



Summer Camps for 2019

(* = anyone can participate, disability or not)

General Camps (that accommodate mental health disability):

- [Abilities First](#), located in Middletown, Ohio, offers a day camp for children ages 2-6. Camps are Monday-Thursday from 8:30 am until 1:30 pm. Starts on June 3rd and runs until the end of July.
- * [Blue Ash YMCA](#), Blue Ash, Ohio, offers a Parent's Night Out every first and third Saturday of the month. Parents can leave their children with a certified Y staff for a full night of supervised fun. Activities include swimming, movies, games, dinner and snacks. Registration is required and children must be toilet trained. \$25 for your first child, and \$5 for each additional child.
- * [Camp Courageous](#), located in Whitehouse, Ohio, offers residential, day and respite weekend camps throughout the summer and fall. Youth camps available for ages 5-18. Residential and respite camps open for those who are 15 and older.
- * [Camp Echoing Hills](#), Warsaw Hills, Ohio, provides a fully-accessible environment and programs tailored to meet the needs of campers of all needs. Camps are available for adults 18 and older. Sessions begin on Sundays and end on Fridays. Different camp sessions are run from June to August.
- * [Camp Joy](#), located in Clarksville, Ohio partners with organizations to provide camp experiences for children with medical conditions, grieving children, and underserved children and families. Overnight camping programs include partnerships with Cincinnati Children's, Arthritis Foundation, Camp Sunrise, Amputee Coalition of America, American Diabetes Association, Starshine Hospice, St. Joseph Orphanage and Children's Home of Cincinnati.
- [Center for Possibilities](#), offers a summer program for students with developmental disabilities, preschool through adult. Camp sessions are held in Hobart, Indiana.
- * [Children's Home of Cincinnati](#) offers Camp I Can for ages 5 to 12, Ready Set Work for high schoolers with ASD and other related disorders, and Ready 2 Work! for ages 18 to 25. The camp is from 7:00am-5:30pm and the cost for the week is \$185.00.
- [Cincinnati Occupational Therapy Institute \(COTI\)](#), Cincinnati, runs Camp Odakota to support children who have sensory processing disorders. Two sessions are offered this summer: June 17-28, and July 1-12 (July 4th off). The 1st session is \$995 and the 2nd is \$950.
- * [Cincinnati Recreation Commission](#) has summer camp opportunities and year round recreation programs at different locations throughout Cincinnati.
- * [CYO Camp Rancho Framasa](#), Nashville, Indiana, provides opportunities for full inclusion in an overnight setting. A variety of camps are offered for ages 7 to 19.
- * [Indiana Summer Camp Directory](#) is available on the Insource website.
- [Kamp Dovetail](#) is a volunteer run summer camp sponsored by Supplementary Assistance to The Handicapped. The camp is for children with disabilities in Highland and surrounding counties of Ohio and is held at the Rocky Fork Lake State Park in Highland County. The theme for the 2019 camp is Treasure Island, and starts on June 17th.
- * [Kicks for Kids](#), Covington, Kentucky has a variety of sports, arts and social activities.

- [*Mayerson JCC](#), Cincinnati, offers inclusive camping opportunities for Kindergarten through Age 10. Open to children of all abilities. Basic camps are 3 weeks long and are \$875. Specialty camps are \$375-\$400 and run for 1 week. Call to find out options best suited for your child(ren).
- [New Perceptions, Bridging the Gap Summer Program](#), located in Edgewood, Kentucky, provides basic preschool readiness and continuation of therapy for children ages 2½ to 5 who will enter school in the fall.
- [*Pleasant Hill Outdoor Camp](#), Perrysville, Ohio, offers inclusive themed day and overnight camps for ages 3 to 17.
- [Recreation Unlimited](#), located in Ashley, Ohio, provides summer residential and day camps, as well as year-round respite weekend camps for youth and adults ages 5 to adulthood. Accepts Ohio DD waivers.
- [Redwood](#), located in Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky, offers a therapeutic recreation program with different theme each summer that encourages children to explore their diverse interests, personalities, and abilities while overcoming areas of challenge. Currently a waitlist but contact Katrina Proud at kproud@redwoodnky.org or call 859-331-0880
- [Stepping Stones and Camp Allyn](#), offers year-round programs for people of all ages with a wide range of disabilities. Summer day camps are held at two locations near Cincinnati and summer overnight camp for older teens and adults is at Camp Allyn in Batavia, Ohio. This camp is \$800.00 for the week and is for ages 12 and older. The deadline is May 1st.
- [Summer at CEES 2019](#), a community integrated high school transition program at the University of Cincinnati. For those ages 14-21 on an IEP. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from June 18th to July 18th (4th of July off) 9 am- 1pm. \$2,250 per student, with \$150 of that due upon acceptance.
- [Talbert House](#), Cincinnati, offers [Camp Possible](#), a summer day camp for children ages 6-12 who struggle with behavioral health issues. Insurance can be billed for the camp. Deadline to sign up for the camp is May 10th.
- [*YMCA Camp Campbell Gard](#), Hamilton, Ohio, offers weeklong summer camp experiences for children with special needs. The camp provides specially trained counselors, flexible age guidelines, universally accessible facilities and a fully inclusive program for ages 7 to 22. The cost is \$100.00 with no fee waiver and the application deadline for the camp is May 14th.
- [*YMCA Camp Ernst](#), Burlington, Kentucky, offers weekly day camps, weekend camps, and special events throughout the summer. Camps are for ages 6-15 and cost \$620 for week long sessions. Weekend camps start at \$40 and go up to \$150.
- [*YMCA of Greater Cincinnati](#) has summer camp and recreation options in branches around the area. The camp is from 9:00am to 4:00pm and the cost varies on the certain specification. Ages are from 5 to 12 and the application deadline is May 28th.

Autism:

- [Applied Behavioral Services](#) provides year round teaching environment for children with Asperger's and Autism Spectrum Disorders. Summer teaching and social skills program offered. Ages 3 to 18.
- [Camp Ability, Cincinnati Center for Autism](#) has social skills and recreational programs, including a 9-week summer camp. Some services begin at age 3 ranging up to 21. There is a waiver for the cost of the camp which ranges from \$1,800-\$2,400 for the full day and \$900-\$1,200 for half day also accounting for student to instructor ratios. The application deadline is June 11th.
- [Camp Nuhop](#), located in Perrysville, Ohio, is an overnight camp for children with ADHD, learning disabilities, Asperger's Syndrome and behavioral challenges. For ages 6 to 18. The application deadline is June 1st and there is a partial waiver for the camp cost, not including the deposit fee. Cost starts at \$875 and varies depending on camp.
- [Children's Home of Cincinnati](#) offers Ready Set Work. Ready Set Work is a 5-week summer career and community exploration program for high schoolers with Autism Spectrum and related disorders. Our summer programming

focuses on developing the social and vocational skills needed for employment. An application must be submitted by May 11th for consideration.

- [Clippard Family YMCA](#), located on Cheviot Rd. in Cincinnati, has an Autism Learning Center and is an approved Autism Scholarship provider through the Ohio Department of Education. They also host a monthly Autism Family Night. All monthly Autism Family Nights are open to the autism community; attendees do not need to be members of the Y and there is no age limit. Events range from family movie nights to BBQs to holiday parties.

Other Specific Disorders:

- [Cincinnati Children's Summer Treatment Program for Children with ADHD](#) (Ages 6 -12) provides a consistent, daily schedule of recreational and educational activities. 13 year olds are considered on a case-by-case basis. The program is designed to develop and improve social skills, conflict resolution, listening skills, improve learning skills and self-esteem. The application deadline ends at the beginning of the program, or when all spots are filled. The program is 7 weeks long and costs \$4,500. There is no waiver for the cost associated with the camp. The Summer Treatment Program will take place at the Loveland Early Childhood Center from June 10th- July 26th. Hours are Monday-Thursday from 8:30-4pm and Friday from 8:30am-3pm. Email ADHDSTP@cchmc.org or call 513-803-7708 for more information about fees and registration process.
- [Camp Nuhop](#), located in Perrysville, Ohio, is an overnight camp for children with ADHD, learning disabilities, Asperger's Syndrome and behavioral challenges. For ages 6 to 18. There are numerous camp sessions going on throughout June and July where a wide variety of camp options will be offered. For a complete list of summer camp offerings please visit their website at <https://nuhop.org/> or call 419-938-7151 for more information.

Horses, Equine Therapy:

- [Bay Star EquiCenter](#), located in Shandon, Ohio, provides Equine Assisted Personal Development and Equine Assisted Learning (EAL). This is a special type of therapy that is done with a specially trained horse, professionals, and a licensed therapist. This is not a riding program. It is a research-based therapy that is appropriate for individuals with mental health needs. For personal development sessions, groups are to bring a mental health care provider with them as part of the group. Year round activities are available by appointment only. They allow ages 7 years and older to participate in their activities. For price inquiries, call their number at 513-738-4463.
- [Bridge Riding for the Disabled](#), located in Lebanon, Ohio, provides therapeutic riding for individuals with physical, psychosocial and cognitive disabilities.
- [Cincinnati Therapeutic Riding and Horsemanship](#) has a comprehensive horseback riding program for children and adults with disabilities. They also have a [Hippotherapy](#) (horse-riding therapy) program that combines physical and occupational therapy. Visit their website at <https://ctrhequinetherapy.org> to see form, evaluation, and enrollment requirements. Hippotherapy is \$70 per week for an 8 week program. Each session is 45 minutes in length. Rec Riding is \$45 per week for an 8 week program. For additional information call 513-831-7050.
- [Muddy Water Equestrian Park](#), Cincinnati, offers riding therapy programs and activities that teach patience, respect, and responsibility. They offer rides and lessons. Trail rides end around Thanksgiving each year and their schedule is set by availability. To make a reservation, they are reached on their website at www.muddywaterranch.com. They run Saturday and Sunday for trail rides at 12:00pm, 1:30pm, and 3:00pm. They only accept cash and check, and the cost per person is \$50 for every 30 minute session. For additional questions, they can be reached at 513-522-8545.
- [Cherry Ridge Therapeutic Learning Programs](#), Georgetown, Ohio, offers a therapeutic riding program for ages 5 to 18. Provide services working with farm animals, nature, and horses in an experiential environmental setting. They run through November and there is a waiver for their costs associated with their services which are \$35 for one session for an hour and also \$200 for a 6 week session. For more information call 513-377-2381.
- [Potter's Ranch](#), located in Union, Kentucky, provides equine therapy through their therapeutic riding program. There are various summer programs including Adventure Camp, Horse Camp, and Dyslexia Camp. Adventure Camp and Horse Camp will take place from June 17th- August 5th and are priced at \$250 and \$300 respectively. Dyslexia Camp will take place from July 1st- July 28th and has both day camp and residential camp options. Day camp is priced at \$4800 and residential camp is priced at \$7200. For more information visit their website at <https://www.pottersranch.org/> or call 859-586-5475 for more information.

- [Safe Haven Farms](#), located in West Chester, Ohio, is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization offering therapeutic riding, residential, day and community services for individuals on the autism spectrum. It provides a variety of living, working, learning and leisure activities in a farm environment.
- [The Farm at Equisports](#), located in Goshen, OH, provides adaptive riding and interactive farm lessons. Available programs include Equine Assisted Learning and Equine Assisted Coaching. Equine Assisted Learning serves individuals with physical and mental disabilities and costs \$50 per 45 minute session. The Equine Assisted Coaching program serves individuals who suffer from anxiety and depression. The cost for this program is \$125 for each 2 hour session. Hours are by appointment only and programs are open for individuals of all ages. Call 859-240-9098 or email Tanya Tieman at tanya@equisportsofgoshen.com for more information.
- [Milestone's Equestrian Achievement Program](#), located in Independence, Kentucky, is a therapeutic horseback riding program. The Therapeutic Horseback Riding program summer session is 10-11 weeks long and costs \$300. Each weekly session is between 30 minutes and an hour in length. Additionally, they will be having a free summer reading program called Horse Tales that will be taking place every Monday from June 10th through the end of July. For more information, visit their website at <https://www.milestonesinc.org/> or call their office at (859) 694-7669.

Music/Dance/Acting/Art:

- *[Dramakinetics](#) offers performing arts classes and activities for all individuals, regardless of ability. Classes are available throughout the year for toddlers through adults in the Cincinnati area. This summer, Dramakinetics will be holding a Dance Camp during the week of June 10th for children ages 6-12. Drama Camp will run from July 15th- 19th for children ages 6-14 and Dance Camp for experienced dancers will take place from July 29th-August 2nd for children ages 4-12. All camps are priced at \$200. Continuing education opportunities for family members, teachers and therapists on using Dramakinetics methodology are also provided. Find a list of classes on their web site or call (513)-3891721 for more information.
- *[Marjorie Book Continuing Education Society](#), located in Cincinnati, brings individuals with and without disabilities together, 12 years and older, for continuing education classes, service learning projects and theater productions. There is no cost for the first year, after that there is a \$70 annual fee. Financial aid is available. The group produces two summer plays. Rehearsals are at UC and the performances are located in Mount Airy.
- [Melodic Connections](#), located in Cincinnati, provides music therapy-based adapted keyboard and guitar lessons to individuals with special needs, ages 5+. Camps are split by age groups. The costs associated are \$256/week and appropriate waivers are accepted. Camps for children ages 5-8 are June 10-14 and July 8-12. Camps for ages 13+ are June 24-28 and July 22-26. Evening programs are available for 9-12 year olds. For more information visit their website at <https://melodicconnections.org/> or call 513-438-5080.
- *[Music Resource Center \(MRC\)](#), located in Cincinnati, is a multifaceted teen program, grades 7 through 12, that uses recording and performing arts, as well as life skills mentoring to create a sense of empowerment and accomplishment in the urban community. They operate from 12pm-6pm Monday through Thursday during the summer. The Hip Hop camp runs from July 8th- July 19th and focuses on beat making, rapping, and recording. The cost is \$400. The Rock and Record camp runs from July 22nd-August 2nd and focuses on rock music, song writing, and recording. The cost is \$400. Lastly, the Radio camp runs from August 5th- August 9th and focusses on radio broadcasting and producing content for radio. The cost is \$200.
- [Music Therapy Services](#), located in Cincinnati, provides individual and small group music therapy sessions for children and adults with developmental, physical, emotional, and learning disabilities. Visit their website at <https://music-therapy-cincinnati.com/> or call 513-474-6064 for more information.
- [Music Therapy Care](#), located in West Chester, provides music therapy groups and individual sessions to individuals with special needs to develop identified areas of need, ages 2 through adult, adapted music lessons are also available. Special summer themed classes for percussion experiences, music ensembles and toddler-caregiver classes are available. Visit their website at <http://www.musictherapycare.com/> or call 513-382-7500 for more information.
- [Visionaries & Voices](#) is a studio / gallery created specifically for artists with disabilities to grow both personally and professionally. The Summer Camp at Visionarium has three programs that will be going on throughout the summer. Trash to Treasure is for individuals ages 5-9 and will take place July 8th-12th from 1-4pm and costs \$200. The Art Lab is for individuals ages 10-13 and will take place July 15th-19th from 1-4pm and costs \$200. Teens Zines and Screens

is for individuals ages 14-18 and will be taking place July 29th- August 2nd from 1-4pm and costs \$200. Call 513-861-4333 for more information.

Sports:

- *[Butler County Challenger Baseball](#) serves Butler and surrounding counties. Visit their website at <https://www.bcchallenger.org/> or call League President, Alan LaKamp at 513-623-4120 for more information.
- [Cincinnati TOP Soccer](#) is part of a national soccer program created to train young people (ages 5 through high school) with disabilities in a caring coaching environment. TOP Soccer allows a child to participate in the same type of community sports programs as their non-disabled peers, including uniforms, awards banquets, and when appropriate the opportunity to play on a non-disabled team. They have indoor and outdoor soccer, depending on the season. They also welcome wheelchairs.
- [Cincy Swish Spirit Basketball](#) offers basketball instruction to children and young adults with disabilities. In addition to instruction, Swish Spirit provides children of all abilities the opportunity to be part of a team within a basketball league.
- [Fishing Has No Boundaries](#) is a non-profit organization dedicated to opening the world of fishing to physically and mentally challenged individuals of all ages. Their central event is traditionally held on the third weekend of May each year.
- *[Kids First Sports Center Cincinnati](#), has a variety of enrichment programs, sports activities and gymnastics year round. Summer Camp will run from May 28th-August 16th and costs \$327 per week or day passes to the camp are available for a 2-day enrollment minimum for \$79 per day. Summer camp also includes the Summer Camp Inclusion Program. For questions or further information contact 513-489-7575 or visit their website at <http://www.kidsfirstsports.com/>.
- [Joe Nuxhall Miracle League Baseball Fields](#) are designed for children with special needs, ages 5 to 16. You do not have to be a member of the YMCA, the leagues are open to all. The Great Miami Valley YMCA Youth Miracle League has both a spring and fall league. Registration for the Fall league is open until July 1st. The league goes on from August 3- October 12 and games are played on Saturday mornings. For more information about the Youth Miracle League contact the GMVY Youth Miracle League at miracleleagueplayers@gmvyymca.org. For information about the Adult League, contact Steve Smith at Steve_Smith@Cinfin.com.
- [Mason Challenger League](#), a division of Mason Youth Organization, is a nonprofit that provides baseball and softball programs in the Mason area. The Mason Challenger league is a unique opportunity for children with special needs to participate in organized baseball. They welcome players from surrounding communities. It is open to players ages 5-18 (or up to 22 if still in high school). There is a fee to cover uniform and insurance costs, however, scholarships are available to players who may need assistance. For more information contact challenger@masonyouth.org
- *[Miracle League Baseball](#), sponsored by the [Cincinnati Recreation Commission](#), offers athletes with or without disabilities an opportunity to have fun and participate in an organized and competitive league.
- [Special Olympics Ohio](#) provides year-round training and competition in various sports areas for children ages 5 years and older who are identified to have mental or developmental disabilities. [Find your local chapter](#).

Swim:

- *[Cincinnati Recreation Commission](#) offers Adapted Aquatics Programs in their year round warm water swimming pool located at the Mt. Auburn Community Center. Several water entries and exits are available, including a pool chair lift and "easy ladder" with hand railings. The programs are designed to include all ability levels, including the "Dolan Method" for individuals with autism. Summer lessons are offered on Tuesday's, Thursday's, and Saturday's. \$120 for a 6 week program of lessons.
- [Stepping Stones](#) offers adapted swim classes. Certified instructors provide activities that promote water adjustment, swimming skills, and development of gross and fine motor skills. Offer general summer camps as well.
- [YMCA of Greater Cincinnati](#) offers adaptive swimming lessons for ages 3 and up and also provides training sessions for Special Olympics athletes. The class provides special attention that may be difficult to get in a group lesson.

Individual or small group lessons are provided by both paid and volunteer staff. Instruction is based on the needs of the participant.

Comprehensive Listings:

- [ADHD / LD Camp Directory](#), provided by [ADDitude Magazine](#), is a comprehensive list of summer camps, programs and helpful articles.
- [Autism Speaks](#) has an online directory of recreation and community activities in Ohio or you can select the state you are interested in.
- [American Camping Association](#) provides information on camps for children with special needs. Select whether you want day or overnight camps. You can then scroll down the page to refine by area of interest including disability, gender, age, and activities.
- *[Cincinnati Family Magazine](#) publishes an annual guide to local camps and summer programs and an update on [recreation programs](#).
- *[Cincinnati Parent Magazine](#) has an online camp directory.
- *[Kids Camps](#) has information on day camps and specialty camps as well as those that provide opportunities for children with special needs.
- *[MySummerCamps.com](#) is a comprehensive, easy-to-use directory and guide of summer camps, and summer experiences for kids, teens and youth, featuring a special section on special needs camps.
- *[Starfire Council of Greater Cincinnati](#) has recreational and community service outings for teens through adults.



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