Camps for People with Disabilities

Figure 1: Photo Courtesy of: Camp Aldersgate.

NCHPAD: Camp Resources
http://www.nchpad.org/78/597/Camp~Resources
400 Ridgeway Drive
Birmingham, Alabama 35209
Phone: 800-900-8086
Email: email@nchpad.org

This factsheet from the National Center on Health, Physical Activity and Disability provides resources such as published camp guides and online camp search engines that will assist interested individuals in searching for the camp that fits their individual interests, needs, and goals.

NCHPAD: Discover Camp brochure
http://www.nchpad.org/discover/index.html

Discover Camp is a resource for parents of children with disabilities selecting a camp for their child for the first time.
Easter Seals: Camp and Recreation Directory
www.easterseals.com
141 W Jackson Blvd. Suite 1400A
Chicago, IL 60604
Phone: 800-221-6827
Information on Easter Seals' fully accessible camps.

Easter Seals: Camping and Recreation
http://www.easterseals.com/our-programs/camping-recreation/
Tips to help parents select an accessible camp.

Specific Camps:

Amputee Coalition: Paddy Rossbach Youth Camp
http://www.amputee-coalition.org/events-programs/youth-camp
Phone: 888-267-5669 (Toll-free)
E-mail: camp@amputee-coalition.org
The Amputee Coalition's Paddy Rossbach Youth Camp is a 5-day traditional summer camp experience for children ages 10-17 who have lost arms and/or legs or who were born with limb differences.

Camp Aldersgate
https://www.campaldersgate.net/
2000 Aldersgate Rd.
Little Rock, AR 72205
Phone: 501-225-1444
Email: info@campaldersgate.net
Camp Aldersgate's Summer Camps serve children with medical, physical and developmental needs. Camp offers traditional summer camp activities such as campfires and singing, canoeing, fishing, arts and crafts, swimming, and nature hikes. Like all kids, our campers want new and exciting adventures. With this in mind, activities are developed that provide for that personal challenge. Some include: an accessible challenge ropes course and carousel, adapted archery and SCUBA diving.

Camp Attitude
http://www.campattitude.com
45829 S Samtian Hwy
PO Box 207
Foster, OR 97345
Phone: 541-401-1052
Camp Attitude is a Christian non-profit in Oregon that runs a fully wheelchair accessible camp.

Camp Be An Angel
https://beanangel.org/camp/
2003 Aldine Bender Rd.
Houston TX 77032
Phone: 281-219-3313
Email: angel@beanangel.org
Offers a weekend retreat twice a year for children with disabilities and their families. Siblings and parents can participate in activities alongside their child.

Camp for All
http://campforall.org/
Houston Office
3701 Kirby Dr., Suite 570
Houston, TX 77092
Phone: 713-686-5666
E-mail: houstonoffice@campforall.org
Campsite
6301 Rehburg Road
Burton, TX 77835
Phone: 979-289-3752
E-mail: bdeans@campforall.org
Camp for All hosts campers with cancer, muscular dystrophy, epilepsy, severe burns, sickle cell, cerebral palsy, cognitive challenges, cardiac issues, spinal cord injuries, PKU, neurofibromatosis, HIV, dermatological issues, autism and more.

Camp Craig Allen
www.campcraigallen.org
3411 Preston Rd. Ste C13,
Box 174
Frisco, TX 75034
Phone: 940-365-4357
Camp programs in a completely adaptive indoor and outdoor barrier-free facility. One week recreational sessions for adults and children, which are wheelchair users with physical disabilities.

Camp Ronald McDonald
www.campronald.org
Eagle Lake
2555 49th Street
Sacramento, CA 95817
Phone: 916-734-4230; Camp Phone: 530-825-3158
Email: mdamos@rmhcnc.org

Camp PossAbility, Inc.
http://www.camppossability.org/
1221 Oak Trail Ct.
Fort Wayne, IN 46845-6120
Phone: 260-341-5732
Email: info@camppossability.org
Camp PossAbility is a camp for young adults ages 18 to 35 with physical abilities who are cognitively high functioning (with a high school diploma or GED). Its mission is to provide young adults with physical disabilities a safe place to relax, spend time with friends, and not have to worry about adapting to the world around them. Camp PossAbility will run from August 2-7 2015 in Martinsville, Indiana. Scholarships are available for campers to help pay for costs upon request.

**Camp Victory**
[www.campvictory.org](http://www.campvictory.org)
58 Camp Victory Road
Millville, PA 17846
Mailing Address: PO Box 810, Millville PA 17846
Phone: 570-458-6530
Email: fun@campvictory.org
A camp that believes that children who experience chronic health problems or catastrophic illness, or who are physically or mentally disabled, need help and encouragement to cope with their lifelong challenges. Recognizing the sense of isolation and frustration these challenges can bring to the children and their families, Camp Victory’s founders ensured that the design and building of the various facilities would incorporate their special needs.

**C.A.M.O. Challenge Aspen**
[http://challengeaspen.org/military/](http://challengeaspen.org/military/)
PO Box 6639
Snowmass Village, CO 81615
Phone: 970-923-0578
E-mail: info@challengeaspen.org
C.A.M.O. (Challenge Aspen Military Opportunities) provides recreational and cultural experiences for veterans with cognitive or physical disabilities.

**CHAMP Camp**
494 E. Emerson Ave., Suite H-1
Greenwood, IN 46143
Phone: 317-679-1860
Email: jenniferk@champcamp.org
CHAMP Camp is for children and adolescents, ages six and up, who have tracheostomies and those that require respiratory assistance, including the use of ventilators. Many campers also have unique physical challenges, including quadriplegia.

**Children’s Harbor: Camps**
[https://www.childrensharbor.com/camps/](https://www.childrensharbor.com/camps/)
Children’s Hospital of Alabama
Birmingham, AL
Children’s Harbor offers camps for children with disabilities, their siblings, parents and caregivers.

**Cincinnati Children’s Hospital: Camps and Recreation**
[https://www.cincinnatichildrens.org/patients/resources/support/camps](https://www.cincinnatichildrens.org/patients/resources/support/camps)
Phone: 513-636-4200
Information on camps and other recreational activities that are accessible to children with special needs. Most of the organizations listed are local to Cincinnati, but some are outside Ohio.

**Cottage Rehabilitation Hospital Jr. Wheelchair Sports Camp**
[https://www.cottagehealth.org/services/rehabilitation/junior-wheelchair-sports-camp/](https://www.cottagehealth.org/services/rehabilitation/junior-wheelchair-sports-camp/)
2415 De La Vina St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93105
Phone: 805-687-7444
Cottage Rehabilitation Hospital’s camp provides recreational and competitive opportunities for youth athletes ages 6-19 with physical disabilities who use a wheelchair, or could use a wheelchair, to participate in sports and recreation. Sports and recreation activities include basketball, rugby, tennis, swimming, hand cycling, climbing wall and MORE! The five day camp will be held July 15-19, 2019 at the Recreation Center on UCSB campus. One-day Mini Camps are also held twice a year. Camps are free to all participants. For more information call 805-569-8999 x82102.

**Double H Ranch**
[http://www.doublehranch.org](http://www.doublehranch.org)
97 Hidden Valley Road
Lake Luzerne, NY 12846
Phone: 518-696-5676
The Double H Ranch (a Hole in the Wall camp) offers a Summer Residential Camp, an Adaptive Winter Sports Program and Spring and Fall Family Programming to children dealing with life-threatening illnesses (ages 6-16) and their families.

**Exploring Interests in Technology and Engineering (EX.I.T.E.) Camp**
[www.pacer.org/stc/exite/](http://www.pacer.org/stc/exite/)
8161 Normandale Blvd.
Bloomington, MN 55437
Phone: 800-537-2237
EX.I.T.E. offers opportunities for girls with disabilities in middle and high school to explore, create, invent, and even get messy with the science and technology of today. Camp is held in August at the PACER Center in Bloomington, MN.

**Kid’s Camps: Physical Disability Camps and Programs**
[http://www.kidscamps.com/special_needs/physical_disability.html](http://www.kidscamps.com/special_needs/physical_disability.html)
Searchable database of camps in the United States and Canada for children with physical disabilities.

Siegel Rare Neuroimmune Association (SRNA) Quality of Life Family Camp
https://www.courageouskids.org/
Held at:
Center for Courageous Kids
1501 Burnley Rd.
Scottsville, KY 42164
Phone: 270-618-2900
Email: info@courageouskids.org
For children with Transverse Myelitis, ADEM and related disorders who are 5-17 years old. In 2020, the camp will be held July 24-28th.

Victory Junction
https://victoryjunction.org/
Randleman, NC
Enriches the lives of children with chronic medical conditions by providing camp experiences.

Camps for Ventilator Users:

Camp Pelican
http://camppelican.org/
P.O. Box 10235
New Orleans, LA 70181
Phone: 888-617-1118
E-mail: info@camppelican.org
Camp Pelican is a week-long residential camp for children with pulmonary disorders, including those who use ventilators. Registration is open to all children with pulmonary disorders in the state of Louisiana.

Double H Ranch
https://www.doublehranch.org/programs/summer-camp/camp-inspiration/
Runs Camp Inspiration for BiPAP and ventilator-assisted children at Lake Luzerne, NY.

Fresh Air Camp
http://freshaircamp.org/
An annual 6-day camp (starting the second Sunday in June) for children who are ventilator and tracheostomy dependent at Camp Cheerful in Strongsville Ohio.
PA Vent Camp
http://www.paventcamp.com/
500 University Dr., MCH085
Hershey, PA 17033
Phone: 717-531-5338
Email: info@paventcamp
PA Vent Camp offers a camp called Camp Victory in Millville, PA for children ages 4-18 who are dependent on ventilation, CPAP, or Bi-PAP for all or part of the day. The camp is open to children from all states, however, preference is given to Pennsylvania residents.

Trail's Edge Camp
http://www.trailsedgecamp.org/
Jeff Cain, RRT Director
c/o Mott Respiratory Care, 8-714
1540 E. Hospital Drive SPC 4208
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-4208
Phone: 313-763-2420
E-mail: director.trailsedgecamp@gmail.com
Trail's Edge Camp is a summer camp for children who have tracheostomies or need ventilator assistance in Mayville Michigan.

Ventilator Assisted Children's Camp Center (VACC) Camp
https://www.vaccamp.com/home
Dr. Moises Simpser VACC Camp
Nicklaus Children's Hospital
3200 SW 62nd Ave, Suite 203
Miami, Florida 33155-4076

International Vent Users Network (IVUN)
https://www.ventnews.org/
50 Crestwood Executive Center, Suite 440
Saint Louis, MO 63126
Phone: 314-534-0475
They may know of other camps for vent users.