

DFW Summer Camps 2022

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Altruistic	Summer dayhab	2 locations in Plano	18+	Summer dayhab available Monday-Friday 8:30am-2:30pm. Waiver program services can be used to pay for the day program or private pay options are available starting at \$35/day.	http://www.alttx.org/#/	For more info: amanda@alttx.org; 214.301.1143
Callier Center for Communication Disorders	Day and overnight	Dallas, Richardson	Camps range from age 4 to 15	<p>Camp CHAT is a weekend retreat for teens with hearing loss and their families.</p> <p>Camp Interact is a therapeutic day camp for children finishing 1st grade to 5th grades with social difficulties.</p> <p>Summer Language Camp is a six-week, intensive language therapy program for children who have language and learning disorders.</p> <p>The beloved week-long Cochlear Implant Camp gives children who have cochlear implants an opportunity to receive listening and speech-language therapy while participating in fun camp activities.</p>	https://calliercenter.utdallas.edu/evaluation-treatment/summer-camps/	<p>Dallas: (972) 883-3030</p> <p>Richardson: (972) 883.3630</p>

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Camp Aranzazu	Overnight; must book through partner facilities	Rockport	5+	Camp Aranzazu (pronounced Ah ran' zah zoo) is dedicated to enriching the lives of children and adults with special needs and chronic illnesses by providing unique camping, environmental education, and retreat experiences.	https://camparanzazu.org/assets/uploads/docs/Camp-A-Info-for-Pro prospective-Partners-NF.pdf https://camparanzazu.org/come-to-camp/campers-with-special-needs-chronic-illnesses#mission-camping-partners	361.727.0800 Amelia Haslam, at ahaslam@camparanzazu.org Michelle Frerich, recruitment coordinator, at michelle@camparanzazu.org
Camp Blessing Texas	Overnight, multiple sessions	Brenham	7+	Camp Blessing is a nondenominational Christian summer camp for children and adults with special medical, physical, and developmental disabilities and their siblings.	https://campblessing.org/	Email: info@campblessing.org Phone: 281-259-5789
Camp Can-Do	Day	Fort Worth	5+	Camp Can Do is specifically designed for blind and visually impaired children aged 6-12. Camp Can Do prides itself on allowing campers to have a full YMCA Camp Carter experience like any other child! Activities include specially designed and modified programs like hiking, swimming, canoeing, skeet shooting, riflery and the giant swing...oh and horses, too!	https://ymcacampcarter.org/specialty-camps/camp-can-do	

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Camp Drive	Day/Night	Elgin	18+	CAMP DRIVE PROVIDES ADULTS WITH IDD AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY A TRADITIONAL CAMP EXPERIENCE. WE CAREFULLY SELECT AND MODIFY OUR ACTIVITIES TO ENSURE EVERYONE CAN PARTICIPATE AND HAVE FUN!	https://www.campdrive.org/	(512)848-3936 robert@campdrive.org
Camp Fire El Tesoro	Overnight	Granbury	Grades 1-10	Camp Fire Camp El Tesoro includes up to three campers per week with mild intellectual or developmental disabilities. Children with disabilities are included in cabin groups and camp activities.	https://www.campfirefw.org/camps/overnight-camps/inclusion-program/	817-831-2111
Camp for All	Overnight	Burton	Children and adults	Camp For All transforms the world for children and adults with challenging illnesses or special needs. Intentionally delivering unique, truly barrier-free experiences throughout the year, Camp For All collaborates with multiple not-for-profit organizations to enable thousands of campers and their families to discover life.	https://www.campforall.org/find-your-camp/	bdeans@campforall.org P: 979-289-3752 jdeleon@campforall.org P: 713-686-5666

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Camp John Marc	Overnight	Meridian	Children and adults	Camp John Marc inspires confidence for life through high-quality camping programs for children, teens, and families. Year round programming and specialized camp facilities are uniquely designed in partnership with Dallas-Fort Worth area pediatric hospitals, community volunteers, and health organizations who are dedicated to serving campers living with chronic medical and physical challenges. The dignity of each camper is nurtured at Camp John Marc as well as in the community through its outreach programs.	https://www.campjohnmarc.org/events/category/summer-camp/	214-360-0056 Email: mail@campjohnmarc.org
Camp Neuron at Texas Lions Camp	Overnight	San Antonio	8-14	At Texas Lions Camp, we view camp as a time for campers to explore, exercise curiosity, and discover new interests and abilities. We want campers to attempt things that would normally be out of their reach, such as riding a horse, or rock climbing on our ropes course, or just being part of a team.	https://www.lionscamp.com/become-a-camper.html#CampPhilosophy	1-830-896-8500 1-830-896-3666 tlc@lionscamp.com

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Easter Seals Houston	Overnight; multiple camps	Burton	6-14	We offer several different camps for people with all types of disabilities. Our camps are barrier-free and designed to be accessible to everyone. A camp experience increases skills and enhances self-confidence while giving families much needed respite from the hard work and responsibility they face every day. Additionally, these activities provide an opportunity to learn to problem-solve, make social adjustments to new and different people, learn responsibility, and gain new skills to increase self-esteem.	https://www.eastersealshouston.org/Programs/camps.html	713.838.9050, ext. 309
Camp Summit	Overnight	Paradise	6+	Camp Summit is a one-of-a-kind camp for individuals with disabilities where the emphasis is on each campers' abilities rather than their disabilities. Traditional camp activities are adapted to each individual, provided in our barrier-free facilities, and implemented by trained, caring staff. Our campers are grouped by age, providing the opportunity to make friends within peer groups while having fun and experiencing new adventures.	https://www.campsummittx.org/programs	972-484-8900

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Center for ASD	Day	Burleson	All ages	Enjoy weekly themes and lots of fun with caring staff during the summer! Camp activities include crafts, games, art, music, community involvement, and much more.	https://www.centerforasd.org/copy-2-of-programs-3	(682) 499-6655
Charis Hills	Overnight	Sunset	7-18	Charis Hills is a Christian Summer Camp that offers kids, ages 7 to 18, with learning differences and social difficulties—those with ADD, ADHD, high-functioning Autism, Asperger's disorder, and other special needs—an opportunity to come to a place of acceptance. We provide a positive camp experience while sharing the good news about Jesus Christ.	https://charishills.org/dates-rates	P 940.964.2145 info@charishills.org
Children's Association for Maximum Potential (CAMP)	Day and Overnight	Center Point	5 to 55 5 to 13 for siblings	Summer Camp sessions are held at Camp CAMP in Center Point, Texas, on a beautiful 55-acre property along the Guadalupe River. CAMP modifies traditional summer camp activities to meet the unique needs of each camper. Campers have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities such as canoeing, horseback riding, swimming, music, sports & recreation, arts & crafts, and outdoor cooking.	https://campcamp.org/campers/summer/	(210) 671-5411 campmail@campcamp.org

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City of Dallas Bachman Therapeutic Recreation Center	Day	Dallas	6-22	The Dallas Park and Recreation Department offers programs specifically designed to meet the needs and abilities of individuals with disabilities. We offer a continuum of services for individuals of all ages that provide opportunities to improve quality of life, foster independence, make friends, and boost self-esteem.	https://www.dallasparks.org/555/Therapeutic-Recreation	bachmanrc@dallascityhall.com 214-670-5411
City of Irving	Day	Irving	18+	Our goal is to provide a recreation program designed to assist Irving residents ages 18 and older with mental and/or physical disabilities. The program was created for adults who require moderate staff assistance and instruction with leisure activities and physical fitness.	https://www.cityofirving.org/814/Special-Needs-Programs#:~:text=on%20Disabilities%20Website.-,Adult%20Therapeutic%20Day%20Program,leisure%20activities%20and%20physical%20fitness.	972-721-2501
Clubhouse for Special Needs	Day	Euless	13-22	A year-round social and recreational program with individual's with special needs.	https://www.theclubhouse.org/programs.html	barbara@theclubhouse.org or via cell: 817-285-0885

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Come Read with Me	Day	Euless	Adults	Come Read With Me is a lifelong learning and therapeutic center for amazing adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The organization strives to support the participants long-term cognitive strength through lifelong learning.	https://crwmtx.org/classes/	817-553-7323 info@crwmtx.org
Dallas Children's Theater	Day	Dallas	8 to 18	Work with DCT professionals using theater techniques to enhance creativity in each student. Classes designed for youth with autism, Down syndrome and other sensory processing disorders and special needs.	https://secure.dct.org/academyclasses/seniorsclasses/	214-978-0110 ext. 138 or gina.waits@dct.org
Deer Creek Adventure Camp	Overnight	Medina	Children and adults	Friend's Week at Deer Creek Camp is a wonderful opportunity for children and adults with special needs to attend a Christian Special Needs Summer Camp in Texas. Friend's Week is a very special part of our ministry, 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.	https://www.deercreekcamp.com/christian-summer-camps/friends-week/	830-589-7123

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Down Home Ranch	Day and Overnight	Elgin	18+	At Ranch Camp we encourage youth and adults with a range of cognitive disabilities, to come out to the country and enjoy our little slice of Texas. We are located 45 minutes east of Austin on Hwy 290. Enjoy swimming in the 52' pool, playing basketball, taking hikes, caring for animals or drop a line in the pond to see how quick a fish snatches the hook. Also, it wouldn't be summer in Texas if you didn't hear the cicada at dusk on a hot summer night. It's everything summer camp should be – and so much more.	https://www.downhomeranch.org/ranch-camp/	camp@downhomeranch.org or call (512) 856-0128 x120.
Edward Pierce Center for Autism, Inc	Day	Arlington	4+	They do offer summer programs that are during the day. On Fridays, they do field trips out into the community. They will update their website and they recommend to call in May for more information.	https://epcautism.org/	Office : 682-308-0832

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First Methodist Mansfield-Special Needs Ministry Services	Day	Mansfield	5+ Free	We have a place for you and your family! This means we are equipped, trained, and ready to meet the needs of all of our Special Needs participants. There is the opportunity for a one-on-one mentor to be assigned at each of our programs. We also offer a Special Needs Nursery for all of our church events where Childcare is requested, as well as all of our worship services.	https://firstmethodistmansfield.org/ministries/special-needs/	817-477-2287 x150. jamiec@fmcm.org
First United Methodist Church Arlington-Special Needs Ministry Services and Bible Camp	Day	Arlington	Children and adults Free	A safe and fun class for special needs children to attend on Sunday mornings to learn about and experience the Love of God. Other family members can enjoy one of two worship services held during this time. Parents must notify us each week that their child will be attending so that we can match up volunteers to the child's needs. Please contact Rev. Kay Lancaster no later than the Thursday before the Sunday you wish for your child to attend. Bible camp dates TBD, contact rev. Kay Lancaster for more information.	https://www.arlingtonmethodist.org/connection/special-needs/	klancaster@arlingtonmethodist.org

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Heroes	Day	Richardson	3+	<p>H.E.R.O.E.S. programs are designed for early childhood through young adults with a focus on vocation, social skills, communication & recreation and leisure.</p> <p>Younger groups have the opportunity to work on calendar, weather, functional math, and reading for all abilities. Older students look into community for an instructional focus on real life applications. Other activities may include swimming, using the DART system (older children) practice skills in the community (restaurants, movies and more). Increasing appropriate communication and friendship skills will be embedded throughout the entire day.</p>	https://heroesdfw.org/programs/	info@heroesdfw.org
Green Oaks Adult Learning	Day	Arlington	13+	<p>Green Oaks Adult Learning (GOAL) is again pleased to offer a full summer program for teens and adults with intellectual disabilities that has the flexibility to fit most needs and schedules. In addition to our year-round programming for adults, GOAL is open to students ages 13 to 18 in the summer.</p>	https://www.greenoaksinc.org/programs/summer-programs.cfm	817-861-5000 info@greenoaksschool.org

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Goodwill Camp Independence	Day		16-22	Camp Independence is a summer camp for transitional students, age 16-22, seeking educational and career assistance. In partnership with Texas Workforce Solutions Vocational Rehabilitation Services (TWS-VRS), Goodwill hosts several two-week sessions of Camp Independence, each summer geared toward transitional students – individuals with disabilities transitioning from high school to post-secondary education or the workforce.	https://goodwillnorthcentraltexas.org/people-with-disabilities/	817.332.7866 BHODGES@GODWILLNCT.ORG Please put Camp Independence in the subject line
iCan Bike	Day	Fort Worth and Arlington		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. Research shows that over 80% of people with Autism and 90% of people with Down syndrome never experience this thrill. Defying these odds is why we exist!	https://icanshine.org/ican-bike-fort-worth-tx/ https://icanshine.org/ican-bike-arlington-tx/	please e-mail icanbikefortworth@gmail.com or call 682-303-2669. please e-mail Ashley directly at ashley@dspnt.org or call 682-316-3121.

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It's a Sensory World! Summer Camps	Day	Farmers Branch	2-18	Our seasonal camps welcome children of all abilities, ages 2 to 18! Campers will be placed in low ratio groups based on an age range, developmental level, and personal interests. We provide customized, sensory-based activities during our camp schedule and help keep children in a daily routine during school breaks. During our summer camps, we help maintain skills while using our unique model to regulate the sensory system and target developmental skills that children might not focus on throughout the school year. We also love to provide our campers with unique experiences through creative activities, special programs, and community outings! Our goal is to provide a one-of-kind experience that provides entertainment, practice, and preparation for inclusive opportunities for your child out in the community.	http://www.itsasensoryworld.org/camp-special-needs-children/	(972) 239-8100 info@itsasensoryworld.org
Joni and Friends Family Retreats	Overnight	Navasota	Children and Adults	Our retreat provides inclusive worship, biblical teaching, fun, age-appropriate activities, and meaningful connections with families who understand the unique joys and challenges of life with disability. Situated just north of Houston, Texas at the Camp Allen Conference Center, this retreat serves families living with disability throughout Texas and the southern states. You'll find plenty of accessible activities to fill your day, and lots of fun events planned in the cool of the evening under the stars. Times in God's Word and stirring messages from our camp pastor will assure that this retreat will be an unforgettable experience for your family.	https://www.joniandfriends.org/event/texas-family-retreat-week-3-2/	mburkey@joniandfriends.org (972) 941-4525

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Kamp Kaleidoscope	Overnight	Anna	15-19 FREE	Slightly different from its cousins, Kamp Kaleidoscope offers activities geared specifically for older teens, ages 15 to 19, with epilepsy. It combines the outdoors and the experiences of camp life with camaraderie and team building. This experience is funded through private gifts from people like you. Kamp Kaleidoscope is completely free.	https://www.eftx.org/camps/kamp-kaleidoscope-youth-epilepsy-epilepsy-camps/#:~:text=Kamp%20Kaleidoscope%20takes%20place%20at,45%20miles%20northeast%20of%20Dallas.	Suzanne Thomas stthomas@eftx.org
Marbridge Summer Camp	Overnight	Manhaca	16-30	A fun and safe week where young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities can learn, experience, and achieve	https://www.marbridge.org/short-term-care/summer-camp/	Barbara Bush 512-282-1144 ext. 1204
North Texas Performing Arts “Starcatchers Classes and Camps	Day	Plano Frisco Fairview Dallas	8+	Classes and camps are a great way to try out a Starcatchers program for students and adults with cognitive disabilities! These programs are shorter than our theatre productions and focus on an individual topic or skill.	https://ntpa.org/classes/starcatchers/	starcatchers@ntpa.org

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Peaceable Kingdom Retreat	Overnight	Killeen	Children and Adults	Peaceable Kingdom by Variety hosts diagnosis-specific camps that bring together campers who share a common experience, ranging from a physical difference to a traumatic experience to a chronic condition. We work directly with non-profit organizations and hospitals that recruit campers and counselors to attend our facility for a full week of summer camp.	https://www.varietytexas.org/summer-programs	contact Carolyn Drummond at 254.554.5555 or carolyn.drummond@varietytexas.org.
REACH: Resource Centers of Independent Living Summer Camps	Day	Fort Worth	18-20	This camp is for young adults with a disability, who is between the ages of 18-29 years old. Attendant Care will not be provided. Please call to see if your adult qualifies.	https://www.reachcils.org/	Jenna Reinke jreinke@reachlis.org 817-870-9082
Summer Events for Exceptional Kampers (SEEK)	Overnights	Bridgeport Pottsboro	9+	All of our camps are designed to accommodate the special needs of our campers. Each camper is encouraged and assisted by their counselor to participate in the camp community. SEEK Camp experiences are available beginning at 9 years of age through adulthood."SEEK Camp is a unique opportunity for campers who are physically and/or mentally challenged to learn about love, friendship, sharing, caring and living in a Christian community.	https://seekcamp.org/#	See website for contacts based on camp session.

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Texas Elks Camp	Overnight	Gonzales	7 to 17	Texas Elks Camp provides children with special needs and children in foster care an opportunity to try new things, meet new friends and make memories that will last a lifetime. Campers are encouraged to make their own decisions, become more independent and accept new challenges. Any child with special needs or in foster care age 7 to 21, who is a resident of the state of Texas is eligible for admission to the Texas Elks Camp. No child is denied acceptance on the basis of his or her income level, ethnic origin, race, creed, color or religion. There is no fee. Campers are accepted on a “first-come, first-served” basis.	https://www.texaselkscamp.com/	830-875-2425 txelks@gvec.net
Texas Hands and Voices Family Weekend Retreat	Overnight	Austin	Children and adults	This memorable weekend in Austin is for all Texas families and caregivers with deaf or hard of hearing children. Texas families are welcome to join us in making connections with other families, deaf and hard of hearing adults, and professionals who work with deaf or hard of hearing children. Throughout the weekend, parents/caregivers and other adult family members will attend educational workshops while the children and youth attend activities in a camp-like atmosphere with supervision by qualified staff.	https://www.texasdeafed.org/Page/1549	512-462-5329

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