following the same rotation and curriculum as the other VBC classes, including music, Bible story time, recreation and snack. You do not need to be a member of the church to participate.</td>
<td><a href="http://www.firstmethodistmansfield.org/ministries/children/special-needs/">http://www.firstmethodistmansfield.org/ministries/children/special-needs/</a></td>
<td><a href="mailto:amandaf@fmcm.org">amandaf@fmcm.org</a></td>
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<td>First United Methodist H.E.R.O.E.S.</td>
<td>Richardson</td>
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<td>Programs are designed for early childhood through young adults with a focus on vocation, social skills, communication &amp; recreation and leisure. Younger groups have the opportunity to work on calendar, weather, functional math, and reading for all abilities. Older students look into community for an instructional focus on real life applications. Other activities may include swimming, using the DART system (older children) practice skills in the community (restaurants, movies and more). Increasing appropriate communication and friendship skills will be embedded throughout the entire day. Summer Schedule: 9 am - 4 pm, at First United Methodist Church of Richardson. Extended care offered. Camp fills up fast! Scholarships are available.</td>
<td><a href="http://www.heroesdfw.org/home.html">http://www.heroesdfw.org/home.html</a></td>
<td>214-924-5768 <a href="mailto:info@heroesdfw.org">info@heroesdfw.org</a></td>
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<td>F.O.C.U.S. Summer Camp</td>
<td>Plano</td>
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<td>Offers a summer camp experience for children with autism. We offer a summer camp experience for our students that is fun, memorable, and effective in helping them maintain and develop critical skills during the summer months. Our summer operating hours are from 9:00am to 3:00pm, Monday through Friday.</td>
<td><a href="http://www.focussped.com">www.focussped.com</a></td>
<td>972-599-1400</td>
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<td>iCan Bike</td>
<td>Arlington &amp; Richardson</td>
<td>8+</td>
<td>We understand that the vast majority of people with disabilities never have the experience of independently riding a conventional two-wheel bicycle during their lifetime. Defying these odds is why we exist! Come learn to</td>
<td>Arlington: <a href="http://icanshine.org/icancycle-7bicycle-arlington-tx/">http://icanshine.org/icancycle-7bicycle-arlington-tx/</a></td>
<td>Arlington: <a href="mailto:elizabeth@dspbnt.org">elizabeth@ dspnt.org</a> or call 817-845-3626</td>
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<td>ride!</td>
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<td>Riders must be 8 years and older. Arlington: June 15-19, University of Texas at Arlington, 500 W. Nedderman Dr. Arlington Richardson: August 10-14, University of Texas at Dallas 800 West Campbell Rd. Richardson, TX 75080</td>
<td>Richardson: <a href="http://icanshine.org/richardson-tx/">http://icanshine.org/richardson-tx/</a></td>
<td>Richardson: Jennifer Ford <a href="mailto:jennifer@downsyndromedallas.org">jennifer@downsyndromedallas.org</a> or call 214-267-1374.</td>
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<td>Joni and Friends Family Retreats</td>
<td>Camp Allen Retreat &amp; Conference Center, Navasota, TX</td>
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<td>A week of vacation geared toward strengthening and refreshing families living with disability. Special learning opportunities from workshops on a variety of topics such as managing disability in the family and marriage enrichment. Activities include: fishing, swimming, ping pong, hiking, basketball, tennis, shopping, or taking a much needed nap. For more information, please call</td>
<td><a href="http://www.jonifriends.org">www.jonifriends.org</a></td>
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<td>LifePoint</td>
<td>Mansfield</td>
<td>18-29</td>
<td>LifePoint provides a safe environment for individuals of all special needs to receive socialization, training and education so they may be recognized as valuable members of the community. LifePoint provides year-round programming for individuals 18-29 years of age. Programs include group therapies (music, art, horseback riding), community activities, and structured labs (reading/math, computer, life skills)</td>
<td><a href="http://www.lifepointinc.org/index.html">http://www.lifepointinc.org/index.html</a></td>
<td>817-473-7125</td>
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<td>Marbridge Summer Camp</td>
<td>Manchaca, Texas 78652</td>
<td>Ages: 16-30</td>
<td>For young men and women with a variety of developmental disabilities and cognitive challenges. Campers 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 skills development.</td>
<td><a href="http://www.marbridge.org/summer-camp">http://www.marbridge.org/summer-camp</a></td>
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<td>Peaceable Kingdom Retreat</td>
<td>Killeen, TX</td>
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<td>The Summer Camp Program encourages children with chronic illness or disability to participate in one of 12 week-long, diagnosis specific camps (including Prader-Willi syndrome) by arrangement with their hospital or professional organization. It encourages physical</td>
<td><a href="http://www.varietytexas.org/pkrc/camp/">www.varietytexas.org/pkrc/camp/</a></td>
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<td>REACH- Resource Centers of Independent Living Summer Camp</td>
<td>Ft. Worth-</td>
<td>13-22</td>
<td>This camp is for any young person with a disability, who is between the ages of 13-22 years old. Attendant care will not be provided. June 22- 26, 11:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at REACH of Fort Worth office, 1000 Macon Street, Suite 200, Ft. Worth, TX 76102. Please call to see if your teen qualifies by June 18, 2015. SEATING IS LIMITED!!!</td>
<td><a href="http://www.reachcils.org">www.reachcils.org</a></td>
<td>Miaka Palmer mpalmer@reachcils .org 817-870-9082</td>
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<td>Starla Center Special Needs Summer Camp</td>
<td>Keller</td>
<td>9+</td>
<td>Starla Center is a community campus in Keller for people with special needs to experience life after high school. Our Goal: Develop the skills needed for a successful adult life. Summer camp runs from 9 am - 4 pm with additional fees for before and after care</td>
<td><a href="http://www.starlacenter">http://www.starlacenter</a> .org</td>
<td>stellagola@starlace nter.org 817-337-8200</td>
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<td>Summer Events for Exceptional Kampers (SEEK)</td>
<td>2 camps in Bridgeport and 3 camps near Lake Texoma</td>
<td>9+</td>
<td>SEEK is for children and adults with cognitive, orthopedic, visual, hearing impairments, or emotional disabilities. Five camps are offered per session are offered each summer. Ages are 9-14, 15-22, 23-30, 30 and older, and 21 and older living in a group home. The camp is sponsored by the Methodist church, though it is non-denominational.</td>
<td><a href="http://www.Seekcamp.org">www.Seekcamp.org</a></td>
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<td>Texas Elks Camp</td>
<td>Gonzales</td>
<td>7-15</td>
<td>Camp for children ages 7-15 with varying emotional and physical needs. Children who meet criteria are able to attend a one week session at no cost. At Texas Elks Camp, the number one rule is to have fun. Your children learn valuable life skills through a variety of challenging and entertaining activities, including but not limited to art, bowling, music, indoor rock climbing, sports and swimming.</td>
<td><a href="http://www.texaselkscamp.org">www.texaselkscamp.org</a></td>
<td>830-875-2425</td>
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<td>Texas Hands and Voices Family Weekend Retreat</td>
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<td>Every summer TSD/ERCOD hosts a popular program called Family Weekend Retreat for families in Texas who have a child who is deaf or hard of hearing. There is something of interest for everyone in the family - fun activities, educational workshops and lots of opportunities to network with other families. All family members are welcome!</td>
<td>Txhandsandvoic es.org</td>
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**Notes:**
- **FREE** indicates that the camp is free or a reduced price is available.
- **SEATING IS LIMITED** indicates that seating is limited and may be filled before the specified deadline.
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<td>Texas Lions Camp, Inc.</td>
<td>Kerrville</td>
<td>7-16</td>
<td>Summer Camp designated to serve children with physical disabilities ages (7-16). Applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis until the 75 slots have been filled. This camp can accommodate more involved physical needs. Currently children with intellectual disability or autism are not eligible for the camp, but they do have a week-long program for children with Down syndrome and Diabetes.</td>
<td><a href="http://www.Lionscamp.com">www.Lionscamp.com</a></td>
<td>830-896-8500</td>
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