Summer Camp Issue

Mary Campbell Center
The Mary Campbell Center offers two week camp sessions from June to August for children with special needs between the ages of 3-21 and their siblings. Activities include field trips, swimming, games, arts and crafts, and cooking. Teamwork is stressed through out every activity. All camps are at the Mary Campbell Center in Wilmington DE. Visit them at campbellcenter.org/children.

Children’s Beach House
Located on the Delaware Bay, Children’s Beach House Summer Camps provide a unique experience for children with special needs. Activities include swimming, sailing, kayaking, arts and crafts, nature, and more. Camp staff modify activities to encourage all campers to participate at some level of success, thereby building self confidence. Contact the organization for camp dates.

Looking to find a camp in your area?
My Summer Camp can do the work for you at mysummercamps.com/
Just enter your zip code and child’s age and find a world of camp possibilities in your area.

“Everything is more fun with a friend.”
-Rebekah, age 15

Did You Know… 47% of camps offer specialized programs for individuals with disabilities. (2011 ACA Sites, Facilities, Programs Report)

More Camps

Easter Seals
Camp Fairlee is a beautiful, residential/recreational and respite camp on 250 sprawling acres on Fairlee Creek. It offers campers from age 6 and up the opportunity to experience the joys and challenges of camp in a fully-accessible setting.

For more information, visit de.easterseals.com/fairlee.

Camp Pecometh
Camp Pecometh is nestled in the quite eastern shore of Maryland. They offer summer camp experiences for youth that includes; swimming, horseback riding, Archer Games, Crafts, Chesapeake River trek and other experiences.

They also offer a summer respite camp for campers over the age of 16 with disabilities. This camp experience offers campers an opportunity to experience nature first hand. Camp Pecometh offers a 3:1 camper/counselor ratio to ensure campers receive a high level of care.

If you are interested in learning more, call camp Pecometh at 410-556-6900 or visit pecometh.org/summer-respite.

Important Dates

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Raising a child with a disability can be an overwhelming and stressful experience. Parents often find themselves running from one therapy appointment to another. Kissing ouches and applying bandages while squeezing in IEP meetings and long awaited appointments with specialists. This constant care giving and high stress levels can leave little time for the basic needs of daily life, such as grocery shopping and paying bills.

Respite is a temporary break from providing care but more than that it can be a time that allows families to recharge and reconnect.

If you would like to learn more about respite and possible benefits contact the Delaware Life Span Respite Care Network, they offer information on local respite and financial resources. Other useful websites: National Alliance For Caregiving and Lotsa Helping Hands.

**Inclusive Camps**

**YMCA**

Looking for an inclusive local camp opportunity? Check out the YMCA.

They offer camp experiences throughout the summer. Informational tours offered on 2/16, 3/16, 4/13, and 5/18.

**Boys & Girls Club**

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware is part of a nationwide movement whose mission is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens. There are 42 Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware locations across the State, in all three counties that serve 25,000 youth annually. Find more information about The Boys & Girls Club, camps and your local site at bgclubs.org.

**APP Corner**

**Summer Camp** app is an interactive game that can get your children thinking about summer camp activities. Your children can learn to roast marshmallows and row canoes. This could be a great opportunity to start a family discussion about camp!

If you are looking for more camp activities at home, you could always have a sing along when you download the app Campfire Songs.

**Prompt & Play**

Prompt & Play provides a safe place for children ages 2 to 24 to develop social and daily living skills through exploration and direction. They utilize various therapeutic modalities to increase environmental awareness, positive social interactions, and promote overall happiness.

Camps run Monday through Friday, June through August. Call Prompt & Play at (302) 691-5658, or email them at info@promptandplay.com for more information.

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