Summer Programs
For Children, Youth & Adults with Special Needs

This Summer Programs Guide contains resources & summer program information for children of all ages with varying interests within and around the Region 20 area that is specific for children, youth and adults with special needs.

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4 Benefits of Summer Camps for Special Needs Children

Early and sustained summer learning opportunities lead to higher graduation rates, better preparation for college, and positive effects on children's self-esteem, confidence, and motivation. High-quality summer programs keep students engaged in learning, teach them new skills, allow them to develop previously unseen talents, and foster creativity and innovation.

Taken from National Summer Learning Association
www.summerlearning.org
When it comes to camps, kids with special needs have as many choices as other kids. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires all camps to make reasonable accommodations (such as the installation of wheelchair-accessible ramps) so that kids with special needs can attend. So, camps that previously couldn't host kids with special needs might now be on your list of possibilities.

Starting Your Camp Search

• Consider whether your child has ever been away from home, for the weekend or even longer, and what experiences might have helped prepare him or her for camp. This will help you to decide not only the type of camp, but whether your child is ready for a day camp or a sleepover (residential) camp.

• Involving kids in the camp search will help to ensure that they get the most out of the camp selected. So, ask your child:

  • What do you want to get out of summer camp?
  • What are your preferences?
  • Do you want to go to a coed camp, or just be around kids of the same gender?
  • Are there any activities you really want to try?
  • Would you be more comfortable going to a camp with kids who do or don't have special needs?
  • Are you comfortable being away from home? If so, for how long?
  • Do you have classmates or friends who have gone to a summer camp? If so, which ones? And did they like it?
  • Do you have a friend who you would like to go to camp with? What camp will they be attending?
Good Questions to Ask:

So, how do you narrow down your choices and pick the camp that's right for your child? Some basic and special-needs-specific questions you'll need to have answered include:

• How long are the sessions?

• What's the cost? Are scholarships available?

• Is it coed, girls-only, or boys-only?

• What's the age range of campers?

• Where is it located? How far away from your home is it?

• What's the staff-to-camper ratio?

• How old are most of the counselors?

• What type of certification do the counselors have?

• What's the turnover rate? Do kids and staff come back?

• What's the camp's philosophy? Does it fit with your goals for your child?

• What's the camp's transportation system like?

• If physical accessibility is an issue, what's the layout of the camp? What provisions has the camp made (or can it make) for wheelchairs or crutches?

• If your child needs a special diet, can the camp provide appropriate meals? If not, can you provide food for your child?

• Do staff members have a background working with kids with special needs?

• If your child has behavior problems, are camp staffers trained to handle such problems?

• Do the counselors have first-aid training?

• What kind of medical and nursing staff is available in the infirmary and during what hours? Can the staff administer any medications your child needs?

• What's the procedure if your child develops a complication related to his or her medical problems? How far is the nearest hospital? If your child needs specialized treatment, is it available at that hospital?
Checklist: Questions to Ask When Evaluating Summer Camps

8 Types of Summer Camps That Can Be Good for Kids with Learning and Attention Issues

What Counts as Reasonable Accommodations for Summer Camps?

Summer Camp Glossary: Words Your Child Needs to Know
Reinforcing IEP Goals Over the Summer

www.understood.org
Plan Your Summer Program

• Meet with your child’s teacher and service providers.

A few weeks before the end of the school year, talk to your child’s IEP team. The people on it can help you get a sense of her current skill level and which skills are most important to work on over the summer. You can also ask for activity suggestions, book lists and even work to take home over the summer.

https://www.understood.org/en/school-learning/special-services/ieps/reinforcing-your-childs-iep-goals-over-the-summer
Plan Your Summer Program

- Share goals with summer programs.

If your child will be attending camp or summer school, take time to meet with the director before the program begins. Share the goals you’re working on. Ask what opportunities your child might have to practice those skills in her program. The more people who are working to reinforce learning, the more likely your child is to maintain her skills.

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- Be realistic about what you can accomplish.

Trying to tackle too much can be counterproductive. Make a list of the top things you want to work on over the summer. And be specific. For example: “Olivia and I will read three books from her summer reading list and work on fractions for 20 minutes every day.”

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• Find creative ways to work on skills.

You can support your child’s learning in all sorts of ways. Take a field trip to a local science museum. Help her practice fractions and measurement while you cook together. You can even work on social skills and money management by having her order and pay at a restaurant.

https://www.understood.org/en/school-learning/special-services/ieps/reinforcing-your-childs-iep-goals-over-the-summer
Transitioning a Child with ADHD to a Summer Schedule

• Make sure the summer schedule includes lots of fun physical activities such as outdoor play (including lots of sunscreen), trips to the pool, walks in the neighborhood, bike riding in a safe area away from cars, etc.

• If your child likes arts and crafts, plan special projects over the summer. Visit your local craft store for ideas. You may even be able to identify a class that you and your child can enjoy together. Some stores offer free in-store demonstrations or “make and take it” activities.

• Talk with your child about what types of things he would like to plan for the summer. Perhaps he has been wanting to take a trip to the water park, learn how to skateboard or visit the new ice cream shop. Add your child’s ideas to the list.

• Don’t forget to allow time for unstructured, imaginative play for kids and quiet downtime for teens.
• To maintain academic skills over the summer, include daily reading times and study skills activities. Ask your child’s teacher if there is a workbook she recommends for your child’s age and academic level. The work shouldn’t be new material, but simply a review of skills learned over the past school year.

• Plan regular weekly trips to the library to stock up on books. Spend time reading together. Make this learning time relaxed, no pressure, just fun.

• Use a large calendar to write down daily activities. Include any camps, vacations, appointments, etc. If you have an older teen who is working, include his work schedule on the calendar.
• Post the calendar in a central location, such as the kitchen, so it is visible to the whole family.

• Involve your child in the planning.

• Review the next day’s schedule the night before.

• Use the calendar to prepare your child for upcoming scheduled activities such as swim lessons or the beginning of a day camp. Your child may even want to cross out the days on the calendar as he counts down to camp starting.

You don’t have to schedule every minute of the day. The idea is to provide your child with a summer routine that is predictable, but flexible.
HEALTHY SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS
No Cost For Kids 18 and Younger

SUMMERFOOD.ORG
Local Summer Programs for Students with Disabilities 2019
Read it here:
http://www.kronkosky.org/Research/Foundation-Research/Research-Briefs

This research brief contains specific information on programs and resources available that exist to provide physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development therapy for children with disabilities. Different types of programs include athletic programs, artistic programs, and animal assisted therapy.
Recreation, Respite, Resources, and Camps for Children and Adults with Special Needs Summer 2019

2019 Recreation & Camp Guide
for
Students and Adults with Special Needs

https://austinfamily.com/aisd-special-needs-recreation-camp-guide/

*Also available in Español!
When: The first Sunday of every month

Time: 2 hours early specifically for children with autism and other special needs.

- Less crowds
- Reduced lighting and noise
- Show and music turned off or down
- Limited appearances by Chuck E.
- Food and games offered
- Trained and caring staff

https://www.chuckecheese.com/events/sensory-sensitive-sundays
We currently provide the accommodations below and are constantly looking for ways to expand our support!

• Smaller, controlled crowds to create a calm, uncrowded environment ideal for families in need of accommodations for high sensitivity to sensory stimuli, limited mobility, and generally in need of a calmer, quieter space.
• Accommodating accessories of your choice to make your experience suit your needs. Sunglasses, headphones, and earplugs are all available at the front desk, free of charge.
• Assistive signage to help guide your family towards learning environments that best suit your needs—marking high sensory, low sensory, calming, and tactile areas.
• Exhibit modifications to create calmer environments for families with high-sensitivities to stimuli, including decreased noise, soothing light changes, and more.
• Specialized staff to support your family’s learning and play needs; staff are specially trained through consultation with community partners by Any Baby Can and the Region 20 Special Education Department.
• Sign Language Interpreters, in training with the San Antonio College Department of American Sign Language to become certified interpreters, will be available on site to interpret.
• Customized creative activities, created in collaboration with Artful Start and our Art Education Director, will provide tactile art experiences to engage your learner’s creativity in comfortable, supportive ways.
• Coming Soon: A 3D printed braille map! We’re currently developing a braille map of The DoSeum using our 3D printer—demonstrating the ways in which new technology can be used to aid in accessible museum experiences!

https://www.thedoseum.org/beyondlimits
The Magik Theatre offers sensory-friendly performances for patrons on the autism spectrum or with other cognitive disabilities. During a sensory-friendly performance, house lights are kept on, sound levels are lower, audience members are free to talk and leave their seats during the performance, a designated quiet area is provided, outside snacks are permitted, and audience numbers are kept smaller, to offer an experience that will be both enjoyable and comfortable.

Sensory-Friendly & American Sign Language Interpreter Performances:
https://www.magiktheatre.org/shows/outreach/
Available at Silverado, Mayan Palace, Embassy, Rialto and Casa Blanca.

Check out the Dates & Movies Here:

https://www.santikos.com/san-antonio/silverado-16/sensoryfriendly
AMC is proud to partner with the Autism Society to offer unique movie showings where we turn the lights up, and turn the sound down, so you can get up, dance, walk, shout or sing! Our Sensory Friendly Film program is available on the second and fourth Saturday (family-friendly) and Tuesday evenings (mature audiences) of every month. Please check your local theatre listings for specific showtimes, and don’t forget to share your family fun with #AMCSensoryFriendly.

Check out dates, movies & theatres here: https://www.amctheatres.com/programs/sensory-friendly-films
2019 Summer Day Camp - Monarch Academy

Monarch Academy at Morgan’s Wonderland–Special Needs Day Camp*

**Address:** 5235 David Edwards Drive, 78233  
**Ages:** 8-16yrs  
**Weeks:** June 17-28 | July 8-19  
**Time:** 8a– 4p

▶ Register Today!

* $250 per week for Non-Members  
%10 off for Y Members

https://ymcasatx.org/programs/camps/summer-day-camps
Job Adventures, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that is dedicated to helping youth and young adults with disabilities find meaningful and gainful employment. We offer customized employment services that are designed to spark the interests and promote self-discovery within transitioning youth. This is accomplished through social and vocational skills training, exposure to employment pathways, and partnership with local employers in the community.

Our purpose is to assist youth and adults in selecting and obtaining a realistic employment goal while having an exciting adventure in the process!

Main Office/Northwest Location
9901 IH-10 West, Suite 800
San Antonio, Texas 78230

Phone: (210) 446-4480
Fax: (210) 446-4479
Email: info@jobadventures.org

Northeast Location
1777 NE Loop 410, Suite 600
San Antonio, Texas 78217
Respite Care of San Antonio provides services to enhance the stability and the nurturing opportunities of families caring for a loved one with a developmental disability.

- Mother’s Day Out
- Father’s Day Family Day Out
- Family’s Day Out
- Parent’s Night Out
- Developmental Daycare Center
- Weekend Day/Night Out Services

For school-aged children up to age 17 and siblings are welcome.

http://www.respitecaresa.org/

Respite Care provides services to enhance the stability and the nurturing opportunities of families caring for a loved one with a developmental disability.
By providing sports and recreation programs not typically available to children with special needs, we intend to foster the development of courage, self esteem, pride and joy so these children can achieve new possibilities previously unimaginable.

http://www.kinetickidstx.org/
Our summer enrichment program is exclusively for children with developmental delays (no siblings at this program).

This program is designed to provide children with a memorable summer experience. Each session runs from Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM (early drop-off and late pick-up available upon request).

Children transition through a series of interactive activities presented by special guests such as athletes, musicians, community heroes, etc.

Lunch and snacks are provided at this program.
Eva’s Heroes is a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to enriching the lives of individuals with intellectual special needs by providing and inclusive setting built on four tenets: interact, grow, love, learn.

2019 Summer Enrichment Program

**Week 1**
June 10 - 14
Out N' About

Experience locations in and around San Antonio on this week-long Out N’ About adventure! Take a trip to Barton Springs, AMC, the Riverwalk, and LEGOLAND.

**Week 2**
June 17 - 21
Palo Alto College

An amazing week held on the campus of Palo Alto. Details coming soon!

**Week 3**
June 24 - 28
Sea World

Get a behind the scenes look at SeaWorld. Learn about the underwater world by getting up close and personal with sea lions and other marine life. Watch exciting shows, ride the Great White, and cool off at Aquatica.

**Week 4**
July 1, 2, 3, 5
Aquatopia

This week is all about water! Come along as we venture out to Splashtown, Landa Park, Morgan’s Inspiration Island, and more.

**Week 5**
July 8 - 12
Lights, Camera, Fashion

Are you a model looking for the big stage? Find your shine at Palo Alto College Learning Studio: hair, makeup, photography, staging, and more. It all ends in a fashion show with you as the star.

**Week 6**
July 15 - 18
Peaceable Kingdom (Overnight Camp)

Have a true overnight experience at Peaceable Kingdom. Enjoy the nature trails, swimming, arts and crafts, fishing, animal experiences, rope courses, archery, cabin life and campfires!

**Week 7**
July 22 - 26
Woodlawn Theatre

Are you a performer looking for the big stage? Activities during this week will spark creativity in acting, singing and dancing. All efforts will conclude in a performance on the last day of camp.

**Contact:**
Jenn Stevenson
(210) 464-2277
Jstevenson@evasheroes.org

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For more information, or to register, call 210.694.9092, to download the flyer visit evasheroes.org, or email info@evasheroes.org.
Summer on the Hill is residential college experience at Trinity University for young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

**When:** June 23-27, 2019  
**Where:** Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas  
**Tuition Cost:** $900

The program is designed for young adults who are:
- Independent young adults with mild Autism Spectrum Disorder, ages 18-26
- Ready for a positive social and educational experience
- Interested in trying out college life in a semi-private room

Participants will enjoy:
- Meeting like-minded people
- Workshops on social skills, interviewing and job preparation
- Money management
- Outdoor activities
- Off-campus excursions
- Movies and socials
- Swimming and more!

http://www.spectrumcommunities.org/summer-on-the-hill/
## Family Empowerment Classes

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*Trainings are also offered via live videoconferencing!

For more information and/or to register, contact:

Brenda Lara
brenda@acn-sa.org
or (210) 435-1000
Check out their upcoming FREE classes at http://brightonsa.org.sess/

Brighton Center provides family & community education and developmental services to children with disabilities or delays empowering them to achieve their individual potential making them successful in every community. Brighton Center sets a strong foundation for children of ALL abilities through early childhood intervention, early childhood education and special education support.
Helping Hands is a day habilitation program that provides pre-vocational opportunities for adults with developmental challenges. Helping Hands focuses on building confidence, developing socially appropriate behaviors and growing communication skills. In addition, our program is designed to build daily life skills that include housekeeping, basic safety, money management, and proper etiquette. Each day begins with a time of cultural literacy followed by a daily devotional and a time of prayer. Our program stresses the importance and value of physical exercise so we include daily fitness walks and weekly bowling outings. Our staff is able to encourage and mentor at a level that is focused and personal, to ensure the success of each individual in the program. Each day is filled with service activities, fellowship, laughter and lots of fun!

Monday-Friday, 9a.m.—3p.m.

https://www.theu.org/helpinghands/
BINGO
Thursday nights from 7:00-8:00 pm.

There is no cost to play Bingo at UUMC!
Caregivers come play alongside your clients.

University United Methodist Church
5084 De Zavala Road
San Antonio, TX 78249


For more information contact:
210-690-7323 or susan@theU.org

Sensory-Motor Playroom
Available to the community at no charge!
Presented by:
The Special Needs Ministry
University United Methodist Church
Open Mon-Fri 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Open Thursdays until 8:00 pm

The Sensory-Motor Playroom provides access to therapeutic toys and equipment for children who have developmental delays. It is our hope this service will aid in the progression of meeting developmental milestones, thereby helping children reach their maximum potential at a faster pace.

University United Methodist Church
5084 DeZavala
San Antonio, TX. 78249
For more information or to reserve the room please contact Susan Galindo
210.690.7323
susan@TheU.org

Kidz Night Klub!
Where ALL children are welcome, including children who have special needs!

University United Methodist Church
5084 De Zavala (210) 696-1033
The 2nd Friday of most months
6:30-10:30 pm
$12 for the first child $10 for each additional child

- Ages 6 months to 5th grade
- Reservations MUST be made in person at the church office
- Payment due at time of reservation
- Limited number of scholarships available each month for military E-5 and below (show military ID & flyer for scholarship)
- Children must have eaten prior to arrival
- Please contact the Special Needs Ministry Director at least 2 weeks prior to Friday of KNK to ensure a caregiver is available for any children who have special needs

Susan Galindo
Director, Special Needs
210.690.7323
susan@TheU.org

Special Needs Ministry
Sundays at The U
10:00-10:45 am
Coffee and tacos are available in the John Wesley Room for a time of fellowship and prayers.

11:00 am-12:00 pm
Please join the Believer’s Garden service in the south gym for a lively time of worship, fun and practical messages.

Communion is offered the first Sunday of the month during the Believer’s Garden service.

On the 3rd Sunday of the month from 12:00-1:00 pm, (after the Believer’s Garden service) lunch is provided by one of The U’s Bible Study classes.

The Believer’s Garden has contributed over $5,000 a year of their very own money to Feed my Starving Children, Operation Christmas Child and various disaster relief funds.

University United Methodist Church
5084 DeZavala Road, San Antonio, TX 78249
210-696-1033
Summer School

Each summer, The Clowvazar Academy hosts a summer program that enriches students academically. Students are welcomed to participate in most courses that are offered to our year-round students. Core Courses include: **English, Anthropology, Science, and Mathematics.** As for electives, we also offer a Basic Arts course and an Introduction to Fine Arts course which can be taken in addition to our Core Classes. Core Classes are from 9:00AM - 2:00PM.

The summer is a great time for families with General Ed., Gifted and Talented, and Special Ed. students to try out our school program and get extra support in subjects they are struggling with.

Summer School tuition is reduced to $350.00-$550.00 per month based on income, if students complete all three months. Prices are slightly higher if parents wish to only enroll students for one or two months.

**Summer Schedule:**
- In-session: June 3rd - 20th
- Break: June 23rd - July 4th
- In-session: July 7th - August 1st
- Break: August 4th - 8th
- In-Session: August 11th - 29th

Summer Camp is a series of six-day, five-night sessions for children and adults, aged 5 to 50 years, with a variety of special needs, and their siblings.

The Summer Camp sessions are held at Camp CAMP in Center Point, Texas. Camp CAMP has 55 acres and includes activities like canoeing on the Guadalupe River, horseback riding, swimming, music, sports & recreation, arts & crafts, and outdoor cooking. CAMP modifies traditional summer camp activities to include everyone, regardless of the severity of the camper’s physical or developmental needs. Each camper is assigned to a Tribe based on gender and age with a camper:counselor ratio ranging from 1:1 to 4:1, depending on the need of the camper.

Counselors are trained by CAMP staff and stay with the Tribe day and night. The cabins are large, climate controlled, and wheelchair accessible. Meals can be modified to accommodate special dietary needs and spaces are available for campers who need 24 hour medical care, dependent on sessions. Camper’s medical needs and medication administration are overseen by professional Health Care Volunteers.

Each of the 9 Summer Camp sessions has varied age requirements and diagnosis guidelines; Sessions are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.
Swimming Pool

Fully-Accessible Swimming Pool

This is San Antonio’s first fully-accessible swimming pool. It features 4’ maximum depth, sloped entry, hand rails and solar heating. The aquatic center has a separated pool specifically designed to accommodate the needs of children and adults who wear diapers. The smaller pool has its own drains and ultraviolet sanitation equipment for easy recovery should an accident occur. The two pools created by dividing the large existing pool allows children and adults who are uniformly excluded from pools in San Antonio to have a place to swim and receive aquatic therapy.

The pool is open for The Arc Participants and our partner agencies for weekly, day-time use. All Arc of San Antonio participants must have a pool consent form on file to swim during the day.

http://www.arc-sa.org/pages/services/swimming/
Mission Road Ministries annually offers the S.O.A.R. - Summer Outreach and Recreation - Program to our resident children as well as children from the community with intellectual developmental disabilities (IDD).

What makes S.O.A.R. so special:
Our longtime, professional and well trained staff will care for your child during this program.
Children are separated into small groups that are age and level of care based.
Nine weeks of summer care are available
S.O.A.R. is offered Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. throughout the summer for all children.
S.O.A.R. is open to the 45 children who live on our campus and only 20 community children each summer.

All of the children have varying degrees of IDD and most have accompanying physical disabilities. S.O.A.R. & MORE is integral to their continuing progress and personal achievement. Children with IDD require a great deal of structure and predictability to move forward. They require constant and consistent professional programs to maintain and progress academically, socially, spiritually and behaviorally. Without this daily program, they tend to regress in all areas during the summer.
Horses Helping the Handicapped

Since 1995, a growing number of people with disabilities have found healing with the help of specially trained therapy horses. Our professional staff, assisted by trained volunteers, serves clients primarily from Bandera, Bexar, Kendall, Medina and Kerr counties.
http://www.thesaddlelightcenter.com

A non-profit organization created in 1991 to help people reach their full potential. Since then, through the generosity of our Sponsors and Volunteer work force, we currently provide equine therapy for riders of all ages each week. The Saddle Light Center is committed to improving the self-esteem and quality of life of the disabled population in the San Antonio area.

Our mission is to provide equestrian therapy for children, teenagers and adults with neurological, orthopedic, learning, emotional or other disabilities.
Our goal is to inspire our riders to accomplishments previously considered beyond their capabilities.

Summer Session June 4 -- August 10 (10 weeks)  
17560 Old Evans Rd.  
Selma, TX 78154  
(210) 651-9574
Charis Hills is a Christian Summer Camp for kids with learning differences and social difficulties such as ADD, ADHD, High-Functioning Autism, Asperger’s disorder, and other special needs. Our goal is to provide a positive camp experience for kids while sharing the good news about Jesus Christ. Charis Hills is dedicated to the development of kids who have average to above average intelligence, but who have an inability to process information in traditional ways. Campers receive academic reinforcement each day while participating in a traditional summer camping program geared to encourage success and reward positive behavior consistently.

**Our two essential elements are that:**
1. Kids can learn that they are not alone in combating their differences, and
2. Christ is more than a Sunday School lesson. He is active and real and able.

While Charis Hills is programmatically designed to benefit children with learning differences, their siblings and friends are welcome. Please explore our website for more information about our program and how we can help your family.
Our 170-acre ranch, located just outside Austin, allows our campers to enjoy a wide variety of activities while promoting team development. All activities are adapted to meet the interests, skills and ages of our campers, and our dedicated staff will positively reinforce the progress that individuals make in problem solving, interpersonal communications, self-assurance, and independent living tasks.

The weeklong camp activities include swimming, horseback riding, arts, crafts, music, games, sports and community outings. It’s an active, exciting week at Camp Marbridge!

**Camp Marbridge reaches out to young adults with cognitive challenges:**

- Who are between the ages of 16 and 30 years old;
- Who have a primary diagnosis of a developmental disability or cognitive challenge (Downs Syndrome, Williams Syndrome, Autism Spectrum Disorders, etc.)
- Who are largely independent in mobility and the basic daily living skills, including toileting, bathing, grooming, dressing and eating. (We provide verbal prompts and reminders, but campers must be able to manage these activities independently on a consistent basis.)
- Who are free of physically aggressive or threatening behaviors (hitting, kicking, biting, pinching, scratching, yelling, etc.)
- Who are free of medical conditions that require RN assistance.
- Who wish to begin the transition from home to a more independent life.

**Questions about the summer camp or paperwork?** Please contact Barbara Bush, admissions director, at (512) 282-1144 or email bbush@marbridge.org
HIGHLY QUALIFIED COUNSELORS ENSURE A FUN AND SAFE CAMP EXPERIENCE

Staffing
- Full-time counselors with experience and/or training in special education or related fields
- Full time camp coordinator

Amenities
- Lovely Texas Hill Country setting on 170 acres
- Planned community outings
- Active schedule, with many sports and leisure opportunities

Benefits
- Provides young adults an opportunity to experience independence within a supervised setting
- Prepares young adults who wish to begin a successful transition from high school or home setting to a more independent life

To inquire about availability or to arrange for an assessment, please contact Barbara Bush, Director of Admissions, at 512-282-1144 or bbush@marbridge.org.
MARBRIDGE MAKES SUMMER SO MUCH FUN!

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- Who are independent in mobility and the basic activities of daily living skills including toileting, bathing, grooming, dressing and eating. (We provide verbal prompts and reminders, but campers must be able to manage these activities independently on a consistent basis.)
- Who are free of physically aggressive and threatening behaviors (hitting, kicking, biting, pinching, scratching, yelling, etc.).
- Who are free of medical conditions that require RN assistance.
- Who wish to begin the transition from home to a more independent life.

Marbridge helps adults with various intellectual disabilities find a whole new life, gain a sense of belonging and community, make friends, learn new skills and grow mentally, physically and spiritually throughout their lives in a safe, loving, family-oriented environment.

COME SEE OUR NATURAL, HILL COUNTRY SETTING
Our 170-acre ranch, located just outside Austin, allows our campers to enjoy a wide variety of activities while promoting team development. All activities are adapted to meet the interests, skills and ages of our campers, and our dedicated staff will positively reinforce the progress that individuals make in problem solving, interpersonal communications, self-assurance, and independent living tasks.

IT’S AN ACTIVE, EXCITING WEEK AT CAMP MARBRIDGE!

- Swimming
- Horseback riding
- Arts, crafts
- Music, games
- Sports
- Community outings
Offers women, men, and children with intellectual disabilities year-round training and competitions in Olympic-style sports. Offering more than 32 individual and team sports—from Alpine Skiing to Volleyball—provide quality training and well-matched sporting events.

- Young Athletes Program, ages 2-7 years old
- Motor Activities Training Program
- Healthy Athletes
- Project UNIFY—Meet in the Middle
- Unified Sports

Contact Us
45 NE Loop 410, Ste. 180
San Antonio, TX 78216
Phone: 210.530.9898
prog_director.a20@sotx.org
• Diverse camp with multiple activities. Camp is not wheelchair accessible. Special needs accepted on a case-by-case basis.
• Primarily able to serve children with learning disabilities, but depends on the child. Resident RN on site.
• Please call for more information and an application. Tiered pricing is available.

• **Ages**: 6-16
• **Location**: 190 Flaming Arrow Rd., Ingram, TX 78025
• **Call**: (800) 765-9622
We’re proud to offer your family a camp experience enhanced by our mission and driven by our values. Although we do offer exciting activities, it is those values which we are most proud to teach. The words Caring, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, and Faith are more than just words in a brochure. To us, they are what we live by and teach to our staff and campers each day.

Three Camps:
1. Rookie Camp, ages 6-8
2. Traditional Summer Camp, ages 8-15
3. Leadership in Training (LIT) Program, age 16
Friend’s Week for Special Needs

• 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.

http://www.deercreekcamp.com/christian-summer-camps/friends-week/

(830) 589-7123
When your child wants to be a better dancer, you sign them up for dance camp. When they want to be a better drummer, you sign them up for band camp. When your child wants to learn how to make friends and engage appropriately with others, you sign them up for Starfish Summer Camp!

There are no ability or disability requirements; Starfish Summer Camp is open to everyone between the ages of 4 and 18! There are no ability or disability requirements. The majority of our students have autism; other common diagnoses are ADD/ADHD, learning disabilities, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, and genetic disorders. We also have students who have no diagnosis. Our limitations are toileting and medical care; we do not have the staff or facilities to assist with toileting or medical needs. Camp is designed for students who are verbal. Students who are non- or minimally verbal are able to attend as long as they are able to be successful with a 5:1 ratio, but our program may not be the best option to meet their needs.

http://www.starfishsocialclub.org/starfish-summer-camp.html
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--Ages 8-17
--For children with a primary, single diagnosis of epilepsy and well controlled seizures
--No cost to attend
--Donations are accepted

For more information contact Epilepsy Foundation staff at camp@efcst.org, by phone (210) 653-5353 or toll free (888) 606-5353.

http://epilepsycamp.com/
Every Child Deserves the Chance to Play Baseball

The Miracle League of San Antonio” is a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization that provides children with mental and/or physical challenges an opportunity to play baseball as a team member in an organized league. There is something about playing the game of baseball that lights up youngsters’ eyes, but for children facing mental and physical challenges, that opportunity can often be a difficult first step. The Miracle League gives these children the opportunity to get out in the sunshine and enjoy playing the game of baseball in its purest form.

During each Miracle League game, every child is given an opportunity to hit the ball and score a run. Miracle League team members are assigned “buddies” who assist them in hitting the ball and “running” the bases. Buddies can be fellow schoolmates, parents, college students, business leaders or anyone who wishes to volunteer his time to give a child the gift of baseball.
Online Summer Resources

**Trips, Inc.**
A special needs travel group that provides all-inclusive vacation packages for travelers ages 18 and older with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
http://www.tripsinc.com/
Toll-free 1-800-465-9355

**Autism on the Seas**
Cruises for families, adults, and group homes living with Autism, Down Syndrome, and other Developmental Disabilities. Financial assistance and many different services are offered, for full details, please visit
https://www.autismontheseas.com/