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Summer Activities In and Near Frederick County, Maryland

Compiled by Partners for Success-Special Education Department-
Frederick County Public Schools

Summer should be a time of recreational fun for **all** children, regardless of their abilities. The purpose of this list is to let parents know that there are choices out there! Some of the listings are for camps that are specifically for children with special needs and some are not. While many of these camps have associated costs, some also offer scholarships or charge according to income.

Partners for Success / Family Support Services, does not have any direct knowledge of these providers/camps and their services and we therefore offer no endorsement. Parents are responsible for transportation and any fees involved. If you have any comments or additional information we would appreciate hearing from you.

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FREDERICK AREA PROGRAMS

ADVENTURE PARK USA SUMMER CAMP - A day camp near New Market with field trips and wild and crazy weekly themes. Parents will enjoy the peace of mind that comes along with knowing your child is having fun and being taken care of by an attentive and enthusiastic staff. We will do everything we can to accommodate children with special needs.

www.adventureparkacademy.com

301-865-6800 ext. 107

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CAMP/DEAF CAMP – Deaf Camp 2017 (for ages 7-19) and **ASL Camp 2017** (for ages 7-18) will take place July 23-28, 2017 at Manidokan Camp and Retreat Center in Knoxville, MD. **Young Adult Deaf Camp 2017** (for ages 18 and up) will take place June 18-23, 2017 at West River Center in West River, MD. Get ready for the most fun week of the summer! Campers will participate in swimming, hiking, arts and crafts, and more, and learn about God's love through daily religious education lessons and chapel. **Deaf Camp** is designed for Deaf and hard-of-hearing campers who communicate primarily in American Sign Language. **American Sign Language Camp** features ASL immersion opportunities for signers at any level, from beginners to fluent signers. **The Deaf & ASL Camps** share many activities throughout the day, including all meals and evening programs. Deaf and hard-of-hearing campers in the Older Deaf/ASL Camp will share lodging and all daily activities. **Young Adult Deaf Camp** will have swimming, boating, and other fun camp activities in ASL and is for developmentally delayed deaf adults. For financial aid information, contact Lisa Jordan at gordoner1@aol.com.

<http://deafcampsinc.org/>
deafcampsinc@gmail.com

800-922-6795

BANNER SCHOOL SUMMER DISCOVERY CAMP — The Banner School Summer Discovery Camp Program is aimed at providing a happy and healthy summer experience for children from preschool through 8th grade. The camp is open to all students, be they from Banner or elsewhere. Based on weekly sessions, campers can choose from A.M. or P.M. attendance, as well as full-day sessions. Before and After Care is also provided at an additional fee. Themes such as Dinosaurs, Sharks, Pokémon, Circus, Harry Potter, Cooking, Theatre, and so much more. June 5-Sept. 2. There also is a Challenger Sports British Soccer Camp for ages 3-16.

www.bannerschool.org

301-695-9320

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF FREDERICK COUNTY- Due to the popularity of our summer bridge program, current Club Members will have first right of refusal to the summer slots available. Our summer program will start registering late March/early April. Please check our site for updates. Thank you for your interest in our programs. If you have any questions, please call Suzanne Sickeri @ 301-600-1875.

413 Burck St., Frederick MD, 21701

301-600-1875 <http://www.bgcfrc.org/>

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA-A year-round program for boys designed to achieve the aims of Scouting through an outdoor program and peer group leadership with the counsel of an adult Scoutmaster. Frederick County BSA is looking for interested boys with special needs to join scouting.

Contact: Rich Golling
r_golling@yahoo.com

301-676-6805

CAMP GREENTOP –Located in the Catoctin Mountain National Park, The League at Camp Greentop provides an array of year-round camping programs available for individuals ages 7 and up with a broad spectrum of ability levels. Each one offers a unique camping experience with traditional camp activities

such as arts & crafts, sports & games, nature, performing arts, swimming, and more. Our campers are supported at a 2:1 ratio (1:1 on a limited basis) by trained camp staff from all around the world, who assist each camper with Activities of Daily Living and programming as needed. Choose from several programs, including traditional camp, primitive League Pioneers, year-round weekend respite programs, or Family Adventure Weekend. See www.campgreentop.org for more information.

Contact: Kathy Blumke, CTRS

410-323-0500, ext. 309

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CAMP INVENTION-- A program of the National Inventors Hall of Fame®, Camp Invention is an exciting, weeklong summer adventure with lessons that explore connections between science, technology, engineering, and innovation. Children in kindergarten through 6th grade work together to seek solutions to real-world problems and sharpen critical 21st century learning skills while rotating through several fascinating modules. Camp Invention's new program, Launch, allows campers to experience real-world problem solving and creative thinking! From blasting off to the nearest exoplanet to launching the next, start-up business, children experience the power of their ideas being launched into reality. Held at Middletown Elementary, June 19-23 and at Kempton Elementary, June 26-30.

www.campinvention.org

800-968-4332

CAMP JOURNEY ADOLESCENT RESPITE PROGRAM- Located near the scenic Catoctin Mountains, Camp Journey Adolescent Respite Program serves families with adolescents ages 11-17 who are currently active in therapy to help deal with emotional and behavioral challenges. The recreation-based program offers each family planned respite breaks from the day to day stress of managing their adolescent, with an overall goal of lowering the stress level in the home. Camp Journey is a program where adolescents attend regularly scheduled visits of a few hours a week, a day or two a week, or a couple of weekends a month. During their visits they participate in a variety of activities such as hiking, fishing, swimming and community excursions such as museum trips or sporting events. Facilitators act as mentors, providing positive role models for the youth as they participate in the activities. Eligibility requirements include being physically independent or requiring minimal supervision for all personal hygiene, toileting, and mobility tasks, being able to self-administer medication under close supervision, and demonstrating a willingness to comply with the expectations of the program.

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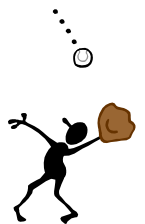
CHALLENGER LITTLE LEAGUE – Any child with disabilities who wants to have lots of fun can play in this Little League. Previous experience is not necessary to be part of this wonderful program, just a willingness to play and wear a real baseball uniform. The Frederick Challenger Little League is an independent league established to provide an opportunity for players with physical or developmental disabilities to participate in Baseball to the maximum of their individual abilities. We work cooperatively with the Little League programs throughout Little League's Maryland District 2 region. Now have a Frederick Challenger “Senior Division” for players over 15 with no top age limit.

Contact: Guy Berry

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<http://challengerfrederick.org>



CREATIVE THERAPEUTIC CONNECTIONS—Therapeutic Friendship Clubs will be available this summer at the Spring Ridge office in Frederick. The Friendship Clubs will be offered on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons and evenings through-out the summer for elementary, middle school and high school aged children with special needs. The clubs will focus on pro-social skills including interpersonal relating skills, nonverbal social cues, cooperation, compromise, listening skills, anger management, frustration tolerance, non-intrusive behaviors, assertiveness, bullying issues, and self/other awareness. Club members will participate in movement activities, art activities, expressive

board games, role play, and other creative games/activities which incorporate therapeutic processing and positive behavioral reinforcement. Most services are reimbursable with out-of-network insurance. Sliding scale fees are also available.

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301-693-5931

DAYS END FARM HORSE RESCUE--Days End Farm Horse Rescue, Inc. is a 501 c3, volunteer based, animal welfare organization located in Woodbine, MD. Since its beginning, Days End Farm has been a place where children and adults have found enrichment, satisfaction, sadness and purpose through helping to provide care for unwanted, abused or neglected horses. Youth programs are now organized. Information about the 2017 Legacy Youth Summer Program for youth volunteers, ages 12-17, and the Junior Legacy Summer Program for youth's ages 7-11 are on the website. During the months of June, July and August, youth volunteers may register for an exciting, enriching farm emersion program. Only 30 people can participate, so registering in advance is required!

www.defhr.org
info@defhr.org

301-854-5037

DELAPLAINE ARTS CENTER - The Delaplaine in downtown Frederick City offers a wide variety of day camps in the visual arts for children and teens ages 6-16. Summer camps run June through August with new subjects each week. Explore classes in ceramics, drawing, painting, book making, comic books, printmaking, jewelry making, and mask making - all led by award-winning artists. Fees vary, register online at www.delaplaine.org.

info@delaplaine.org

301-698-0656

FLIPS-- It is our mission to teach children self-empowerment through gymnastics and sports. We currently offer classes for all levels and ages from 1year olds to adult. We believe that gymnastics should be educational, challenging and fun. We are very confident that you will love Flips too and offer a tuition back guarantee to new families at Flips, if you are not entirely satisfied with your class. It is our top priority that the staff at Flips is not only teaching gymnastics and the fundamentals for many other sports, but also providing an environment where children will obtain the skills necessary for a happy, healthy, and self-motivating life. Offering classes in gymnastics and tumbling, along with Open Gym times. Located in Frederick City.

admin@flipsfun.com

301-688-3547

www.flipsfun.com



FREDERICK COMMUNITY COLLEGE – Many different programs for children, from the arts, music, culinary delights to LEGO, STEM, and so much more. Access everything online at www.frederick.edu, under “Admissions”, click on “Youth Programs” or go to www.Frederick.edu/Youth.

FREDERICK COUNTY 4H THERAPEUTIC RIDING PROGRAM – Located in Lewistown, a very successful and experienced therapeutic horseback riding program for children with all types of disabilities. They provide a seven week session of riding instruction each spring and fall at the cost of \$245 each session. The program always has a waiting list of applicants, but enrollment is limited by funding, the availability of volunteers, and the time available to hold classes when students can attend. Our staff consists of therapists, riding instructors, and volunteers who all share the same passion for helping others and a love of horses including: Occupational Therapists, Pediatric Therapist, Riding Instructors and Volunteers. Winter and summer sessions on Saturday are available and fee based. Private therapeutic lessons are also available.

Contact: Debbie Endlich
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301-898-3587

www.fc4htrp.org/

FREDERICK COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION-FRIDAY NIGHT REC— A Social program for individuals aged 16 years and older with Intellectual Developmental Disabilities. Visit a favorite recreation spot, have a picnic, play great games, and so much more. There's no telling how much fun is in store for you; 7-9pm, at various locations. If you have any questions about the schedule and/or program, please contact Eric Appel at 301-600-1684 or eappel@frederickcountymd.gov or go to the site: <http://recreater.com/DocumentCenter/View/1871>. Also, go to www.recreater.com, click on "Activity Guide", and then click "Friday Night Rec".

FREDERICK COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION – The Frederick County Parks and Recreation offers a wide variety of camps and activities to suit many interests and accommodations are offered: "Frederick County Parks and Recreation provides reasonable modifications upon request for individuals with disabilities. If you have a child who needs accommodations, please call 301-600-2936 at least two weeks prior to your child's camp start date". Many activities in the Spring and Summer 2017 Recreater Brochure, which can be downloaded by going to www.recreater.com.

301-600-2936

FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES – Many different activities throughout the county; check online at www.fcpl.org.

GARDEN OF LEARNING SUMMER ADVENTURE PROGRAM -- For children ages 3-10 years old. Children are naturally curious, so learning is a joyful, fun experience. Weekly Themes Including: Drama, The Great Outdoors, Water, Water, Water, Summer Olympics, Camping, What's Cooking? and many more. Included is: Science and Art; Music and movement; Sprinkler days 3 times per week; Field Trips and Special Presentations. Located in Frederick City.

Contact: Scotia Mortensen
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301-378-0403
www.scotiasgardenoflearning.com

GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA-Frederick MD Association 37--Our Association consists of all troops in Frederick County Maryland. The Girl Scout Mission is to build girls of Courage, Confidence and Character through programs and activities that accentuate self-esteem and provide leadership opportunities at all ages. For more information on our Council please go to gscnc.org.

Contact: Andraea LaVant
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202-534-3791

GREAT AND SMALL-Located in Boyds, Maryland, Great and Small offers year-round therapeutic riding and Hippotherapy sessions to children and adults with a wide variety of physical, cognitive, emotional, and learning challenges. Great and Small also offers 2 different summer day camps; Speech-Language and Therapeutic Riding Camp, and Therapeutic Horsemanship Camp. For more information, visit: www.greatandsmallride.org.

Contact: Megan Ferry
mferry@greatandsmallride.org

301-349-0075

GREAT RESOURCE!! – www.bargainchaser.com – Motto: "The insider's guide to saving time and money in Frederick, MD". Get on the website and you will see headings such as; "Calendar of Cheap Activities", "Parenting Deals", "Kid Zone", "Day Trips", and much more.

iCAN BIKE CAMP -- 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. iCan Bike uses adapted bicycles, a specialized instructional program, and trained staff to enable individuals with disabilities to learn to ride a two-wheel bicycle. Riders attend one 75 minute session each day for five consecutive days where they learn to ride while accompanied and encouraged by volunteer "spotters".

Over the course of the week, we continually adjust the bikes in an effort to challenge riders balance as they gradually discover the skill and joy of riding. The rider has to be at least turning 8 years old within the year. Held at Urbana High School (3471 Campus Dr. Ijamsville, MD 21754) on July 24-28, 2017. Hosted by F.R.I.E.N.D.S. of Frederick County.

Contact: Evan Routzahn
evanroutzahn@aol.com

301-788-6806

KATIEDYD 4 KIDS -- Mindfulness through nature, movement, and creativity! Katiedyd 4 Kids offers inclusive small group camps for 4-12 year olds throughout the month of July, led by experienced pediatric occupational therapist and children's yoga instructor. Think brain-building, screentime-busting activities with nature as the medium!



Contact: Katie Smith, MOT, OTR/L
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240-285-5852

KIDS FIRST® SWIM SCHOOLS-- Year round, warm water swimming facilities dedicated to teaching children (and adults!) to swim in a safe, warm, and loving environment. Maintained at 90 degrees, with depths ranging from 2-5 feet, both swimmer and instructor enjoy an environment most conducive to learning. Unique observation rooms with one-way glass enable you to watch your child's class, without being a distraction to your child's progress. Mommy & Me, Small Groups, Private or Semi-Private formats are all offered, ensuring that your child is getting the level of attention that you want. The curriculum is very different from the traditional methods used to teach children and has produced extraordinary results with thousands of youngsters. Located at the Francis Scott Key Mall.

www.kidsfirstswimschools.com

301-682-7946 (SWIM)

MANIDOKAN CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER—Summer is all about fun and friends. Our camp programs help develop a complete and healthy child by providing a safe and fun place for children to explore who they are, how to live in community with others, and what it means to be an authentic Christian. **We accept every child for who they are** and use awesome activities like the zipline, rafting, hiking, arts and crafts, and of course, s'mores, to encourage children in a loving way to grow in body, mind, and spirit. Located in Knoxville, MD.

www.funfriendsfaith.com

301-834-7244

MONOCACY START CENTER – The Monocacy Start Center is a multidisciplinary center developed to provide both diagnostic and treatment services for individuals suffering from neurodevelopmental challenges and support for their families. We address problems of relating, communicating, self-regulating, sensory processing, motor planning, attending, and learning found in individuals with Autism, Asperger's Syndrome, Pervasive Developmental Disorders, ADHD, Learning Disorders, and Communication issues. We offer year round social skills groups, speech and language therapy, family therapy, and much more.

www.monocacycenter.com

301-662-3808

NOTEABLE PROGRESSIONS MUSIC THERAPY SERVICES -- Offering individual and group music therapy sessions and adapted music lessons. Does your child need an engaging and motivating way to work on communication, motor planning, or social skills? Music therapy can provide the structure and support to help your child succeed. Absolutely no "musical" skills are necessary to participate in music therapy. Does your child show an interest in playing an instrument, yet you're concerned that traditional lessons might not be the best fit? Our adapted music lessons (piano, guitar, voice, hand drums) are individually designed to be successful for each student. For more information or to schedule a complimentary consultation, contact us today.

Contact: Darcy Lipscomb O'Daniel, MT-BC

240-394-9399 ext. 101

darcy@noteableprogressions.com

www.noteableprogressions.com

CAMP PUMP IT UP – where the fun knows no limit. Not only do the children get to bounce on our assortment of gigantic inflatables, but they also enjoy time creating awesome crafts and playing games with our friendly, trained Camp Leader! Campers must bring their own bagged lunch (no peanut products, please) and socks. We will provide a snack. Summer Camp runs 9am-4pm, Monday-Friday; single Camp days are also available. Advanced registration is required.

<https://www.pumpitupparty.com/frederick-md/>

301-620-2166



CHERYL O'HARA DANCE ELITE—Classes are offered in a variety of dance styles geared for children and teens, including children with special needs. We are proud of the Special Friends Dance Class, a specialized program for those with developmental or physical disabilities. Located in Monrovia, MD, we are competitively priced and offer open observation.

www.gossspa.com

301-363-3735

info@gossspa.com

RESILIENCE YOGA – Resilience Yoga offers public and private yoga for all bodies. The instructor is an experienced yoga teacher with additional certifications in adaptive yoga, yoga for the special child, DIR/Floortime, and Developmental Therapy. Workshops and private classes available through the summer.

Contact: Christine Wolf, MEd/ERYT 500, Director
resiliencyogamd@gmail.com

607-745-3495

www.resiliencyoga.net

SPECIAL OLYMPICS – Providing year round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic type sports for all children age 8 up to adults with intellectual disabilities.

Contact: Ruth Vickers, Asst. Area Director
vickersrc@comcast.net

240-409-3643

SUMMER CHORUS CAMP- Campers will learn about endangered species of animals, the threats to these animals and how we can protect them. Campers will sing songs about animals, play games and do crafts emphasizing their interest in animals. Recreational activities include amazing challenging games, creative art and musical activities inspired by our travels to remote locations where endangered animals live. Camp concludes with a concert performance of songs we have learned. Campers are invited to sing The National Anthem at a Frederick Keys night game. Campers must be ages 8-12 by June 1. Pack your lunch! Everyone is welcome! You'll be amazed by how much fun we can pack into our week! Work with the highly acclaimed staff of The Frederick Children's Chorus and chorus members. Learn more about The Frederick Children's Chorus and its instructors at www.fredcc.org. Camp runs from 9am to 3pm each day. On Friday at 2:30pm a free concert will be presented by the campers. Please bring a \$10 materials fee to the first day of camp. Register through Frederick County Parks and Recreation. Camp will be held twice, June 26-June 30 at the Middletown Recreation Center at Middletown Primary and July 24-28 at the Walkersville Recreation Center at Walkersville E.S.

<http://www.recreator.com>

301-600-2936

parksandrecreation@frederickcountymd.gov

UNITED WAY SUMMER SERVE 2017- United Way Summer Serve engages area youth 12-17 in volunteer service projects at various nonprofit agencies throughout Frederick County. The program consists of three separate two-week sessions that will provide the participants with a comprehensive understanding of the areas of need in our community. The participants will experience a team-based environment that will present them with opportunities and challenges to grow their leadership skills. The program runs Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, June 19 to August 4 (except for the week of July fourth). This year there will be two Leadership Weeks that will be running from August 7 to

August 11 and August 14 to August 18 and is available to any who have registered for Sessions 1, 2 and/or 3 of Summer Serve 2017. Leadership Week will give participants an opportunity to further expand upon their ability to work well with others and teach them how they can serve as a catalyst for positive change in their community. *Scholarships are available.

Contact: Shana Knight
sknight@uwfrederick.org

301-663-4231
<http://www.unitedwayfrederick.org/SummerServe>

WAY TO GROW – Offers programs aimed at building social skills for kids. For ages 5-10, Social Skills groups are offered for a 6-week session, meeting once each week. Groups are run by our Speech Language Pathologist and focus on learning and practicing skills through games and role playing. Participants are grouped with peers and work on skills such as initiating social interactions, topic maintenance, resolving conflicts, using manners, etc. Curriculum is customized to meet the needs of group members.

Contact: info@way2grow.com
www.way2grow.com

301-846-4769

WOODLAND CREATIVE LEARNING CENTER – Movement, Sensory and Themes! From Dinosaurs to Space we keep the classroom fun! Our weekly themes and hands on learning create an optimal environment for the students to learn. We focus on center rotations. This allows for small structured groups which helps meet all of the student's academic and developmental needs.

Contact: info@woodlandCLC.com
www.woodlandCLC.com

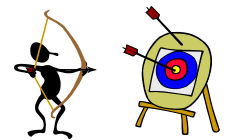
240-285-4284

YMCA KIDS UNLIMITED PROGRAMS - Programs for Children and Young Adults with Special Needs Ages 4 - 20 - Summer camp with opportunities for inclusion with typical peers through activities with a variety of general camp programs, as well as specialized activities, field trips and presentations. We will attempt to accommodate all students with special education needs, on a case by case basis. If you require additional information, please contact Kelly Presnell directly. Registration has begun and is ongoing.

Contact: Kelly Presnell, Program Director
kpresnell@frederickymca.org

301-663-5131 Ext. 1248 or 301-748-9869
www.frederickymca.org

MARYLAND PROGRAMS



BASIC CONCEPTS SUMMER PROGRAM- Basic Concepts offers a variety of classes for children preschool through middle school. We utilize numerous therapeutic interventions (sensory, play, music, social and behavioral) throughout all of our daily activities for maximum achievement. Our programs are intended for children who have mild to moderate deficits in speech, language, play, and socialization. Speech language pathologists and special educators provide services in all our classrooms. Basic Concepts offers a five-week session from June 26-July 28, 2017 and a mini session from July 31-August 11. Both sessions are located in Rockville, Maryland.

<http://www.basicconcepts.org>
info@basicconcepts.org

240-447-8013

BENNETT BLAZERS--Kennedy Krieger's Physically Challenged Sports Program is home to the Bennett Blazers. Bennett provides year round, weekly exercise and sports programs for children with predominately-physical disabilities. Bennett is located in Baltimore, but serves over a hundred children per year from Maryland, southern Pennsylvania, and northern DC suburbs. The program focuses on

developing abilities in very young children (about 2 years old and up) as well as providing competitive sports on a Paralympic model for older athletes. Activities are held weekly at the Greenspring Campus of Kennedy Krieger Institute. Off-site programming includes participation in local, regional, national and international athletic competitions. Special activity camps in golf, bicycling, and sled hockey are held on campus or at local university/recreational facilities. Activities vary by season, but always include both beginner and advanced programs.

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443-923-7844
www.bennettblazers.org

CAMP ACCOMPLISH—Camp Accomplish offers options for day and overnight camps as well as the new, redesigned Teen Program—a program that introduces work experience to teen campers. Activities and schedules are designed in a way to afford all campers extra time to spend doing what is most interesting and exciting to them. Coupled with a qualified and person-centered group of staff members, a summer at Camp Accomplish is sure to be nonstop fun in the sun! Since 1998, Camp Accomplish has provided quality inclusive camping experiences for campers of all ability levels in day and residential camp settings. Campers between the ages of 5 and 18 receive individualized support from trained counselors and program staff, with a focus on ensuring that each camper feels valued and successful in a challenging and safe environment. For campers seeking a more specific activity focus, there are programming options that can be added on to the Camp Accomplish experience. These program offerings include swimming lessons, equestrian programs, specialty camps, and an introduction to work experience program for youth between the ages of 13 and 18. Most campers participate in a 1:5 counselor to camper ratio. Campers who require additional support can be placed in a lower staffing ratio, including 1:1 support. Located in Nanjemoy, MD.

recreation@melwood.org
www.melwoodrecreation.org/camp

301-870-3226

CAMP ARISTOTLE – At Camp Aristotle at the Silver Spring Campus, we believe that the summer should be stress-free and full of fun! Our weekly themes are chosen with input from students because we know that growth happens when children are truly engrossed in what they are doing. Our exciting activities are carefully designed to foster friendships, self-awareness, exploration, and social success. Many students at Camp Aristotle experience challenges associated with Autism Spectrum Disorder (previously Asperger's Syndrome or PDD-NOS), receptive/expressive/pragmatic language challenges and, ADHD; however, not all campers have a formal diagnosis. Students at Camp Aristotle may have trouble with peer relationships and/or impulse control. Sometimes, they have previously experienced unhappiness and frustration in camps where their need for tools such as sensory breaks were not respected or understood. Our teachers and staff are specially trained to understand these needs. Our goal is to provide all of our campers with an enjoyable, fulfilling and bully-free camp experience.

Camp Aristotle accepts rising Kindergarten through rising 9th grade campers offering both half day and full day options.

info.silverspring@camparistotle.org
www.theauburnschool.org

301-588-8058

CAMP ATTAWAY – Camp Attaway is a three-week summer day camp program for boys and girls ages 7-13 with emotional and behavioral disorders. Held in Howard County, Maryland, the Camp offers a variety of activities designed to ensure a safe, therapeutic, and most importantly, fun-filled days for children, as well as a weekly support and education group for their parents. Activities include: swimming, sports-lite, cooperative games, rock climbing, arts & crafts, nature, and drama. We create a safe environment with a 2:1 ratio of campers to staff at all times. Camp Attaway will be held from 9 am through 3 pm on June 30– July 21 in Columbia, MD. Scholarships are available.

www.campattaway.org

410-730-2633

CAMP BRENDAN- A summer sailing camp to build confidence for children with learning differences ages 11-14 in Annapolis (day camp) and ages 11 to 14 and 15-18 (day camp and overnight camp) at St. Mary's College, sponsored by the Brendan Corporation. Brendan does not require any previous experience and welcomes students of all skill levels. Brendan focuses on each student and his or her individual needs. While the primary focus is on sailing skills and safety on the water, the result is a strong sense of accomplishment and enhanced self-worth. Brendan students learn more than just how to sail - they gain self-awareness and build social skills. Brendan instructors are accomplished sailors and teachers and all are US SAILING certified and undergo rigorous background checks. Sessions are 8 days long and are offered from mid-June through late July. Tuition assistance is available.

joelbays@gmail.com

202-638-2788

www.brendansailing.org/sailingprograms/

CAMP FAIRLEE – An Easter Seals residential camp serving children with physical disabilities and/or cognitive impairments throughout the summer and on select weekends year-round. Also a few sessions of summer camp for children with autism. Because of steady growth and increased demand, they recently invested over \$6.5 million to totally rebuild Easter Seals Camp Fairlee, including all new cabins, an updated health center, activity center and dining hall. In addition to modern, accessible facilities, they added new capacity to allow the camp to accommodate additional campers year-round. Includes activities geared to the age, interest and abilities of each camper, such as canoeing, swimming, fishing, hayrides, horseback riding, and more. Near Chestertown, MD on the Eastern Shore.

www.de.easterseals.com/fairlee

410-778-0566

fairlee@esdel.org

302-324-4444

CAMP INCLUSION--Camp Inclusion is a summer day camp for any student with and without a cognitive, social, or physical disability. At Camp Inclusion, campers participate in many group games and sports such as soccer, scooter activities, and modified floor hockey. Campers also participate in art & crafts activities such as tie-dye and painting, as well as developmentally appropriate board games. Games are age appropriate and adapted for all needs. Camp Inclusion daily activities are run primarily by high school and college age students with a desire to study special education. This creates an unmatched social environment that allows students to be themselves and create bonds between other campers and counselors while in a safe, structured environment.

campinclusion@gmail.com

443-472-7027

www.campinclusion.org

CAMP MILLDALE INCLUSION PROGRAM -- Our **Inclusion Program** in Owings Mills is designed for campers in grades K-6th with a range of learning, developmental, social, emotional, and physical disabilities. Campers join bunks with their typical peers and participate in all camp activities, including instructional and recreational swim. They are paired on a 1:1 or 2:1 basis with specially-trained staff, who are overseen by our Special Needs department. All applicants must complete a personal interview so that we are able to determine if the program will successfully serve the needs of your camper.

Contact Emily Peisach Stern
epeisach@jcc.org

410-559-3557

www.campmilledale.org

CAMP KLAL (Keep Living and Learning) is an exciting summer program focused on recreational and vocational activities for campers ages 14-26. It is a self-contained camp for young adults with learning, developmental, social, emotional, and physical disabilities. At KLAL, we treat young adults as unique individuals and work to help each camper learn new skills, experience new challenges, and grow both functionally and personally in a supportive and caring environment. In addition to their daily activities, participants will engage in community service projects, and receive specialized training in social,

functional, and vocational skills. Most importantly, a Camp KLAL's summer will be filled with a lot of smiles and fun every day!

Contact: Sara Rubinstein
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410-559-3576
<http://www.jcc.org/teens-special-needs>

CAMP SUNRISE - Camp Sunrise is a week-long cost-free summer camp held July 31-Aug. 6 in Maryland, for children who have battled or are currently battling cancer. Campers are given the opportunity to establish strong peer relationships with the other children they can relate to that are going through the same experiences and feelings as they are with their cancer treatment. At Camp Sunrise, campers also gain independence from the regimen of cancer treatment, and enhance their self-confidence by trying new activities offered while attending the camp.

Contact: Marilyn Scalf
<http://www.campsunrisemd.com/>

mscal19@gmail.com

CAMP SUPERKIDS – Overnight asthma camp for children 7 1/2 to 12 years of age held at Summit Grove Camp, PA on July 9-14. During the week of camp, the kids will participate in arts and crafts, Zumba, swimming, outdoor team-building skills, archery, and more. Along with these activities they will learn how to manage their asthma, thereby decreasing the number and duration of asthma episodes; increasing confidence in their ability to manage asthma; providing the children with knowledge to make independent and positive health choices; improving the children's school performance; and increasing self-esteem. Sponsored by The John Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, scholarships are available for those who qualify.

Contact: Heather Dougherty
campsuperkids@gmail.com

717-578-0465
<http://www.hopkinsbayview.org/campsuperkids>

CARROLL COUNTY THERAPEUTIC RECREATION -- Programs are offered for children and adults with mild to moderate disabilities. Programs include Crafts, Play and Socialize, Fitness, Cooking, Swimming, and more. For questions about these programs, call the Carroll County Department of Recreation & Parks at **410-386-2103**.

<http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/recpark/>

THE CHILDREN'S SPOT -- The SPOT's Summer Adventure is a 2 week half day or full day therapeutic environment geared for children of preschool through late elementary school age. Children with and without special needs are invited to attend. The Children's SPOT specializes in working with children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Speech/Language Disorders, Gross Motor and Fine motor delays, social skills differences and behavior challenges. The SPOT Summer Adventure program includes specialized instruction in the areas of speech/language, social, sensory, music, gross and fine motor skills. Children are grouped by age and ability.

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1-877-776-8502
<https://spotofmd.com/>

CORNERSTONE ACADEMY—Cornerstone Academy is a Maryland State approved non-public school specifically designed for children diagnosed with learning differences in grades 6 – 12. Summer Tutoring: Cornerstone Academy is offering Orton Gillingham, reading, writing and math tutoring this summer. We provide testing to analyze your child's strengths and weaknesses and then use specialized strategies to help students to progress. Cornerstone Academy incorporates multi-sensory techniques with each lesson and makes learning fun! Located in Mt. Airy, MD.

www.cornerstone-academy.org

301-829-4730

DOWNTOWN SAILING CENTER--Our Mission: "The Downtown Sailing Center provides quality education and life enriching programs that promote self-esteem and teamwork through the joy of sailing. The Downtown Sailing Center is committed to promoting an environment of inclusiveness and

accessibility, especially to youth, persons with disabilities, and those with limited opportunity." A variety of summer camps offered in Baltimore.

lynn@downtownsailing.org

410-727-0722

<http://www.downtownsailing.org/>

IMAGINE WELLNESS THERAPEUTIC DAY CAMP -- An inclusion camp for neurotypical children and their peers with ASD and related disorders. We will target skill acquisition in the areas of communication, social interaction, and independence through a variety of recreational and leisure activities. The children will enjoy exploring a variety of summer-themed craft activities, creative music activities; yoga sequences, sports and team building, and culinary adventures. Located in North Laurel.

We will be reconstructing our summer camp offering for 2017. Be on the lookout for updates.

<http://www.imaginewellnessllc.com/summer-camp.html>

443-741-2249

KIDS BEING KIDS-- We are an organization that believes in the power of play! We provide a summer camp for children ages 5-12 with special needs in addition to a Saturday social skills and play program we call Saturplay, which takes place for 3 hours in the morning. Our staff consist of a Board Certified Behavior Analyst and veteran special educators. Our camp and Saturplay programs focus on play-based learning including sports, arts and crafts, cooking, yoga, music, and more. We work with children on the skills needed to develop friendships, play effectively with others, self-regulate and just get the opportunity to be a kid in a supportive fun environment. Please contact us for more details and/or questions. Located in Rockville, MD.

Contact: Sarah Starr

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301-473-1535

<http://www.kidsbeingkids.org>

LIONS CAMP MERRICK --Provides a week-long residential camping experience for children between the ages of 6-16 who are Deaf, Blind, or Type 1 Diabetic. Camp Merrick includes typical camp activities such as swimming, archery, canoeing, arts and crafts, plus more and is located in Nanjemoy, MD in Charles County along the Potomac River. Children must be independent in activities of daily living.

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301-870-5858

www.lionscammerrick.org

NATIONAL SPEECH LANGUAGE THERAPY CENTER -- JumpStart Social-Language Camp is designed for children with special needs, ages 3-6 years old, to work on social and language skills. Groups are led by a certified speech language pathologist, with assistants who are pursuing a degree in speech language pathology or a related field. Children rotate through speech and language activities while practicing social skills throughout the day. Activities include inside and outside play, games, art and special projects. JumpStart Summer Camp is the perfect place for children to experience a fun camp environment while enhancing communication and social skills. Located in Bethesda and Germantown.

www.nationalspeech.com

301-493-0023 or 301-540-0445

NATURE CAMPS, INC. -- Nature Camps Day Camps serve campers ages 4-12; overnight camp is for 13-16 years old. Nature Camps is an innovative outdoor adventure and environmental camp that utilizes mixed age learning, creative discovery, and individual selection of daily activities and is located in Monkton, MD. NC strives to provide and promote inclusivity and respect for all people. Contact to discuss individual needs.

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infinitebluebirds@gmail.com

410-935-1545

www.naturecamps.com

PEDIATRIC MOVEMENT CENTER--Through individualized patient-centered practices designed to empower children with and without special needs, we provide comprehensive therapeutic, recreation, and support services to children and their families in our community and surrounding areas. Pediatric Movement Center offers inclusive classes for children of all abilities in a movement based atmosphere to

incorporate movement, play, socialization, and learning while building confidence, strength, balance, endurance, and coordination. Classes include: Parent-child classes; Gymnastics and tumbling; Dance; Sports Skills; Social and behavioral classes; Sensory and Art classes; Yoga; Special events including sensory-friendly movies, holiday, and birthday parties.

www.pmcchag.com

301-739-5437

info@pmchag.com

SOCIAL BEGINNINGS—Ready to have some fun this summer? Summer time at Social Beginnings offers a unique opportunity for children with special needs to develop new friendships with peers, learn and develop new social skills, and have a blast. Our highly trained and experienced staff will insure that each child's experience is individualized in order to meet their needs and maximize their growth! This summer, both our full day and half day programs will explore the theme of "Around the World". Our exciting activities include: Creative arts, Music, Small and Large group activities, Water Play, Communication, Social Skills, and more! Sign up today for this outstanding opportunity for learning and fun under the warm summer sun! Held in Howard and Harford counties.

Contact: Amanda Biondy

888-344-5977

amanda@verbalbeginnings.com

www.verbalbeginnings.com

SUMMER SENSATIONS CAMP -- Summer Sensations is a full-day camp program carefully designed to support the needs of children with sensory processing challenges. We combine therapy with fun to promote success for children who struggle in traditional camp programs. Opportunities to learn and practice social skills are woven throughout the day. By maintaining Maryland Youth Camp Certification, Summer Sensations adheres to state regulations established to protect the health and safety of children, such as background checks and specialized staff training. Campers will enjoy 3 sessions a week of Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Music Therapy, Art Therapy, Gross Motor Instruction, Self - Regulation Group, and Bike Riding Instruction. Located in Columbia, Maryland.

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

410-997-8081

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STAR COMMUNITY, INC -- Star offers a comprehensive range of residential, day program and equestrian opportunities based in faith and executed with love and respect for the individuals served. Within our scenic setting in Western, MD, Star's facilities include two greenhouses, an indoor swimming pool, nature trail and a handicapped accessible fishing pond. Daily camp activities include learn to ride and care for a horse, equine demonstrations, trail rides (weather permitting), games, water activities and crafts.

www.starcommunityinc.org

301-791-0011

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OUT OF STATE PROGRAMS

BRAINY CAMPS ASSOCIATION--A subsidiary of Children's National Medical Center, Brainy Camps Association is a non-profit organization; with the campsite just two hours from DC, located on the grounds of Timber Ridge in High View, WV. We offer our campers a safe, fun experience where they can meet others like themselves, often for the first time in their lives. Not only do they swim, dance, and play, they gain knowledge about their conditions from medical experts in the field and learn to be independent, self-reliant, and effective partners with their medical providers in the management of their health. Campers can choose from a myriad of activities including swimming, fishing, boating, archery,

arts & crafts, pottery, team sports, challenge course, and camp Olympics. Support groups and educational programs promote knowledge, skill development, and interpersonal connections. Through their time at Brainy Camps, campers gain a sense of who they are, what they have to offer, and where they want to go in the future.

Contact: Director Sandra Cushner Weinstein
www.brainycamps.com

202-476-5142

202-476-3181

info@brainycamps.org

CAMP LEE MAR- This is a private residential 7 weeks co-ed camp program for campers' ages 7-21 with mild to moderate learning and developmental challenges located in Pennsylvania. Campers enjoy traditional camp and recreation activities plus academics and speech and language therapy. Therapeutic horseback riding and overnight trips are offered, and the program includes an outdoor heated pool, modern facilities, and air-conditioned buildings.

www.leemar.com

215-658-1708

Check out these websites for more camps/recreation:

www.campresource.com/

www.mysummertcamps.com

www.kidscamp.org

www.camppage.com

<http://www.pathfindersforautism.org/providers>

<http://baltimoreschild.com/campsummer-programs/>

