

Summer Camp News

Community Recreation Programs

Local Departments of Parks and Recreation offer a range of summer programs and camps for children with disabilities through their Therapeutic Recreation Services. Also check with your local YMCA or YWCA to see what summer options are available. Contact your local recreation programs for specific information about what is offered in your area this summer!

Professional Education and Respite Service * Introductory Summer Offer!

Professional Education and Respite Service, LLC, is available to provide vacation respite throughout the summer. Families using 72 hours or more of vacation respite will get 12 hours free. For more information visit www.vacationrespite.com or call 540-664-9886 or 888-664-9886 (toll free).

Asthma Camps in Virginia

A variety of summer day camps are available throughout Virginia (Abingdon, Jamesville, Middleburg, Richmond, Roanoke, Winchester) through the American Lung Association of Virginia. For more information visit the ALA website at www.lungusa.org/virginia or call the Richmond office at 804-267-1900.

Camp Wonder

Camp Wonder offers a camping experience for children with skin disease (scleroderma), ages 7-15. The camp week offers the opportunity to participate in exciting activities, form lasting friendships, and ultimately develop a stronger sense of self-esteem while under the careful supervision of an excellent medical staff and counselors. The east coast session is being offered at Victory Junction Gang Camp, Randleman, North Carolina. For more information visit the camp website at www.csdf.org/camp or call the home office in Walnut Creek, CA at 925-947-3825.

Charlottesville Area Riding Therapy

Charlottesville Area Riding Therapy (CART) provides therapeutic recreational horseback riding for children and adults with disabilities in the Charlottesville area. CART runs from April to November and accepts riders from age 4 and up. For more information about summer program options go to www.cartcrozet.org or contact Sarah Daly at 434-823-1178 or cart@cartcrozet.org.

Civitan Acres

Civitan Acres for the Disabled in Chesapeake provides day and residential camp options for children and adults with disabilities (7 years and older). Camps are available from June through August. For more information contact Meghan Hurt at 757-487-6062 or hurt.meghan@egglestonservices.org.

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind hosts two summer programs for children and youth who are blind or visually impaired. These summer camps encourage children to develop new skills and expand their horizons. *Camp Lighthouse Day Camp* is for children ages 6-12 living within the metropolitan Washington, DC area. *Camp Lighthouse Technology Camp* is for high school students who want to focus on enhancing technology skills and applications for school. For more information on these camp programs go to www.clb.org/children/summercamps.htm or call Andrea Noel at 202-454-6240, Ext. 9.

Just for Kicks

Just for Kicks is a developmental soccer camp for children with disabilities ages 3-15. Just for Kicks is sponsored by the University of Virginia Adapted Physical Education Program. For more information go to www.skillsndrills.com or contact Tom Moran, Director, at 434-924-6192 or tom@skillsndrills.com.

UniqueKids Camps

UniqueKids, Inc. provides a camp experience to address the unique social and physical needs of children and adolescents (5-16) with a diagnosis of High-Functioning Autism, Asperger's Syndrome, or PDD-NOS. The camp provides structured social skills training and physical education. Several camp options are available. For more information go to www.uniquekids.net or contact UniqueKids at 804-739-9875 or info@uniquekids.net.
