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Summer Resource

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Choosing a Summer Camp for Youngsters with Disabilities

Summer's here, and it's time to make those important decisions regarding a summer camp for your child. The following information is shared in the hope that the challenges and experiences of other parents will enable you to select the summer camp that is most appropriate to meeting the needs of your child.

Although the summer may present challenges, it also brings opportunities. Summer means a time of freedom. It provides a chance to try new activities, seek new friendships, develop new skills. Attempting such a program during the school year often requires giving up regular school activities, and parents fear that if the child fails, he will have lost so much time he cannot enter other school programs. Summer activities do not require this risk.

While considering summer camp, understand that the decision to go to camp should be based on the total needs of the family and its members as well as those of the child with a disability. All families and all children will not find a single, universal answer. Parents must begin by defining the objectives for one's own child.

Camp Can Be A Challenge

A child in camp has to be able to be away from the family for a specified number of hours a day. He must learn to get along with unfamiliar children and adults. He must be able to participate in programs that may not be geared to his interests and abilities.

In planning for your child, you should be as clear as possible about what he will gain from a summer program. For example, a child who has only limited opportunities to be away from his family may profit from the experience of going away to camp. A child with disabilities can spend so much time during the school year mastering reading and writing that he has little energy to devote to playing with other children. The family should have a clear picture of what would be most appropriate for the child.

Should Your Child Go To Special Camp?

In some ways, all camps are special. Each one has its own unique assumptions about the best programs for children. Camp programming ranges from those directors who feel that offering the right facilities is sufficient to the other extreme of those camp directors who attempt to develop an individual program for each child. Few camps clearly reside at either of these extremes. However, it does help to identify the basic philosophy of the camp. For a child with a special issue, the camp should be committed to adapting its resources to the needs of the children.

The basic rule in camp selection is that the child is always best off in a program that presents him with a maximum challenge he can meet.

It is important, however, that he not be included in the camp merely because of good will. He should have skills or interests that will be shared by a sufficient number of other children so that he is a member of the group rather than a passive onlooker. If the camp administrators indicate a willingness to include your child in their program, they should also be asked whether there are other children who will form a natural group with him. You should also wonder whether he would be able to actively participate in enough of the program so that the camp will be enjoyable for him.

Ability to play with, enjoy, and compete with other children shapes how a youngster feels about himself. A child who feels he is inadequate finds it difficult to make friends with other children. If he is in a camp in which he cannot participate or compete at any level, it will reinforce the inadequate feelings he may have about himself.

For the child whose disability influences the major part of his life, there is a special problem of locating challenges he can master. A detailed understanding of the range of skills the child has should be the basis, not only for programming for him, but also for deciding whether he belongs in a particular camp. If the camp offers programs that utilize the skills your child has and there will be other children who can participate with him, this is the camp in which he should be enrolled.

Evaluating Camps

It is important to systematically evaluate the camp. Begin by identifying your objectives for your child as clearly as you can. A camp experience should offer a child an opportunity for a joyful, relaxed summer. It should offer a happy time for the child and for you.

Check the facilities. Each camp has its own special areas and, for some children, all these activities might be goals that should be considered, but not necessarily undertaken. The camp you select should be able to provide the special support or environment to make it possible for your child to engage in the activities.

Camp Attitudes

When you talk with the camp director, you want to understand his or her attitude toward children with disabilities. It is important that the director be interested in providing new experiences for your child. It is also crucial that camp administrators tell you how they will go about providing them.

You should be interested in the director's attitudes about your participation. Parents know a great deal about their own children. They have had a great deal of experience in understanding the special needs of their children. They have usually developed special ways of helping their children function.

A camp director who actively solicits this information believes that parents do play a crucial role. He or she has a greater chance of succeeding than the camp director who implicitly believes that parents are a burden. You should make it clear you understand no camp can reorganize itself totally to meet the needs of your child. Explain that you are also interested in helping the camp as much as you can.

Camp Personnel

The larger the staff and the more experience they have had with children with disabilities, the more likely they are to provide creative programs. Energetic counselors who are able to initiate and sustain programs should be sought out, rather than counselors who may have more experience, but have developed more limited views of what can be done.

Camp Resources

Each camp site has its problems for children. For certain disabilities, these problems are so overwhelming the child cannot function. In general, with some thought, it is usually possible to adapt the camp to your child's needs. You have a great deal of experience in the process of adapting a physical environment for the needs of your child. You have already had to do this in your home. By thinking about what special arrangements you have made for your own home, you can identify what facilities are needed for your child. You know whether there needs to be a ramp, special toilet facilities, or what can be done when they do not exist.

Often parents feel that there are so few opportunities that they should not bother to search for them. They have so often gone to so much trouble and been rejected. They do not want to go through the heartbreak again. You have to see the search process as a part of your continuous learning experience. Sometimes opportunities that did not exist a year ago exist now. Your very search itself will remind the community about how little it is doing. The interviewing process will help you re-examine the problems you face. In the process of communicating with others about your child, you will be able to review how well you understand him. You will review his likes and dislikes, the conditions under which he will attempt things and when he will not. You will be able to re-examine his ability to function in new situations and begin to see new ways of supporting him. You can review his skills and the extent to which they need to be consolidated or changed.

It is also important to prepare your child for a new camp situation. You should ask whether there are opportunities for the child to visit the camp site and meet some campers. He can learn from them what camp is really like. By talking with other parents and other children, you may get some sense of what might be necessary for your child.

Even if your child does not go to camp, the thinking that you have done will be the basis for making special arrangements for him at home. Once you have specified your goals, it is possible to enlist volunteers to help your child develop his skills. You can think about what activities you yourself should arrange for your child.

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Summer Camps

Camp Arye

1125 College Ave
Columbus OH 43209

Camp Type: Day Camp – Full Inclusion

Age Range: Entering 1st Grade through 7th Grade (8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday)

Individuals Served With: Need for extra support who are able to thrive in an inclusion setting with a 1:3 ratio.

Contact Name: Ariana Solomon or Raeann Cronebach
Agency: Jewish Community Center of Greater Columbus
Address: 1125 College Ave
City, State, Zip: Columbus OH 43209
Phone: 614.559.6251
Fax: 614.231.8222
E-mail: camp@columbusjcc.org
Website: <https://columbusjcc.org/summer-camp/>

Camp Flame Catcher

Residential Camp: Camp Kern
5291 State Route 350
Oregonia OH 45054

Camp Type: Residential Camp offers spring and fall weekend and week long in summer

Age Range: 7 years old through 17 years old (some older depending on developmental level)

Individuals Served With: Epilepsy and seizure disorders

Contact Name: Mark Findley
Agency: Epilepsy Alliance Ohio
Address: 895 Central Ave Ste 550
City, State, Zip: Cincinnati OH 45202
Phone: 877.804.2241
Fax: 513.721.0799
E-mail: mfindley@epilepsy-ohio.org
Website: <http://www.epilepsy-ohio.org/camps>

Camp for Champs

Day Camp: Shane Center
7908 Myers Rd
Centerburg OH 43011

Contact Name: Karen J Brown
Agency: Epilepsy Alliance Ohio
Address: 3857 N High St Ste 206
City, State, Zip: Columbus OH 43214
Phone: 614.725.1015
Fax: 513.721.0799
E-mail: kbrown@epilepsy-ohio.org

Camp Hamwi

Overnight Camp for Youth with Diabetes
(Located on Camp Mohaven camp grounds)
18744 Turkey Ridge Rd
Danville OH 43014

Camp Type: Residential camp for youth with Diabetes

Age Range: Junior Challenge - 7 years old through 12 years old
Senior Challenge - 13 years old through 17 years old

Individuals Served With: Diabetes (Senior age campers are allowed to bring a friend or sibling not living with diabetes, Senior age campers are allowed to attend one or both Senior Weeks)

Contact Name: Anthony Myer, Director
Agency: Central Ohio Diabetes Association
Address: 1699 W Mound St
City, State, Zip: Columbus OH 43223
Phone: 614.884.4400 or 614.437.2914
Fax: 614.278.3143
E-mail: amyer@lifecarealliance.org
Website: www.diabetesohio.org

Camp Nuhop

1077 Township Rd 2916
Perrysville OH 44864

Camp Type: Residential Camp

Age Range: 6 years old through 18 years old, 18-30 for limited adult programs

Individuals Served With: neurodiversities to include, but not limited to: ASD, ADD, ADHD, ED, ODD, LD, and mood disorders.

Contact Name: Terri RuLon, Camp Registrar **Phone:** 419.961.7151
Agency: Camp Nuhop **Fax:**
Address: 1077 Township Rd 2916 **E-mail:** terri@nuhop.org
City, State, Zip: Perrysville, OH 44864 **Website:** http://www.nuhop.org

Day Camps For Youth with Diabetes

Blendon Woods Metro Park
4265 E Dublin Granville Rd
Columbus, OH 43081

Camp Type: Day Camp for youth with Diabetes

Age Range: Kids Camp - 3 years old through 7 years old
Stepping Stones - 8 years old through 12 years old

Individuals Served With: Diabetes (and their siblings of the same age range).
How to register: app.campdoc.com/diabetesohio

Contact Name: Anthony Myer, Director
Agency: Central Ohio Diabetes Association
Address: 1699 W Mound St
City, State, Zip: Columbus OH 43223
Phone: 614.884.4400 or 614.437.2914
Fax: 614.278.3143
E-mail: amy@lifecarealliance.org
Website: www.diabetesohio.org

Easterseal Summer Day Camp

3830 Trueman Ct
Hilliard OH 43026

Camp Type: Summer Day Camp Program

Age Range: 5 years old through 12 years old

Individuals Served With: All disabilities

Contact Name: Jennifer Fultz
Agency: Easter Seals Central and Southeast Ohio, Inc.
Address: 3830 Trueman Ct
City, State, Zip: Hilliard OH 43026
Phone: 614.228.5523
Fax: 614.228.8249
E-mail: jfultz@easterseals-cseohio.org
Website: <http://www.EasterSealsCentralOhio.org>

iCan Bike Camp

Call for Locations or Visit <https://www.facebook.com/DSACO.Cbus> for announcements.

Camp Type: Day Camp (75-minute session per day)

Age Range: 8 years old+

Individuals Served With: All disabilities

Contact Name: Stephen Potts
Agency: Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio
Address: 510 E North Broadway
City, State, Zip: Columbus OH 43214
Phone: 614.263.6020
Fax: 614.263.6094
E-mail: spotts@dsaco.net
Website: <http://www.dsaco.net>

Ohio School for the Blind (OSSB) - Braille Camp

5220 N High St
Columbus OH 43214

Camp Type: Residential Camp

Age Range: Entering grades 3-7

Individuals Served With: Blind or visually impaired

Contact Name: Donna Trapani
Agency: Ohio School for the Blind
Address: 5220 N High St
City, State, Zip: Columbus OH 43214
Phone: 614.468.8869
Fax: 614.752.1713
E-mail: SummerCampOSSB@ossb.oh.gov
Website: www.ossb.oh.gov

Ohio School for the Blind (OSSB) - Expanded Core Curriculum (ECC) Camp

5220 N High St
Columbus OH 43214

Camp Type: Residential Camp

Age Range: Entering grades 8-12

Individuals Served With: Blind or visually impaired

Contact Name: Donna Trapani
Agency: Ohio School for the Blind
Address: 5220 N High St
City, State, Zip: Columbus OH 43214
Phone: 614.468.8869
Fax: 614.752.1713
E-mail: SummerCampOSSB@ossb.oh.gov
Website: www.ossb.oh.gov

Ohio School for the Blind (OSSB) - Little Astronauts Camp

5220 N High St
Columbus OH 43214

Camp Type: Day Camp

Age Range: Entering grades 1st or 2nd Grade

Individuals Served With: Blind or visually impaired only

Contact Name: Donna Trapani
Agency: Ohio School for the Blind
Address: 5220 N High St
City, State, Zip: Columbus OH 43214
Phone: 614.468.8869
Fax: 614.752.1713
E-mail: SummerCampOSSB@ossb.oh.gov
Website: www.ossb.oh.gov

Ohio School for the Blind (OSSB) - Math & Movement Camp

5220 N High St
Columbus OH 43214

Camp Type: Residential Camp

Age Range: Entering grades 3-7

Individuals Served With: Blind or visually impaired

Contact Name: Donna Trapani
Agency: Ohio School for the Blind
Address: 5220 N High St
City, State, Zip: Columbus OH 43214
Phone: 614.468.8869
Fax: 614.752.1713
E-mail: SummerCampOSSB@ossb.oh.gov
Website: www.ossb.oh.gov

Ohio School for the Blind (OSSB) - STEM Camp

5220 N High St
Columbus OH 43214

Camp Type: Residential Camp

Age Range: Entering grades 8-12

Individuals Served With: Blind or visually impaired

Contact Name: Donna Trapani
Agency: Ohio School for the Blind
Address: 5220 N High St
City, State, Zip: Columbus OH 43214
Phone: 614.468.8869
Fax: 614.752.1713
E-mail: SummerCampOSSB@ossb.oh.gov
Website: www.ossb.oh.gov

Ohio School for the Blind (OSSB) - Special Needs Camp

5220 N High St
Columbus OH 43214

Camp Type: Day Camp

Age Range: Entering grades 3-7

Individuals Served With: Blind or visually impaired with additional disabilities (multiple disabilities)

Contact Name: Donna Trapani
Agency: Ohio School for the Blind
Address: 5220 N High St
City, State, Zip: Columbus OH 43214
Phone: 614.468.8869
Fax: 614.752.1713
E-mail: SummerCampOSSB@ossb.oh.gov
Website: www.ossb.oh.gov

Ohio School for the Blind (OSSB) - Sports Camp

5220 N High St
Columbus OH 43214

Camp Type: Residential Camp

Age Range: Entering grades 8-12

Individuals Served With: Blind or visually impaired

Contact Name: Donna Trapani
Agency: Ohio School for the Blind
Address: 5220 N High St
City, State, Zip: Columbus OH 43214
Phone: 614.468.8869
Fax: 614.752.1713
E-mail: SummerCampOSSB@ossb.oh.gov
Website: www.ossb.oh.gov

Ohio School for the Deaf - Drivers Education School

500 Morse Rd
Columbus OH 43214

Camp Type: Residential Camp

Age Range: 15^{1/2} years old and older

Individuals Served With: Deaf and hard of hearing
(Enroll typically hearing children in summer also)

Contact Name: Keady Gundrum
Agency: Ohio School for the Deaf
Address: 500 Morse Rd
City, State, Zip: Columbus OH 43214
Phone: 614.995.1563
Fax: 614.995.1567
E-mail: Gundrum@osd.oh.gov
Website: <http://www.ohioschoolforthe deaf.org/>

Oyo Camp at Camp Nuhop

1077 Township Road 2916
Perrysville OH 44864

Camp Type: Residential Camp

Age Range: Ages 7 years old through 9 years old for Jr OYO
Ages 10 years old through 18 years old for OYO

Individuals Served With: Deafness/hearing loss

Contact Name: Jennifer Smith-Dudash
Agency: Deaf Services Center
Address: 5830 N High St
City, State, Zip: Worthington OH 43085
Phone: 614.841.1991 (Voice), 614.515.6065 (Videophone), 866.841.1991 (Toll free)
Fax: 614.841.4909
E-mail: oyocamp@dsc.org
Website: <http://www.dsc.org> or oyocamp.org

Recreation Unlimited

7700 Piper Rd
Ashley OH 43003

Camp Type: Summer and Winter Residential Camps, Day Camps, and Weekend and Week Long Camps

Age Range: 8 years old and older for Summer Residential Camp and Weekend Camps
5 years old through 22 years old for Summer Day Camps

Individuals Served With: Physical or developmental disabilities (Summer Residential Camps and Weekend Camps)
Physical or developmental disability, as well as their typically developing friends and siblings. (Summer Day Camps)

Contact Name: Sarah Kelley/Michelle Higgins **Phone:** 740.548.7006
Agency: Recreation Unlimited **Fax:** 740.747.3139
Address: 7700 Piper Rd **E-mail:** info@recreationunlimited.org
City, State, Zip: Ashley OH 43003-9741 **Website:** http://www.recreationunlimited.org

Rotary Camp

4460 Rex Lake Dr
Akron OH 44319

Camp Type: Residential Camp, Day Camp and Respite Weekends

Age Range: 6 years old through 17 years old - 18 and over specific programs

Individuals Served With: Physical and developmental disabilities

Contact Name: Dawn Housley, Director of First Impression
Agency: Akron Rotary Camp
Address: 4460 Rex Lake Dr
City, State, Zip: Akron OH 44319
Phone: 330.644.4512
Fax: 330.644.1013
E-mail: dawnh@akronymca.org
Website: http://www.gotcamp.org

Northwest Kiwanis Therapeutic Rec Camp

Tremont ES
2900 Tremont Rd
Upper Arlington OH 43221

Camp Type: Day Program

Age Range: 7 years old through 13 years old

Individuals Served With: Special Needs

Contact Name: Patrick Monaghan
Agency: Upper Arlington Parks and Recreation
Address: 3600 Tremont Rd
City, State, Zip: Upper Arlington OH 43221

Phone: 614.583.5323
Fax: 614.437.8660
E-mail: pmonaghan@uaoh.net
Website: Call for information

Summer Sign Camp

Ohio School for the Deaf
500 Morse Rd
Columbus OH 43214

Camp Type: Day Camp

Age Range: 6 weeks old through 10 years old

Individuals Served With: Deaf/hard of hearing

Contact Name: Janet Lineberry
Agency: Alice Cogswell Center
Address: 500 Morse Rd
City, State, Zip: Columbus OH 43214
Phone: 614.728.6900
Fax: 614.387.3162
E-mail: lineberry@osd.oh.gov
Website: <http://www.ohioschoolforthe deaf.org>

TOPS Residential College Orientation and Transition Assessment (COTA)

257 McCampbell Hall
1581 Dodd Dr
Columbus OH 43210

Camp Type: Residential orientation for individuals with intellectual disabilities interested in inclusive college experiences.

Age Range: 1-2 years from exiting school services

Individuals Served With: Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Contact Name: Jessie Green, Program Manager
Agency: Nisonger Center
Address: 257 McCampbell Hall
1581 Dodd Dr
City, State, Zip: Columbus OH 43210
Phone: 614.685.3185
Fax: 614.366.6373
E-mail: transitions@osumc.edu
Website: <https://nisonger.osu.edu/adult/adult-clinics-services/tops/>

YMCA of Central Ohio Camp

For address, refer to YMCA Camp Catalog
www.ymcacolumbus.org/daycamp

Camp Type: Day Camp and Resident Camp

Age Range: Day Camp: entering grades 1-6
Teen Camp: entering grades 7-9
Resident Camp: ages 6-17
Camp Can Do (Children with special needs): We do not have program information available at this time.

Individuals Served With: Special needs

Contact Name: Cassie Kranz, Access & Ability Coordinator
Agency: YMCA of Central Ohio
Address: 1907 Leonard Ave Ste 100
City, State, Zip: Columbus OH 43219
Phone: 614.300.7867
Fax: 614.382.8986
E-mail: ckranz@ymcacolumbus.org
Website: www.ymcacolumbus.org/daycamp

Summer Schools

Great Expressions Summer Camp

(Delaware County, Franklin County, Ohio Medicaid)

Location:

Big Walnut Early Learning Center

70 Harrison Street

Sunbury OH 43074

Camp Type: Day Program Morning sessions: 9:00-11:30
Afternoon sessions: 12:45- 3:15
Most groups run two days a week: M/W, T/TH, W/FR June 6 through July 29, 2021
Children can attend 4 or 8 weeks

Individuals Served With: Speech/language delay/disability or social skills interaction need

Age Range: Preschool through Adolescence, most groups will run two days a week for 3.5 hours

Contact Name: Mary F. Mason
Agency: Professional Speech Services Inc./Great Expressions Speech Camp
Address: 947 East Johnstown Rd, Box 184
City, State, Zip: Gahanna, Ohio 43230
Phone: 740.965.9284
Fax: 740.965.9084
E-mail: profspeech@msn.com
Website: www.profspeech.com

Marburn Academy Summer Reading Foundations Program

9555 Johnstown Rd

New Albany OH 43054

Camp Type: 2^{1/2} - Hour Program

Age Range: Open to students entering Kindergarten through 1st grade

Individuals Served With: High risk of developing reading problems

Contact Name: Stephanie Royal
Agency: Marburn Academy
Address: 9555 Johnstown Rd
City, State, Zip: New Albany OH 43054
Phone: 614.433.0822
Fax: 614.433.0812
E-mail: sroyal@marburnacademy.org
Website: http://www.marburnacademy.org

Marburn Academy Summer School

9555 Johnstown Rd
New Albany OH 43054

Camp Type: Half-Day Morning Program

Age Range: Open to students entering grades 2 through 9

Individuals Served With: Dyslexia and/or reading, writing, spelling and math difficulties

Contact Name: Stephanie Royal
Agency: Marburn Academy
Address: 9555 Johnstown Rd
City, State, Zip: New Albany OH 43054
Phone: 614.433.0822
Fax: 614.433.0812
E-mail: sroyal@marburnacademy.org
Website: <http://www.marburnacademy.org>

PBJ Connections, Inc.

9734 Jug St NW
Pataskala OH 43062

Camp Type: Individual, group and family equine-assisted psychotherapy

Age Range: Minimum of 6 years old

Individuals Served With: Mental Health services for children, adults and families including telehealth, talk therapy and equine assisted psychotherapy with horses.

Contact Name: Erica Lewis
Agency: PBJ Connections
Address: 9734 Jug St NW
City, State, Zip: Pataskala OH 43062
Phone: 740.924.7543
Fax: 740.924.2002
E-mail: info@pbjconnections.org
Website: www.pbjconnections.org

Specialized Speech Technologies, Inc.

8740 Orion Pl Ste 110
Columbus OH 43240

Camp Type: Day Program

Age Range: Birth through adult

Individuals Served With: Speech and language disorders

Contact Name: Ashley Stroh, Front Desk Administrator **Phone:** 614.734.7777
Agency: Specialized Speech Technologies, Inc. **Fax:** 614.388.5995
Address: 8740 Orion Pl Ste 110 **E-mail:** info@specializedspeech.com
City, State, Zip: Columbus OH 43240 **Website:** www.specializedspeech.com

Columbus Speech and Hearing

510 E North Broadway St
Columbus OH 43214

Camp Type: Please call our office

Age Range: Toddler – High School

Individuals Served With: Communication deficits (speech, language, fluency, language processing, social)

Contact Name: Speech Therapy Scheduler
Agency: Columbus Speech & Hearing
Address: 510 E North Broadway St
City, State, Zip: Columbus OH 43214
Phone: 614.263.5151
Fax: 614.263.5365
E-mail: speech@columbusspeech.org
Website: http://www.columbusspeech.org/

Summer Learning Academy (SLA)

510 E North Broadway, 4th Floor
Columbus OH 43214

Camp Type: Summer School for IEP Support

Age Range: Students in grades 1st – 4th (who have complete 1st grade but not yet completed 5th)

Individuals Served With: Any student on an IEP

Contact Name: Emily Callahan

Agency: Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio (DSACO)

Address: 510 E North Broadway, 4th Floor

City, State, Zip: Columbus OH 43214

Phone: 614.263.6020 ext. 1035

Fax: 614.263.6094

E-mail: ecallahan@dsaco.net

Website: <https://dsaco.net/sla/>
