

## **Recreation, Respite, Resources, and Camps for Children and Adults with Special Needs Summer 2021**

### **Autism Society**

The Autism Society strives to improve the lives of people with autism by increasing public awareness about the day-to-day issues faced by people on the spectrum, advocating for appropriate services, and providing the latest information regarding treatment, education, research, and advocacy. We have support groups, social skills groups, resource referrals, monthly brown bag learning lunches, miscellaneous activities and events to include recreational, summer pool parties, and summer camp collaborations. Contact us at 512-479-4199 or email at [info@texasautismsociety.org](mailto:info@texasautismsociety.org) for current programming.

### **Camp Blessing**

#### ***Located in Brenham, Texas***

9 different Week-long (Tuesday-Saturday) summer camps for campers with various disabilities and all ages throughout the summer. Sibling weeks also available. \$950/week. Needs based scholarships are available on a case by case basis. Camp sessions start June 8, 2021 and the last session starts August 3, 2021. (281) 259-5789 <http://campblessing.org/dates-costs-camper/>

### **Charis Hills**

#### ***Near Decatur Texas***

7 Week-long overnight summer camps for children with learning differences and special needs including ADD/ADHD and Autism for ages 7-18. \$1500/wk. Several discounts are available. Limited scholarship opportunities available. First week of camp starts June 13, 2021 and the last session starts July 25, 2021.

498 Faulkner Road, Sunset, Texas 76270

940-964-2145 or email: [info@charishills.org](mailto:info@charishills.org), Website: [www.charishills.org](http://www.charishills.org)

### **Children's Association for Maximum Potential - C.A.M.P.**

#### ***Located in Center Point Texas***

Summer camp for Adults and Children with disabilities, Parents Night Out and Family Day Out Programs, as well as weekend respite winter and spring. CAMP offers 9 different weeklong programs for children and adults with any type of disability throughout the summer. Non-disabled siblings are welcome. Cost is on a sliding scale and \$1700/wk is the max. Applications available online. Schedule coming soon. 515 Skyline Dr, Centerpoint, TX 78010 (Camp site)

(210) 671-5411 Email: [campmail@campcamp.org](mailto:campmail@campcamp.org) Website: [www.campcamp.org](http://www.campcamp.org)

### **Christus Santa Rosa- Summer Aquatic Splash**

#### ***Located at Sea World San Antonio***

Each child will be able to participate in eight 45 minute classes, learning skills to improve their confidence and become a more independent swimmer. Designed specifically for kids with special needs. Families will also receive a swim program to continue their child's swim development in the community or at home. Session sizes limited to 8 swimmers.

Sessions start July 6<sup>th</sup> and end July 29<sup>th</sup>. Session 1: 3-6 years old, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:15-8:00am. Session 2: 6-12 years old, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15-9:00am.

(210)-703-8364. **Deadline to register is June 30<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Cibolo Summer Camps**

*Located in Boerne, TX*

Summer Camp: The Cibolo Nature & Herff Farm offers inclusive summer camps for children. Nature Camps, Adventure Camps, and Art Camps weekly throughout the summer for ages 5-12. Preschooler and Parent Camps also available for ages 2-4. Summer dates coming soon.

Spring Break Camp: March 8-10, 2021. Cost is \$75. Ages 5-12. 9am-1:30pm. Hiking, bug catching, games, arts and crafts, structure building, and more.

Contact directly for questions. For online registration or more information, go to: [www.cibolo.org](http://www.cibolo.org)

## **Deer Creek Camp- Friends Week**

*Located at 494 Elm Creek Rd, Medina, TX, 78055*

July 19-24, 2021

Friend's Week has grown to become a very special part of our ministry at Deer Creek Camp, touching the lives of many families every year. We rely on incredible volunteers who serve as CIA's (Christians in Action) to provide a 1:1 camper to "buddy" ratio, giving every camper the love that they need and deserve. The Friend's week rate is \$1075 per camper. Note that a \$200 non-transferable and non-refundable deposit is due at the time of registration.

Phone: (830) 589-7123

Web: <http://www.deercreekcamp.com/christian-summer-camps/friends-week/>

## **Doseum**

Through joyful learning and discovery, The DoSeum Experience grows curious minds, connects families, and transforms communities. As a premier informal educational resource, we cultivate curious, innovative learners capable of mastering the opportunities of tomorrow. Spring break camps also available. Several one-day camps. For more information/pricing, please call (210) 212-4453 or visit <https://www.thedoseum.org/>

## **Down Home Ranch**

### **Elgin, Tx (East/Northeast of Austin)**

Traditional summer camps for adults 18+ with intellectual and developmental disabilities. There will be lots of games, singing and dancing at camp. For the 2021 season, we are offering 40 spots per week-long session. We offer so many opportunities to learn new skills and make new friends. We take care of animals and learn how to fish. We swim, run races, toast marshmallows, paddle a boat, hike, put on play, and sing camp songs. Campers who are disturbed by loud noise, crowds, and disruptions to routine may not enjoy camp. Camp check in is on Sunday at 5:00pm. The 2021 sessions are June 6-11, 6/13-18 6/20-25, 6/27-7/2, 7/4-7/9, 7/11-7/16. The fee for camp is \$900. A \$50 application fee is also required and then applied towards the \$900. General Revenue funds are accepted, stipends, and private pay. For more information and applications please visit the website or call. (512) 856-0128 x 120

<https://www.downhomeranch.org/ranch-camp/>

## **Down Syndrome Association of South Texas**

Family fun days, parent education sessions, several support group options, Adult Continuing Education (ACE) program, teen and adult club, Kids Connection, Music and Movement, Parent and Me Open Play, and sib shops. Call for information on times and ages.

1127 Patricia, San Antonio, TX 78213 Phone: 210-349-4672

## **Eagles Flight Outreach and Advocacy**

We provide guided horseback riding, animal play, and sensory play to children with special needs, foster children, and abused children. Through this summer therapy program, children learn to interact with the animals and gain the ability to interact independently with them. Therapists and volunteers supervise children through this guided play. Children of all functioning levels are welcome. Siblings of special

needs children are urged to participate. Lunch is served at the end of every session in a family style setting. Specialized equipment and skilled volunteers ensure the safety of the children. The Allen Hacienda is located off Ralph Fair Road. Please email reservations to Pamela Allen. Pamela@eaglesflightsa.com

### **Elite Edge Training**

Martial Arts Therapy and Para-Karate/Adapted Martial Arts programming provided in an inclusive environment. Self-defense classes are also offered. Combative/self-defense, Samurai Art, kickboxing, afterschool martial arts, and bootcamp fusion. Contact [EliteEdgeTraining@gmail.com](mailto:EliteEdgeTraining@gmail.com) or Michael Hansen @ (210) 899-3736 for 2021 programming and classes. [www.EliteEdgeTrainingSystems.com](http://www.EliteEdgeTrainingSystems.com)

### **Eva's Heroes**

Visit the website for information on. The Eva's Heroes Enrichment Program provides an inclusive environment for individuals 14 years of age and up to interact and learn with their peers, helps adolescents and young adults increase their ability to function independently and allows individuals to learn the value of teamwork. Virtual interactive programming via Zoom. (210) 464-2277 <http://evasheroes.org/summer-enrichment-program/>

### **Fearfully & Wonderfully Made**

This peer-based fitness program helps children build and improve their tactile, vestibular and proprioceptive body systems, which are responsible for academic learning. Program addresses core strength, muscle development, motor skills, balance, coordination...we are focused on building the whole child. For more information on current programming please email Tiesha at: Tbellhartman@gmail.com

### **J-Camp at the Barshop Jewish Community Center**

Summer Camp: Our Inclusion Program is designed to include children with special needs into our summer camp setting. Spaces are limited and families must apply. To request an application or for more information on current programming, please contact 210-302-6820. <https://www.jcccampsanantonio.org/>

### **Kinetic Kids**

Sports and recreation classes for children with special needs throughout the summer and school year. Several programs and divisions available. Contact for more information on current programming, and specific schedules (210) 748-5860 [www.kinetickidstx.org](http://www.kinetickidstx.org)

### **Lions Camp** **Kerrville, Texas**

Overnight week long camp for children with a physical disability (7yo-16yo), Diabetes (8yo-15yo) and Down Syndrome (12yo-16yo). Free with Lion sponsor. 9 Sessions per summer. First session starts June 8-9, 2021 (midweek). 6/22-6/23 (midweek), 6/29-6/30 (midweek), 7/2-7/4 (weekend). Any session not listed is due to full capacity. Check the website for more information and week assignments. (830) 896-8500 [www.lionscamp.com](http://www.lionscamp.com) Email: info@lionscamp.com

### **Lonestar Play Ball**

Lone Star Play Ball is a Non-Profit recreational co-ed softball league for adults with Special Needs! fun, active, and positive atmosphere where anyone can feel accepted and appreciated. It is our belief that everyone deserves to have a place to be accepted and we strive to make our league that place for everyone involved. Contact [lspbsanantonio@gmail.com](mailto:lspbsanantonio@gmail.com) for more information.

### **Mavaqi Enterprises**

Mavaqi exists to support people with disabilities during every step of their job search. We offer a variety of employment services. We also work closely with veterans. Our goal is to help people realize their full potential as they make meaningful contributions to their communities through employment. Mavaqi Enterprises, Inc. is committed to providing job opportunities, job training and job development for people with disabilities. Visit the website for additional information. <https://mavagi.org/>

### **Marbridge Summer Camp**

**South Austin, Texas**

Week-long overnight camps for young adults 16-30 with IDD. Must be independent with activities of daily living and able to ambulate and transfer independently (prompts and verbal reminders will be provided). Sessions have not been release yet. Please check in with them for more information on current programming.(512) 282-1144 [www.marbridge.org](http://www.marbridge.org) or email: info@marbridge.org

### **Mission Road SOAR Summer Outreach and Recreation**

Summer Program for Children with Developmental Disabilities Ages 6 to17. Hours: 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Please contact for more information on current programming. 8706 Mission Road SAT 78214 Questions to Anna at (210) 334-6486

<https://missionroadministries.org/programs/children/s-o-a-r-summer-camp>

### **Morgan's Wonderland**

Morgan's Wonderland, the world's first ultra-accessible family fun park, encompasses 25 acres of rides, attractions and activities for everyone, and all are welcome! Inspiration Island, a multi-acre splash park is open! Morgan's Wonderland is ALWAYS free of charge to those with special needs.

**(210) 495-5888** or [info@morganswonderland.com](mailto:info@morganswonderland.com)

[www.morganswonderland.com](http://www.morganswonderland.com)

### **Respite Care of San Antonio**

(Locations vary) Parents Night Out/Family Day Out and Day Care/Overnight Respite for School aged children up to 17yo. Siblings are welcome at certain events. Registration must be completed prior to services. Summer Program also available. Please contact Respite Care of San Antonio directly or visit them online for details on current programming.

(210) 737-1212 [www.respitecaresa.org](http://www.respitecaresa.org)

### **R.O.P.E.R. (Riding Opportunities Promoring Exceptional Riders)**

R.O.P.E.R offers inclusive Riding Camps and other riding opportunities to individuals of all abilities. Students have the opportunity to ride at their own pace and participate in Special Olympics Riding as well. Please contact Sherri Mell for more information on pricing and scheduling. 210-633-2042.

### **Saddle Light Center: Therapeutic Horseback Riding**

17560 Old Evans Rd, Selma TX 78154

Therapeutic riding, Hippotherapy, equine assisted psychotherapy for kids, teenagers and adults with neurological, learning, orthopedic, emotional, and other disabilities for a yearlong program. Please contact for more information on current programming.

(210) 651-9574 [www.thesaddlelightcenter.com](http://www.thesaddlelightcenter.com)

### **SAFIRE (San Antonio Fitness, Independent and Recreational Environment)**

No more sitting around all summer wondering what is available for your individual with intellectual disabilities age 18 +. Each day SAFIRE will offer large group recreation games, individual workout programs and a social experience like no other. Must be able to function in a 1:8 ratio of staff to clients and participate in small group games appropriately. Call for more information on current programming.

(210) 236-7662 or [teresasullivan@safiretx.org](mailto:teresasullivan@safiretx.org)

<http://safiretx.org/>

### **Special Olympics Texas**

Offers women, men, and children with intellectual disabilities year-round training and competitions in Olympic-style sports. Offering more than 32 individual and team sports – from Alpine Skiing to Volleyball – provide quality training and well-matched sporting events.

Please contact for information on current programming.

(210) 530-9898      [sotx.org](http://sotx.org)

### **Special Reach**

Special Reach provides a summer enrichment program and Friday Party Nights where children with special needs can foster independence by building social skills, improve physical fitness, and developing healthy outlets for stress reduction through structured, fun activities.

Additional programs for spring break and holiday schedules available. Contact (210) 210-788-0010 for more information on current programming or [info@specialreach.org](mailto:info@specialreach.org)

### **Starfish Summer Camp**

Starfish Summer Camp is open to everyone between the ages of 4 and 18. There are no ability or disability requirements. The majority of our students have autism; other common diagnoses are ADD/ADHD, learning disabilities, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, and genetic disorders. We also have students who have no diagnosis. Our only limitations are toileting and medical care; we do not have the staff or facilities to assist with toileting or medical needs. If your child has a personal nurse or attendant, they are welcome to come to camp with your child to assist with specific needs. Please contact for more information on current programming. (210) 303-4433      [www.starfishsocialclub.org](http://www.starfishsocialclub.org)

### **S.T.R.A.P.S ( South Texas Regional Adaptive and Para Sports)**

Join one of our 12 STRAPS programs to increase your fitness and wellness through sport and recreation for those with **physical and visual** impairments. We have wheelchair softball, adaptive CrossFit, wheelchair rugby, wheelchair basketball, boccia, power soccer, wheelchair soccer, wheelchair football, goalball, sit volleyball, and track & field. Call Brooke Matula for more information at 210-336-4135 or email her at [brooke@strapssports.com](mailto:brooke@strapssports.com). [www.strapssports.com](http://www.strapssports.com)

### **Texas Elks Children's Services**

Provides children with special needs and in foster care an opportunity to try new things and experience new memories. Lots of activities. No fee, first come first served basis. 2021 summer has not yet been posted. For more information on current programming visit the website at [texaselkscamp.org](http://texaselkscamp.org) or email at [txelks@gvex.net](mailto:txelks@gvex.net). There are 20 boys and 20 girls per session. Registration

is now open to any child with special needs or ages 7-15 who are in foster care.

1963 FM 1586, Gonzales, TX 78629

830-875-2425      [texaselkscamp.com](http://texaselkscamp.com)

### **The Unicorn Center**

Vocational and life skills training for adults 18+ with a diagnosis of IDD. Please contact the Unicorn Center at 210-737-3355 or visit the website for application. Community employment and job coaching, job and life skills training, day activity center. Please contact for more information on current programming. M-F: 7:30 am-5:30 pm.

San Antonio, Texas 78229

<https://missionroadministries.org/programs/vocational>

### **We Rock the Spectrum**

A place for children of all ability levels to play and grow together. Uniquely designed equipment and specifically created to aid children with sensory processing disorder. Open play for children infants and up. Monthly membership available as well other membership options. Rates start at \$12 for open play with a discount for siblings. Please call for more information on current programming. This is NOT a licensed childcare facility.

210-659-9330 [werockthespectrumsantonio.com](http://werockthespectrumsantonio.com)

### **YMCA Summer Camps**

A variety of summer camps are available. Please contact the YMCA directly for eligibility requirements, information on current programming and locations.

<https://www.ymcasatx.org/programs/camps/summer-day-camps>

**\*\*\*\*Remember to check with your child's school district for specific on campus summer programs.**

## **ONLINE SUMMER RESOURCES**

### **Summer Camps for Children with Special Needs- Dept. State Health Service**

Visit this website for a comprehensive listing of Summer Camps across Texas.

<http://www.dshs.texas.gov/mch/CSHCN/pdf/2018-List-of-Summer-Camps.pdf>

### **Trips. Inc.**

A special needs travel group that provides all-inclusive vacation packages for travelers ages 18 and older with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

<http://www.tripsinc.com/>

Toll-free 1-800-465-9355

### **Autism on the Seas**

Cruises for families, adults, and group homes living with Autism, Down Syndrome, and other Developmental Disabilities. Financial assistance and many different services are offered, for full details, please visit

<https://www.autismontheseas.com/>