



# Camp Directory for Children with Special Needs

2016

**The Somerset County Council for Young Children** is a partnership of providers and parents working together to address the needs of families with children birth to age eight who live in Somerset County. The SCCYC is located at the Empower Family Success Center and welcomes new parent members at any time.

For more information, please contact:

Somerset County Council for Young Children  
(908) 722-4400  
[www.empowerfsc.com](http://www.empowerfsc.com)



The 2016 Edition of the Camp Directory for Children with Special Needs is provided by the Somerset County Council for Young Children & the Somerset Children's Center. The inclusion of a camp within this guide in no way implies a recommendation or endorsement. The directory is intended to assist parents in their search for an appropriate camp for their child. Each camp provided the description of their programs for this directory. Consumers are responsible for researching specifics about a camp's services.

## SUMMER PROGRAMS IN OR CLOSE TO SOMERSET COUNTY

### **AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION OF THE MID-ATLANTIC ASTHMA CAMPS**



#### **ASTHMA CAMP OF THE GREATER LEHIGH VALLEY**

5851 Horseshoe Road  
Orefield, PA 18069  
(About 1 hour by car from Flemington)  
Contact: John Keith  
(610) 941-959  
[jkeith@lunginfo.org](mailto:jkeith@lunginfo.org)

Camp Fowler is an overnight camp for ages 7-12, No Fee.

#### **CAMP ASTHMACADABRA**

[www.campasthmacadabra.org](http://www.campasthmacadabra.org)  
1536 Wilkes Barre  
PA 18703  
(About 1 hour 45 minutes by car from Flemington)  
Contact: Tony Delonti  
(570) 346-1784

Camp Kresge is an overnight Camp for ages 7-12.

### **THE ARC OF HUNTERDON COUNTY CAMP HORIZONS**



[www.archunterdon.org](http://www.archunterdon.org)  
1322 State Route 31, Suite 5  
Annandale, NJ 08801  
Contact: Ronnie LaParr  
(908) 730-7827 ext. 231  
[ronnie@archunterdon.org](mailto:ronnie@archunterdon.org)

Camp Horizons is a summer day camp for kids ages 7-12. For two separate weeks, over the summer, campers go on day trips to many different places. You can attend one week or both weeks. Child needs to be referred by DCF/PerformCare.

## THE ARC OF SOMERSET COUNTY CAMP JOTONI



[www.campjotoni.org](http://www.campjotoni.org)

51 Old Sterling Road

Warren, NJ 07059

(908) 725-4244 or (908) 725-7868

JoshB@TheArcofSomerset.org

A day & overnight camp for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities ages 5 and up. Runs through end of August. Before and after care is available for extra fee. RN or LPN staffs infirmary. Jotoni facilities include a swimming pool, dining hall, and five cabins for residential campers.

## THE ARC OF WARREN COUNTY CAMP WARREN RECREATION SUMMER PROGRAM



[www.arcwarren.org](http://www.arcwarren.org)

44 Knoeck Rd

Columbia, NJ 07832

(908) 689-7525

Camp Warren summer program will operate for all ages from the last week of June to the beginning of August. The camp is conducted Monday through Friday from 9am to 3pm for six weeks during the summer, & an overnight camp for age 3 and older, providing a low camper to staff ratio of 3 to 1. Campers are grouped according to their age and are involved in daily which include swimming, music, sports, nature lore, and crafts. Transportation is provided free of charge within Warren County.

## ARTHUR C. LUF CHILDREN'S BURN CAMP



[www.ctburnsfoundation.org](http://www.ctburnsfoundation.org)

601 Boston Post Road

Milford, CT 06460

(203) 878-6744

[frankctburns@optonline.net](mailto:frankctburns@optonline.net)

The Arthur C. Luf Children's Burn Camp is the only one of its kind in the Northeast. All children attend FREE of charge. All expenses for lodging, meals, arts/crafts, activities and programs are paid for by the Foundation. Active and retired firefighters from Fire Departments along the East Coast, medical personnel trained in treating burns and burn survivors, round out the team of counselors for the children.

## CAMP AKEELA



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

1 Thoreau Way  
Thetford Center, VT 05075  
Directors/ Contact: Debbie & Eric Sasson  
(866) 680-4744

Akeela Summer Camp for Social Skills is a co-ed, overnight (sleepaway) camp in Vermont. Within a well- rounded, traditional camp program, Akeela is a small, supportive community that helps campers improve their social skills. Campers are ages 9-17, who have difficulty connecting with their peers. Akeela also has a program for older teens who have completed 11th or 12th grade. Many, but not all, Akeela campers have been diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome or a nonverbal learning disability. Akeela also offers a family camp.

## CAMP CHAT



[www.arthritis.org/new-jersey/](http://www.arthritis.org/new-jersey/)

555 Route 1 South, Suite 320  
Iselin, NJ 08830  
Contact: Peggy Lotkowitz  
(732) 283-4300 ext.321  
plotkowi@arthritis.org

In partnership with the Arthritis Foundation, Easter Seals Camping and Recreation offers the opportunity for children with Juvenile Arthritis and other Rheumatic Diseases to get away from their day to day routines and escape to camp for fun and relaxation.

## CAMP CHATTERBOX



[www.campchatterbox.org](http://www.campchatterbox.org)

150 New Providence Road  
Mountainside, NJ 07092  
Contact: Joan Bruno, Ph.D.  
(908) 301-5451

Camp Chatterbox is a therapy camp for nonspeaking or severely speech-impaired children, Ages 5-22 (and their families), who use technology such as iPads with AAC Apps, Eye-Gaze devices, Tobii/DynaVox, or PRC devices to communicate. Sponsored by Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside, NJ. Camp Chatterbox gives children an opportunity to interact with other children using AAC systems while learning to use their devices in functional activities.

## **CAMP COLD BROOK at Mane Stream (Formerly Somerset Hills Handicapped Riding Center)**



[www.manestreaminc.org](http://www.manestreaminc.org)

83 Old Turnpike Rd  
Oldwick, NJ 08858  
(908) 439-9636

A summer day camp open to children with physical and cognitive challenges as well as typically developing children. Siblings and friends are encouraged to attend. Camp Pegasus is offered just for children ages 4-13 with an Autism Spectrum Disorder, which includes OT and speech. Activities include: daily riding lessons, horsemanship, games and crafts.

## **CAMP DUNNABECK AT THE KILDONAN SCHOOL**



**CAMP DUNNABECK**

[www.kildonan.org](http://www.kildonan.org)

425 Morse Hill Road  
Amenia, NY 12501  
(845) 373-8111

Camp Dunnabeck accepts average to above-average student's ages 8-16 who have a diagnosis of dyslexia or a language based learning difference. The camp's outdoor setting, informal atmosphere, and varied recreational program enables students to work hard without feeling that they are being deprived of a summer. Specifically, they concentrate on those activities that develop self-confidence and creativity. The camp holds a 6 week program from end of June to beginning of August.

## **CAMP FATIMA OF NEW JERSEY**



[www.campfatimanj.org](http://www.campfatimanj.org)

Maywood, NJ 07607  
(201) 487-8688 option 1

A place to meet friends, play games and spend time in the sun, regardless of the challenges of his or her disability. For over 40 years, Camp Fatima's Summer Camp provides a special place for children, ages 5 -19, offering campers a chance to pick from one of the week-long sleep away session in August. There is no charge for campers. Each camper is assigned their own counselor who provides 24 hour a day individualized care with the help of a team of registered nurses, lifeguards, counselor support and administrators, as well as, kitchen, arts and crafts, and activities staff.

## CAMP HAPPY TIMES



[www.thevaleriefund.org](http://www.thevaleriefund.org)

200 Acre Tyler Hill Camp  
Wayne County, Pennsylvania  
Contact: Matt Ruttler  
Mruttler@thevaleriefund.org  
(973) 761-0422 x20

The Valerie Fund's Camp Happy Times is a free one-week overnight camp experience for children aged 5-21 who have or have had cancer. Tyler Hill is fully accredited by the American Camping Association and Camp Happy Times is a proud member of the International Children's Oncology Camping Association.

## CAMP HORIZONS



[www.camphorizons.org](http://www.camphorizons.org)

127 Babcock Hill Road  
South Windham, CT 06266  
(860) 456-1032

Camp Horizons is for campers ages 8-39 (Masters Camp for ages 40+) who are mild to moderately developmentally disabled and able to be supported fully and effectively within a 1:5 ratio; ambulatory and physically able to participate in an active camping program (our facility is not fully wheelchair accessible) and reasonably proficient in activities of daily living such as eating, toileting, bathing and shaving. No awake 3rd shift provided; campers must sleep through the night. Campers attend three programs in the morning and four in the afternoon. Evening activities include campfires, dances, movies, field games and music.

## CAMP HUNTINGTON



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

56 Bruceville Road  
High Falls, NJ 12440  
855 707-2267

Camp Huntington is a co-ed, residential program for children and young adults with special learning and developmental needs. Camp Huntington serves campers with Learning and Developmental Disabilities, ADD/HD, Autism Spectrum Disorders, Asperger's, and other special needs. Programs are designed to focus on adaptive and therapeutic recreation. Programming includes social skills training & practical skills development. The highest level of care is enthusiastically provided by a staff of special education professionals. Three programs are offered: Autism and Asperger's Syndrome, Developmental Disabilities and Learning Disabilities/ ADHD.

## CAMP LEE MAR & L.I.F.E. TRANSITION PROGRAM



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

450 PA-590  
Lackawaxen, PA 18435  
(215) 658-1708

Camp Lee Mar is a private residential special needs camp for children and young adults ages 7–21 with mild to moderate learning and developmental challenges, including but not limited to: developmental disabilities, down syndrome, autism, learning disabilities, Williams Syndrome, Asperger Syndrome, ADD, Prader Willi, and ADHD. A structured environment, individual attention and guidance are emphasized at all times. Campers enjoy traditional camp and recreation activities PLUS academics, speech and language therapy, music and art therapy, daily living skills, sensory-motor-perceptual training, computers and vocational training. Offers therapeutic horseback riding and overnight trips.



## CAMP MARCELLA

[www.campmarcella.org](http://www.campmarcella.org)

27 Durham Road  
Rockaway, NJ 07866  
(973) 627-1113  
(973)627-1996

NJ Camp for Blind Children doing business as Camp Marcella opened its doors in 1947, & has partnered with New Jersey State Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CBVI) and the Lions clubs of NJ to provide an outstanding summer program which has brought campers and staff back year after year.

## CAMP NEJEDA



[www.campnejeda.org](http://www.campnejeda.org)

910 Saddleback Road  
Newton, NJ 07860  
(973) 383-2611  
infor-mation@campnejeda.org

For children with diabetes ages 7-16, the objectives of Camp Nejeda are to provide an active and safe camping experience for children with diabetes and an opportunity for children to live among their peers and establish close relationships with others who have diabetes. A unique opportunity for diabetes education management skills. Camp Nejeda also offers Leadership in Training program for older campers and summer Family Camp. Year round programs include: BFF Weekend for campers to bring siblings and best friends, Celiac/ Diabetes Family Weekend and more.



# CAMP NORTHWOOD



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

132 NY-365

Remsen, NY 13438

Contact: Gordon Felt

(315) 831-3621

northwoodprograms@hotmail.com

Since 1976, Camp Northwood has been providing quality programming to a co-ed population of 165 children in need of structure and individualization. Northwood programs specialize in working with non-aggressive children ranging in ages 8-18 classified with Asperger's Syndrome, HFA, ADHD, Language processing weakness and other forms of minimal learning issues. The program provides a greater degree of supervision and support than is available in a typical camp setting (2:1 camper to staff ratio). Low self-esteem, distractibility, delayed social development and poor organizational skills are just a few of general characteristics shared by Northwood campers.

**CAMP NORTHWOOD** Camp Northwood's program intentionally focuses on providing quality programming designed to foster age appropriate social skills while at the same time offering traditional summer camp experiences. In order to achieve our social developmental goals, campers must immerse themselves in our supportive social environment for more than just a few weeks. It takes time to learn and internalize effective social strategies, therefore, we offer just one summer session for our campers and their families.

## **THE NORTHWOOD CENTER: LIFE SKILLS**

**TRAINING** For Post-Secondary School Northwood Center is a seven week life skills training experience for young adults preparing to make a post-secondary school transition away from home. This comprehensive program gives students an opportunity to develop independent living skills under the watchful eye and supervision of our staff.

## **CAMP NOVA Epilepsy Foundation of NJ**



**[www.efnj.com](http://www.efnj.com)**  
1 Flatbrook Road  
Sandyston, NJ 07826  
Contact: Jenna Andolora  
(800)336-5843  
orjandolora@efnj.org

Camp NOVA is a wonderful opportunity for children and young adults living with epilepsy and other developmental disabilities to enjoy summer camp. Camp NOVA, is a one-week overnight camp for young people ages 12-28, providing an exciting & independent camping experience in an environment filled with fun experiences & memories that will last a lifetime. Camp activities include acting, arts & crafts, boating, fishing, karate, swimming and yoga

## **CAMP OAKHURST**



**[www.nysh.org](http://www.nysh.org)**  
111 Monmouth Road  
Oakhurst, NJ 07755  
(732) 531-0215  
info@nysh.org

Camp Oakhurst serves children ages 8-19 with physical and/or developmental disabilities and also provide services for adults. Campers with the following disabilities are welcome: motor activity, coordination, stamina, autism spectrum disorders, Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy, Spina Bifida, Post-Polio, Osteogenesis Imperfecta, Traumatic Brain Injury and similar conditions. Our campers need to be able to communicate to staff about their care needs, get along with each other and make activity choices. Individuals who use a wheelchair or who require assistance with activities of daily living are welcome. Most special diets can be accommodated. Full fee per session can be adjusted according to family size and income. Scholarships are available. For children who qualify for state-supported respite services, fees may be covered. See website to download application.

## CAMP PALS



**[www.palsprograms.org](http://www.palsprograms.org)**

12 Dow Drive  
Hillsborough, NJ 08844  
[staff@palsprograms.org](mailto:staff@palsprograms.org).

PALS Programs provides a place for young adults with Down syndrome and their peers to have fun, grow as individuals, and build transformative friendships. Each camper is paired with a high school or college aged peer, with this peer, teens and young adults will make many new friends and enjoy many new experiences. Campers will grow more independent and increase their socialization. Ages vary by venue from 12 to 30. Go to website for more information.

## CAMP QUALITY NEW JERSEY



**[www.campqualityusa.org/nj/](http://www.campqualityusa.org/nj/)**

62 Sunset Lake Road  
Blairstown, NJ, 07825  
(732) 866-4442  
[al.passy@campqualityusa.org](mailto:al.passy@campqualityusa.org) or  
[mindy.rosenthal@campqualityusa.org](mailto:mindy.rosenthal@campqualityusa.org)

Provides free camping experiences and year-round support programs for children with cancer. Campers must be kids with cancer between the ages of 5-17, by start of summer camp, they can be at any stage of treatment or remission, regardless of physical limitations, and able to spend a week away from home or the hospital. Camp Quality New Jersey's Programs are focused to care for the emotional needs of children with cancer and their families. Camp is held for one-week during the summer, with additional support programs continuing throughout the year such as reunions and family outings. Each camper is paired with an adult companion (18 years or older). A companion spends the entire week by his/her camper's side. The companion is the camper's friend, cheerleader, and mentor even beyond camp. Through year-round events such as holiday parties and family picnics, campers, companions and families come together to share and support one another.

## CAMP RAMAPO



**[ramapoforchildren.org](http://ramapoforchildren.org)**

Camp Ramapo Road

Rhinebeck, NY 12572

(845) 876-8403 or (212) 754-7003

[office@ramapoforchildren.org/](mailto:office@ramapoforchildren.org)

[SAE@ramapoforchildren.org](mailto:SAE@ramapoforchildren.org)

Camp Ramapo is a residential summer camp that serves children ages 6 to 16 who are affected by social, emotional, or learning challenges, including children affected by autism spectrum disorders. Camp Ramapo provides a traditional summer camp experience for children who have difficulty building and maintaining healthy relationships with peers and adults, and who would struggle in a less supportive setting. The program is carefully structured to help children with special needs learn to live within a group, form healthy friendships, make good choices, develop self-confidence, and experience success. 1:1 staff to camper ratio. Summer Adventure 2-8 week sessions (ages 6-14). Teen Leadership 2-8 week sessions (ages 14-16).

### **CAMP RAMAPO TRANSITION-TO-INDEPENDENCE** **PROGRAM FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18-25.**

The Staff Assistant Experience (SAE) is a residential transition-to-independence program for young adults with social, emotional, or learning challenges such as Asperger's/high-functioning autism/NVLD/PDD, or ADHD. The program offers participants an opportunity to practice vocational and life skills in a communal setting that includes typically developing coworkers and peer role models. SAE is a structured program which offers coaching on life skills (healthy eating habits, physical fitness, organization, time management, meal planning and preparation, budgeting, laundry, hygiene/grooming, housekeeping, etc.), need support and supervision to develop a social network and manage free time. SAE offers a summer program (mid-June-mid August) and a school year program, with most young adults participating for nine months to one year. Each Staff Assistant is matched with a mentor, job coaches, and a roommate who is a Ramapo staff member trained to meet their needs.

## CAMP SEQUOIA



[www.camp-sequoia.com](http://www.camp-sequoia.com)

3 Ansley Court  
Newtown, PA 18940  
(610) 771-0111  
[office@camp-sequoia.com](mailto:office@camp-sequoia.com)

Camp Sequoia is an overnight summer camp for boys ages 7-17 to experience social skills success in a dynamic and nurturing environment. Camp program integrates building Frustration Tolerance with Michelle Garcia Winner's Social Thinking framework to help campers develop their social thinking skills through a FUN active, traditional camp program. Camp Sequoia is designed for children and teenagers with ADHD and other similar diagnoses who do not need the level of support offered at special needs overnight camps yet need a different experience than a traditional overnight camp can offer. Our camper population also includes boys who present with social anxiety, learning differences which effect social skills development or may not have a formal diagnosis yet present with social learning needs. All campers present with average to above average cognitive ability.

## CAMP SPEERS YMCA -THE ACCES PROGRAM



[www.campspeersymca.org/acces.htm](http://www.campspeersymca.org/acces.htm)

143 Nichecronk Road  
Dingmans Ferry, PA 18328  
(507) 828-2329

ACCES (All Children Can Experience Speers-Eljabar) is an inclusion program that enables campers with mild to moderate developmental disabilities to participate in traditional residential camping activities. ACCES Campers are fully included in daily activities with typically developing campers. ACCES Campers are housed together with a low staff to camper ratio (1:3) to ensure that their personal care needs are appropriately supported. A Typical ACCES Camper has a mild to moderate mental disability, between 8 and 19 years old, and can independently or with verbal cues, feed, bathe and toilet. Campers are able to function successfully with a 1:3 staff to camper ratio and adjust to changes in routine and/or environment with relative ease and have the ability to effectively communicate needs (verbal or with a communication device).

## CAMP SUN 'N FUN

[www.thearcgloucester.org/portal/camp-sun-n-fun](http://www.thearcgloucester.org/portal/camp-sun-n-fun)



1555 Gateway Blvd  
West Deptford, NJ 08096  
(856) 848-8648  
info@thearcgloucester.org

Camp Sun 'N Fun was founded by The Arc Gloucester in 1962 to offer children and adults with developmental disabilities an opportunity to participate in and enjoy summer recreational activities. Camp is located on over 30 wooded acres and boasts a variety of amenities, including screened, wooded cabins, barrier-free bathrooms and showers, an Olympic-sized, barrier-free swimming pool, nature trail, and an on-site medical facility that is staffed 24 hours a day. Round Lake Camp provides opportunities to make new friends, develop independence and gain self-esteem. Campers enjoy nature appreciation, arts and crafts, sports and games, music and dance, themed parties and much more. Camp operates June through August.

## CAMP VICTORY



[www.campvictory.org](http://www.campvictory.org)

58 Camp Victory Rd  
Millville, PA 1784  
Director/Contact: Jamie Huntley  
(570) 458-6530

Camp Victory works with “partner groups” that target specific health concerns, conducting a diversity of camps, providing both loving support and professional care for children with many, and diverse, special needs. Camp Victory was built for children who must live with chronic health problems, physical or mental disabilities, or the aftermath of catastrophic illness. Partner groups fund their own camps and set their own fees. No child is turned away for lack of ability to pay. Camp Victory welcomes inquiries from concerned group’s interested in operating a camp at their facility.

## CAROUSEL CONNECTIONS



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

Hannum Drive  
Haverford, PA 19107  
(215) 948-2527.

Supportive summer residential environment that promotes further development of "transition-related" skills and independence. Teenagers & young adults with special needs are provided opportunities to learn, maintain, and improve skills through participation in independent living, vocational training, and recreational activities, as they are immersed in a functional living and learning environment. Programs include: independent living skills, vocational training, social development, and weekend getaway programs.

## CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL



[www.childrens-specialized.org](http://www.childrens-specialized.org)

150 New Providence Road  
Mountainside, NJ 07092  
Contact: Kaylee McGuire  
(908) 233-3720 ext.5548  
kmcguire@childrens-specialized.org

Offers both overnight and day camps for children with special needs. Camps include: Pal's Paradise Day Camp, Camp Kresge (a fully main-streamed overnight camp), and BECOME Program (a three week Constraint Induced Movement Therapy (CIT) camp).

## THE DOUBLE H RANCH



[www.doublehbranch.org](http://www.doublehbranch.org)

97 Hidden Valley Road  
Lake Luzerne, NY 12846  
(518) 696-5676

Provides specialized programs and year-round support for children and their families dealing with life-threatening illnesses. From June until the end of August, the Double H Ranch offers 6 residential sessions. Campers, age 6-16 during regular session and ages 17-21 during the alumni session. Camper to staff ratio is 2:1. The camp gives children dealing with critical or life-threatening illnesses the chance to experience the magic of the Adirondacks. The Double H Ranch provides camp experiences that are medically sound, memorable, exciting, fun and empowering. The fully equipped medical facility is staffed 24 hours a day by onsite doctors and nurses. Medical facility allows the camp to provide a physically safe camp experience for all children. All programs are FREE. Programs are offered year round.

## DRAGONFLY FOREST



[www.dragonflyforest.org](http://www.dragonflyforest.org)

1100 East Hector Street, Suite 333  
Conshohocken, PA 19428  
(610) 298-1820  
info@dragonfly.org

Provides children with special needs the opportunity to enjoy an overnight camp experience in an environment that is safe, equipped to meet a variety of physical, medical and psychological needs, nurturing, and filled with activities that allow each child to meet their “full fun.” Programs for campers who face challenges with:

- DiGeorge syndrome /Velo-cardio-facial syndrome
- Autism
- Persistent Asthma
- Bleeding Disorders
- Sickle Cell Disease
- DRAGONFLY EXPLORER PROGRAM – call for details
- TEEN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM for ages 15-16, 3 sessions – call for details



## EASTER SEALS CAMP MERRY HEART RESPITES

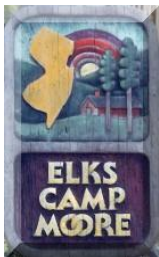


[www.eastersealsnj.org](http://www.eastersealsnj.org)

21 O Brien Road  
Hackettstown, NJ 07840  
(908) 852-3896  
camp@nj.easterseals.com

Camp Merry Heart Respites Youth Program is for ages 6-21 who are independent or require moderate care. Typically, there are 3 overnight sessions in August. Camp Merry Heart Respites also offers a variety of camp and travel programs for ages 18+ as well as a Foster Care and Sibling Reunification Camp and an Arthritis Camp (see Camp CHAT).

## ELKS CAMP MOORE



[www.njelks.org](http://www.njelks.org)

300 Union Ave  
Haskell, NJ 07420  
(732) 326-1300  
**Clinton Elks** (908) 735-8531  
**Flemington Elks** (908) 782-8759

Elk Lodges in Hunterdon County sponsor local children every summer. Elks Camp Moore's primary function is to enable children to use and further develop recreational, social and leisure skills through activities presented in a positive, enjoyable and appropriate manner. At camp each child is challenged to try new things or to improve on what they already know. Ages 7 to 18 years. ELKSCAMP MOORE provides 700-800 camperships each summer. Each child must be sponsored by their local Elks Lodge. The children attend at no cost to their families. Parents should contact their nearest Elks Lodge and ask to speak to the Special Needs Children's Chairman. They will help obtain an application for your child.

## **GROWING GREEN**



**[esep.easterseals.com](http://esep.easterseals.com)**

1501 Lehigh Street, Suite 201  
Allentown, PA 18103

Contact: Michele Rittle

(610) 289-0114 x402 or (610) 289-0114  
[Michele.rittle@easterseals-easernpa.org](mailto:Michele.rittle@easterseals-easernpa.org)

Growing Green is a unique residential summer camp that blends occupational, educational and recreational experiences. Our goal is to teach campers with special needs green occupational skills and an appreciation of outdoor recreational experiences.

The primary focus is to teach organic gardening and green landscaping to our campers in a designed vegetable and herb garden. Additionally, our campers will enjoy great recreational activities like canoeing, nature studies, sports, music, drama and many other traditional camp experiences.

Campers will learn new skills while they build greater self-esteem, develop new friendships, and improve fitness and nutritional awareness. A camp nurse is on duty 24/7 to administer medications and provide routine care. Ages 10 and up, Growing Green welcomes campers with a wide range of care needs; they regularly serve campers who use wheelchairs and need assistance with self-care including toileting. Growing Green is located at the Pocono Environmental Education Center within the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.

## **HAPPINESS IS CAMPING**



**[www.happinesiscamping.org](http://www.happinesiscamping.org)**

62 Sunset Lake Road  
Hardwick, NJ 07825

Contact: Rich Campbell

(908) 362-6733

[rich@happinesiscamping.org](mailto:rich@happinesiscamping.org)

Children with cancer or catastrophic blood diseases and their siblings may attend. Any child with cancer, age 6 to 15 years, is welcome at Happiness Is Camping. Camp requires that the child's personal physician determine the child is well enough to attend. The camp is free to all, supported by donations and volunteer staff members. The medical staff, doctors and nurses, from Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Montefiore and other fine facilities, provide medical supervision of the highest quality, with facilities for kids requiring chemotherapy, children at risk of bleeding and infection, or with significant physical disabilities. See website for Summer 2016 dates.

## HELEN L. DILLER VACATION HOME FOR BLIND CHILDREN



[www.dillerblindhome.org](http://www.dillerblindhome.org)

127 26<sup>th</sup> Street  
Avalon, NJ 08202  
(610) 329-6133

A summer vacation retreat for blind and visually impaired children. Sessions run June through August and accommodate twenty children, ages 7-15, for week-long summer vacations. While attending camp, campers enjoy a variety of activities including amusement park rides, swimming at the beach, and visiting the boardwalk. All campers participate regardless of the extent of their vision loss, while establishing relationships with other children who may have a similar visual impairment. Having a staff to child ratio of one-to-five, campers must be able to feed, clothe, and bathe themselves with limited assistance, as well as walk up and down stairs. There is no fee for attending this week long camp. 8 sessions offered including 2 Sighted Siblings Week and an Alumni Week.

## THE HOLE IN THE WALL GANG CAMP



[www.holeinthewallgang.org](http://www.holeinthewallgang.org)

565 Ashford Center Road  
Ashford, CT 06278  
(203) 772-0522

Summer program serves children ages 7-15 with cancer, serious blood diseases (including sickle cell disease, hemophilia, thalassemia, aplastic anemia, etc.), hereditary and acquired immunodeficiency and metabolic diseases, some children with very rare diseases (e.g., primary pulmonary hypertension, FOP) are also included. Family weekend programs offered for individuals with sickle cell, hemophilia, cancer, metabolic disease, serious blood diseases and immunodeficiency. All applications are reviewed by the medical team. Decisions are based on the child's inability to attend another camp, the severity of the child's medical problems, whether the child has been to camp before and other factors. Offers programs year round.

## HOPE WITH HEART



**[www.hopewithheart.com](http://www.hopewithheart.com)**

20 Smith Street

Waldwick, NJ 07463

Contact: Alissa Gretina

(201) 244-0776 / (201) 264-6260

algg039@gmail.com

A week long camp for children with heart conditions ages 7-17 years. Established as a summer camp experience, Hope with Heart provides year round support and friendships for its campers. The camp is unique because it accepts high-risk children. The camp has children with varied heart problems such as valve replacements, pacemakers and transplants. At Hope with Heart our philosophy and policy is simple - if a child has a serious heart problem she or he belongs at Hope with Heart.

## LIONS CAMP KIRBY



**[www.lionscampkirby.org](http://www.lionscampkirby.org)**

1735 Narrows Hill Road

Upper Black Eddy PA 18972

(610) 982-5731

Camp for children who are deaf and hard of hearing ages 8-18. In addition to several special programs, our deaf-trained counselors encourage personal growth, understanding and skill-building in an intimate group dynamic. The focus is on finding and developing unique abilities as well as shared traits and strengths in a fun, outdoor environment. This camp has a long history of providing a safe and fun summer camp experience.

## MAC CAMP PROGRAM



[www.yaicamping.org](http://www.yaicamping.org)  
2000 Frost Valley Rd.  
Claryville, NY 12725  
Contact: Ryan Gail  
(212)273-6658  
gail.ryan@yai.org

Mainstreaming at Camp works in conjunction with Frost Valley YMCA. MAC campers are: between the ages of 8-18, people with intellectual disabilities, people who get along well with their peers and staff, fully ambulatory, able to use the bathroom independently and successful with a staff-to-camper ratio of 1:3. Campers are fully included in all summer camp activities with additional support as needed. Specially trained counselors provide caring guidance in our MAC cabins at a ratio of one staff member for every three campers. Our knowledgeable and supportive staff adapt the camp experience to your child's needs and abilities from a child's first stay away from home, to our job skills program for older campers preparing for the transition from school to work.

## MDA SUMMER CAMP



[Mda.org/summer-camp](http://Mda.org/summer-camp)  
25 East Spring Valley Avenue  
Maywood, NJ 07607  
(201) 843-4452  
Maywood@mdausa.org

Youngsters ages 6-17 who are affected by any of the 40-plus neuromuscular diseases in MDA's program and who are registered with MDA are eligible to apply (there is no fee to register with MDA). Acceptance to camp is contingent upon evaluation of the application by MDA personnel and MDA's medical advisers, including the camp health staff. Because space is limited, applications are considered on a "first come, first served" basis. There is no cost to families to send their children to camp. To apply, pick up the application forms at your local MDA office. Youngsters attend summer camp at no cost to their families. MDA camp is a magical place offering a wide range of activities specially designed for young people who have limited mobility or use wheelchairs. Although structured, camp programs are conducted in a relaxed atmosphere that gives campers an unmatched opportunity to develop lifelong friendships, share interests and build self-confidence.

## NEW JERSEY CAMP JAYCEE



[www.campjaycee.org](http://www.campjaycee.org)

223 Ziegler Road

Effort, PA 18330

(732) 246- 2525 x30 or x44

Overnight Camp, for ages 7 to 70. New Jersey Camp Jaycee is a collaborative effort between the New Jersey Jaycees and the Arc of New Jersey with a mission of providing quality camping experiences to persons with developmental disabilities. The goals of Camp Jaycee are centered on developing social skills, improving self-esteem, increasing confidence, learning in a fun environment, developing physical fitness, and establishing meaningful relationships with new friends. Camp runs June-August and is best suited to campers who can move freely without restriction. Campers must: be able to self-feed, on a regular diet, free of restrictive medical problems free of serious behavioral problems, have physical stamina for active camp program, and have independent toilet skills.

## PENNSYLVANIA LIONS BEACON LODGE CAMP



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

114 PA 103 South

Mount Union, PA 17066

(814) 542-2511

Summer camp for children and adults with needs including blindness, deafness, and other physical and mental challenges. It is nestled in the natural woodlands along the Juniata River of Central Pennsylvania just two miles west of Newton Hamilton. Coed-Overnight Camp. Multiple summer sessions for children ages 6-17. Also hosts family camp and camp for adults 18+. See website for extensive listing of summer programs.

# RIDING WITH HEART



[www.ridingwithheart.org](http://www.ridingwithheart.org)

639 County Road 513  
Pittstown, NJ 08867  
(908)735-5912

A week-long summer horseback riding camp, Monday through Friday, from 9:00am-2:00pm in July and August. Before and after care are available. This camp is open to kids with or without special needs. Campers have the opportunity to be involved in the total horse experience. Camp activities include riding lessons, the art and science of good horsemanship, grooming horses, arts and crafts, group activities, and time to play with fellow campers! Summer programs typically include:

- Inclusive Horseback Riding Camp For campers of ALL abilities!
- Pony Tales, a literary based horse camp for struggling early readers
- Camp 'NEIGH'bor inclusive camp
- Super Siblings Camp for siblings of kids with special needs
- Horsemanship Camp
- GirlPower!- Ages 10-12
- TeenPower!-Ages 13+

## ROUND LAKE CAMP YMHA & YWHA



[roundlakecamp.org](http://roundlakecamp.org)

570 Sawkill Road  
Milford, PA 18337  
(973) 575-3333x145

An inclusion program for children ages 7-18 with learning differences, social communication disorders, and ADHD. Round Lake Campers are able to integrate into all mainstream activities based on their level of comfort and interest. We share all the facilities and programming with Camp Nah-Jee-Wah and Cedar Lake Camp. We also provide programming specific to Round Lake campers for those who prefer it. Campers' schedules are individualized based on their needs and requests. All recreational, social and educational activities are designed to meet the goals and capabilities of each child. Provides comprehensive activities in sports, the arts and sciences.

## THE SOMERSET HILLS YMCA



[www.somersetcountymca.org](http://www.somersetcountymca.org)

140 Mt. Airy Road  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Director: Joe Medler

(908) 766-7898 ext. 503

[jmedler@somersetcountymca.org](mailto:jmedler@somersetcountymca.org)

**TO FIND ADDITIONAL CAMPS RUN BY YMCA'S go to [www.ymca.net](http://www.ymca.net)** scroll over *About Us* and click on "*find a camp*", then select a state. Also, see Inclusion Program at Camp Speers Eljabar and MAC Camp Program which works with Frost Valley YMCA.

## SSBJCC CAMP RUACH CHAVERIM

(SHIMON AND SARA BIRNBAUM JEWISH COMMUNITY  
CENTER)



[www.ssbjcc.org/camp](http://www.ssbjcc.org/camp)

775 Talamini Road  
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Contact: Stacey Herman

(908) 725-6994 x223

[Sherman@ssbjcc.org](mailto:Sherman@ssbjcc.org)

Chaverim is a new program started in Camp Ruach in 2015. This program is designed for campers with special needs who wish to experience a typical summer camp. ABA style program, 1:1 camper to staff ratio will be tailored to the camper's need and inclusion where appropriate. This program usually runs between July and August 9am to 4pm, but camp hours may be adjusted for summer school schedules.



## SUMMER MATTERS



**[www.summermatters.org](http://www.summermatters.org)**

1777 North Valley Road  
Malvern, PA 19355  
(610) 296-6725 x115

Summer L.I.F.E. offers experiential learning and social skills development in the context of summer fun. Designed especially to support students, ages 8-21, with high functioning autism and Asperger's Syndrome, the programs specialty camps, traditional day camp/overnight camp, and travel excursions also support students who have social anxiety or difficulty connecting with their peers. Summer L.I.F.E. offers low camper-to-staff ratio, experienced camp staff, ongoing behavior support, structured daily programming, engaging, multisensory activities and "Real World" learning. Summer L.I.F.E. also has weeklong specialty camps in areas like creative arts, nature and technology which draw on campers' passions and affinities and allows them to practice behavioral and social skills in a strengths-based context. Programs are taught by professionals and are supported by staff experienced in working with the ASD population. Travel excursions offer students the opportunity to gain independence, build relationships with each other, and take risks in a supportive environment.

## SUMMIT CAMP & TRAVEL



**[www.summitcamp.com](http://www.summitcamp.com)**

322 US-46 #210  
Parsippany, NJ 07054  
(800) 323-9908 or (973) 732-3230

Summit Camp is a summer sleep away camp for boys and girls, ages 8-19, with issues of attention. These may include ADHD, Asperger's syndrome, NVLD, mild learning disabilities, sensory integration issues, executive function concerns, mild social and/or emotional issues, HFA, or Tourette's syndrome. The Weekender Program offers school year weekends designed to foster peer relationships and enhance social skills.

## VARIETY CLUB CAMP & DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER



**[www.varietyphila.org](http://www.varietyphila.org)**

2950 Potshop Road

Worcester, PA 19490

Contact: Samantha Hazlett

(610) 584-4366 ext.230

[samhazlett@varietyphila.org](mailto:samhazlett@varietyphila.org)

Overnight Camp for Campers with Physical and Developmental Disabilities. All sessions will include campers with special needs ages 7-21 years campers ages 18-21 & need to be enrolled in an educational program in a public or parochial school system to be eligible for camp. Campers are grouped in cabins according to age and functioning level, and programs are also geared to the ability of the individual camper. 1:2 staff ratio, for campers who require a 1:1 staff ratio that may be arranged by contacting the camp. Seven one week sessions. Website has detailed information.

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

- ❖ Alana Fichtelberg, MA, CCC-SLP  
“Social Thinking Groups” (908) 735-6647 or 973-420-6707 • **bendyourbrain.com**
- ❖ Asthma Camps:  
**www.asthmacamps.org**
- ❖ Behavior Therapy Associates  
732-873-1212 • **www.behaviortherapyassociates.com**
- ❖ Brain Injury Alliance of NJ:  
1 (800) 669-4323 • **bianj.org** • E-mail: info@bianj.org
- ❖ Camps for Adults: **www.grownupcamps.com**
- ❖ Camps for Amputees & Children with Limb Differences or Loss  
Patty Rossbach Youth Camp:  
**www.amputee-coalition.org** • 1-888-267-5669 •  
E-mail- camp@amputee.coalition.org  
**www.handstolove.org**  
**www.adventureamputeecamp.org**  
**www.adventurecampinc.org**  
**www.nolimitsfoundation.org**
- ❖ Camps for Children Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing:  
**www.gallaudet.edu** - type camp in the search box  
**deafcampinc.wordpress.com/**
- ❖ Camps for Children with Diabetes  
**www.diabetescamps.org**
- ❖ Camps for Kids & Adults With Spina Bifida:  
(908) 782-7475 or 1 (800) 621-3141 • E-mail: info@thesbrn.org or sabaa@baa.org  
• **www.thesbrn.org** , **www.sbaa.org**, **www.sbawp.org**
- ❖ Camps for Kids with ADHD & Learning Disabilities:  
**www.ldonline.org** or **www.chadd.org**
- ❖ Camps for Kids with Autism: Autism NJ 1-800-4-Autism or 609-588-8858  
**www.autismnj.org** click on *Helpline + Find referral + Camps*

- ❖ Camps for Kids with Cranofacial Differences:  
**[www.cleftline.org/links/camp-resources](http://www.cleftline.org/links/camp-resources) or [www.ccakids.com](http://www.ccakids.com)**
- ❖ Camps & Programs for People with Special Needs:**[www.verypecialcamps.com](http://www.verypecialcamps.com)**
- ❖ Children's Hemiplegia & Stroke Association (CHASA)  
**[www.chasa.org](http://www.chasa.org)** click on *SPORTS* the on *SUMMER CAMPS*
- ❖ Children's Oncology Camping Association:  
**[www.cocai.com](http://www.cocai.com) or [www.ped-onc.org/cfissues/camps.html](http://www.ped-onc.org/cfissues/camps.html)**
- ❖ Federation for Children with Special Needs  
**[Fcsn.org/camps/](http://Fcsn.org/camps/)**
- ❖ Hop, Skip & a Jump  
908-658-5931 • **[www.hopskipandjumpintofun.com](http://www.hopskipandjumpintofun.com)**
- ❖ Hunterdon Moms Online- Resource for parents who live in Hunterdon County.  
Usually has a listing of local camps: **[www.hunterdonmoms.com](http://www.hunterdonmoms.com)**
- ❖ Hunterdon County Parks Department ( 908) 782-1158
- ❖ Kid Therapy Kid Camp  
908-879-7067• **[www.kidtherapynj.com](http://www.kidtherapynj.com)**
- ❖ Kidz on the Move Pediatric Rehab Center  
908-369-3669• **[www.kidzonthemove.org](http://www.kidzonthemove.org)**
- ❖ Mainstream Web Sites that Allow You to Search for Camps by Specific Special Needs:  
American Camp Association (ACA) National 1(800) 428-2267 or (765) 342-8456  
**[www.acacamps.org](http://www.acacamps.org)**  
**[www.mysummercamps.com](http://www.mysummercamps.com)**  
**[www.summercamps.com](http://www.summercamps.com)**  
**[www.kidscamps.com](http://www.kidscamps.com)**
- ❖ National Center on Health, Physical Activity, & Disability  
**[www.nchpad.org](http://www.nchpad.org)** Click on *Individuals & Caregivers*, scroll down and click on *Camp Resources* on the right side of the screen click on *States* to see listings.
- ❖ Princeton Speech- Language & Learning Center  
A variety of programs including Social Thinking and College Transition Groups  
609-924-7080• **[www.psllcnj.com](http://www.psllcnj.com)**

- ❖ Resources for Children with Special Needs, Inc.  
resourcesnyc.org  
(212) 677-4660  
E-mail: info@resourcesnc.org

The most comprehensive list of camps for kids with special needs. Click on *Parents* then *Digital Resources* then *Online References Resources*, then *Camps (2013 Guide)*.

- ❖ Somerset County Park Commission Therapeutic Recreation Department  
908-526-5650



- ❖ Somerset Children's Center Social Skills Program  
377 Union Ave. Bridgewater, NJ 08807  
(908) 725-2366 • [www.somersetchildrenscenter.org](http://www.somersetchildrenscenter.org)

As children go through developmentally different stages, the expectations and methods of interacting with others changes dramatically. Through enrichment activities such as arts and crafts, music, and play, this program is to enhance the lives of special needs children. Participants are equipped to approach and navigate social situations in a positive way while having fun and making new friends through a variety of “play” activities.

- ❖ Stepping Forward Summer Camp- Day and Sleep away Camps  
973-635-6550 • [www.steppingforwardcounselingcenter.com](http://www.steppingforwardcounselingcenter.com)  
Additional Resources Continued

- ❖ Therapeutic Riding  
PATH Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International  
[www.pathintl.org](http://www.pathintl.org) Click on *Find a Center*

- ❖ The Uncommon Thread

If you are looking for a shadow to accompany your child to their summer program  
908-604-4500 • [www.theuncommonthread.org](http://www.theuncommonthread.org) •  
E-mail: info@theuncommonthread.org

**Family Success Centers** (For those counties not listed below go to [www.state.nj.us/dcf/families/support/success/](http://www.state.nj.us/dcf/families/support/success/))

- ❖ Hunterdon County: **(908) 237-0465**, website: **hcfsc.com**
- ❖ Somerset County: **(908) 722-4400**
- ❖ Warren County: **(908) 213-2674**
- ❖ Mercer-South Ward: **(609) 695-6275**
- ❖ North Ward: **(609) 393-2980**

**THE ARC** - Each Arc has a family support unit, and may be aware of local Resources. Most have their own summer programs:

**The Arc of New Jersey:** [www.arcnj.org](http://www.arcnj.org) • (732) 246-2525

**The Arc of Hunterdon County:** [www.archunterdon.org](http://www.archunterdon.org) • (908) 730-7827

**The Arc of Somerset County:** [www.thearcofsomerset.org](http://www.thearcofsomerset.org) • (908) 725-8544

**The Arc of Middlesex County:** [www.arc-Middlesex.org](http://www.arc-Middlesex.org) • (732) 247-8155

**The Arc of Warren County:** [www.arcwarren.org](http://www.arcwarren.org) • (908) 689-7525

**The Arc of Mercer County:** [www.arcmercer.org](http://www.arcmercer.org) • (609) 393-2483

## **SUMMER PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

**[www.heath.gwu.edu](http://www.heath.gwu.edu)**

The George Washington University HEATH Resource Center at the National Youth Transitions Center usually has a long list of Summer Pre-College Programs for students with disabilities. Last year it was posted February 13<sup>th</sup>. Click on Publications then Click on Summer Pre-College Programs for Students with Disabilities.

If your son or daughter is considering furthering their education after high school, a pre-college program is a great way to help them prepare. Many colleges offer these types of programs, so if your student has already been accepted, or there is a school you are considering be sure to ask if they offer any pre-college programs. You can specifically ask if they have programs for students with disabilities.

If you would like to find out about grants and scholarships for students with special needs continuing education after high school go to The HEATH Resource Center website.

## **FINDING A WAY TO PAY FOR CAMP...**

[Note: There have been major changes to the way New Jersey is providing services to children with developmental disabilities. For more information about these changes you can go to [www.performcarenj.org](http://www.performcarenj.org) and click on, *Integrated Service-New for Families.*]

- ❖ Many of the resources you will use to find the right camp are also connected to resources that provide financial help. Many camps also provide their own financial assistance. If you need help paying for summer camp, ask the camp admissions staff if they know of any programs that provide funding.
- ❖ If you don't have internet access, try your local library. Ask for assistance at the reference desk or from the youth services librarian.
- ❖ **PerformCare or NJ State Funding for Summer Camps for Kids with Developmental Disabilities**  
[www.performcarenj.org](http://www.performcarenj.org)  
(1-877) 652-7624

If your child has special needs, whether or not they were registered with DDD (N J Division of Developmental Disabilities), let them know you would like help paying for summer camp. If your child was registered with DDD, check to make sure there is a record of it in their system. If there isn't a record, ask how you may become eligible for services. Information regarding state funding for summer camp for kids with developmental disabilities and applications are available on the website.

- ❖ If your child has a specific diagnosis such as Spina Bifida, Leukemia, Cystic Fibrosis, Asthma or Diabetes ask your specialist's nurse or social worker, or the local or national chapter of your support organization about funding.
- ❖ Dial **211**, or your county helpline, Hunterdon Helpline: 908-735-4357 /1-800-272-4630
- ❖ Ask your child's child study team Case Manager or Guidance Counselor, they may be aware of summer programs and funding resources.

**Continue...**

## **Special Child Health Services Case Managers**

**Case Managers may be able to help find funding for camp.**

- ❖ SCHSHunterdon County      **(908)788-6399**
- ❖ SCHSSomerset County      **(908)725-2366**
- ❖ SCHSMercer County      **(609)588-8516**
- ❖ SCHSMiddlesex County      **(732)745-3180**
- ❖ SCHSWarren County      **(908)689-6000 ext. 258**
- ❖ Other Counties call      **(609) 777-7778**

**The presence of a camp on this list in no way implies a recommendation or endorsement;  
the list is meant for informational purposes only.**