Camps for Children with Special Needs

On the list below you will notice an ACA logo next to each accredited camp. What does ACA Accreditation mean to you?

ACA Accreditation means that your child’s camp cares enough to voluntarily undergo a thorough (over 300 standards) review of its operation, from staff qualifications and training to emergency management. American Camp Association collaborates with experts from the Academy of Pediatrics, the American Red Cross, and other youth service agencies to ensure that current practices at your child’s camp reflect the most up-to-date, research-based standards in camp operation. Camps and ACA form a partnership that promotes summers of growth and fun in an environment committed to safety.

Camp Akeela – A Summer Camp for Social Skills
Website: www.campakeela.com
866-680-4744
Directors: Debbie and Eric Sasson
Winter Address: 3 New King Street
White Plains, NY 20604
Summer Address: One Thoreau Way, Thetford Center, VT 05075
A co-ed overnight (sleep away) camp in Vermont for children with Asperger's Syndrome and NLD. Akeela campers are bright, creative boys and girls ages 9-16 who have difficulty connecting with their peers.

Camp Huntington
56 Bruceville Road
High Falls, NY 12440
Camper Inquiries/Admissions
Daniel Falk, Executive Director
Toll-Free Phone: 866-514-5281
Fax: 845-853-1172
Website: www.camphuntington.com email: admissions@camphuntington.com
Ages: 6-22
Camp Huntington is a co-ed, residential program for children and young adults with special learning and developmental needs. One to six week programs. Three programs including, 1) Autism, Asperger’s and PDD, 2) Developmentally Disabled, and 3) Learning Disabled, ADD/ADHD.

Camp Horizons
127 Babcock Hill Road
South Windham, CT 06266
860-456-1032
Website: www.camphorizons.org
info@camphorizons.org
Scott Lambeck, Camp Director
The mission of Camp Horizons is to provide high quality residential, recreational, support and work programs for people who are developmentally disabled or who have other challenging social and emotional needs. To fulfill this mission, we are committed to continuous improvement in our programs, facilities, and staffing. We understand and respond to the changing needs of program participants, families and communities.
Camp Jotoni
141 S. Main Street
Manville, NJ 08835
908-725-8544
Fax: 908-704-0850
Website: www.thearcofsomerset.org
Email: cjreagan@comast.net
Sponsored by The Arc of Somerset County, Camp Jotoni is a day and residential camp for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Campers are ages five to adult. Camp Jotoni is set on 15 acres in Somerset County, and the camp features a junior Olympic size pool, cabins, dining hall, playgrounds, open air pavilions, unspoiled woods, and nature trail.

Camp Lee Mar
805 Redgate Road
Dresher, PA 19025
Camp Contact: Ariel J. Segal
215-658-1708
Fax: 215-658-1710
Summer Address: 450 Route 590 Lackawaxen, PA 18435 (570) 685-7188
Website: www.leemar.com/
E-mail: gtour400@aol.com
Camp Lee Mar is a private residential special needs camp for children and young adults with mild to moderate learning and developmental challenges, including but not limited to the following: mental retardation, developmental disabilities, Down syndrome, autism, learning disabilities, Williams Syndrome, Asperger's Syndrome, ADD, Prader Willi, and ADHD.

Camp Merry Heart
21 O'Brien Road
Hackettstown, N.J. 07840
908-852-3896
Website: www.eastersealnj.org
Easter Seal Society of New Jersey
Traditional residential camp for people with physical disabilities, coed, ages 6-adult.

Camp Nejeda
P.O. Box 156
910 Saddleback Road
Stillwater, N.J. 07875
973-383-2611
Resident Camp - diabetes patients only, ages 7-15.

Camp Oakhurst
111 Monmouth Road
Oakhurst, N.J. 07755
732-531-0215
Website: www.campchannel.com/campoakhurst
Email: oakhurst06@aol.com
Resident Camp - New York Service for the handicapped, special needs, physical disabilities, coed, ages 8 and older.
Camp Sun N Fun
1555 Gateway Blvd.
West Deptford, NJ 08096
856-629-4502
Fax: 856-875-1499
Website: www.thearcgloucester.org Email: camp@thearcgloucester.org
Coed ages 8-80. 1and 2 week sessions.
Sponsored by the ARC of Gloucester County, Sun N Fun is a day and residential camp where children and adults with developmental disabilities gain independence and build self esteem. Adapted typical camp activities.

Frost Valley YMCA Camps
2000 Frost Valley Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2291
Fax: 845-985-0056
Website: www.frostvalley.org
Email: campdirector@frostvalley.org
Frost Valley YMCA and YAI, the National Institute for People with Disabilities, work together to create a wonderful camping experience. Mainstreaming at Camp, or MAC, is designed to serve children with developmental disabilities and to promote inclusion into the broader camp community.
For additional information, please contact:
Joe Medler (YAI, National Institute for People with Disabilities Network)
460 West 34th Street, 11th floor, New York, NY 10001
212-273-6298
Fax: 212-273-6161 Website: www.yai.org

Happiness Is Camping Inc.
62 Sunset Lake Road
Blairstown, N.J. 07825
908-362-6733
Website: www.happinessiscamping.org
Resident camp (1 and 2 week sessions) for children with cancer, ages 6-16.

Harbor Haven Day Camp
1155 W. Chestnut St.
Suite G-1, Union, N.J. 07083
908-964-5411
Camp located at: 1418 Pleasant Valley Way, West Orange, N.J. 07052
Private school setting in West Orange, NJ provides an opportunity for children ages 3-15 to participate in camp activities and light therapeutic interventions to improve skills. Serves children with Attention Deficit Disorder, Autism, and Speech/Communication Impairment.
www.hhdc.com
Kiddie Keep Well Camp  
35 Roosevelt Drive  
Edison, N.J. 08837  
732-548-6542  
Website: www.kiddiekeepwell.org  
Low cost, Nonprofit, resident camp for underprivileged children of Middlesex County only. Coed, ages 6-15. Specialize in youth at risk.

New Jersey Camp Jaycee  
985 Livingston Ave.  
North Brunswick, N.J. 08902  
732-246-2525  
Website: www.campjaycee.org  
ARC of New Jersey, special needs, coed, ages 7-adult.

Ramapo for Children  
Rhinebeck Campus  
P.O. Box 266, Rt. 52 Salisbury Turnpike  
Rhinebeck, NY 12572  
845-876-8403  
Fax: 845-876-8414  
Website: www.ramapoforchildren.org  
Email: office@ramapoforchildren.org  
Ramapo’s mission is to serve children at-risk or with special needs with a wide range of emotional, behavioral and learning disabilities in a dynamic and stimulating outdoor environment, providing educational and recreational experiences that promote social, emotional, physical and intellectual growth.

Children, aged four to sixteen, are referred by parents, teachers, and mental health professionals. The following programs are offered:
• Early Adventure (ages 4-6)  
• Summer Adventure (ages 7-14)  
• Teen Leadership (ages 14-16)

Round Lake Camp  
Winter Address: 21 Plymouth St. Fairfield, NJ 07004 973-575-3333 x145  
Summer Address: 119 Woods Rd. Lakewood, PA 18439-3943 570-798-2551  
973-575-3333 ext 122  
Website: www.roundlakecamp.org  
Email: RLC@NJYCAMP.ORG  
Resident camp for children with ADD/Learning Disabilities/Social Skills Disorders ages 7-19.
Summit Camp & Travel
18 East 41st Street
Suite 402
New York, NY  10017
1-800-323-9908
212-689-3880
570-253-4381-Summer Camp Office Honesdale, PA
Website: www.summitcamp.com
Email: info@summitcamp.com
Summit Camp provides a summer camp experience for boys and girls, ages 7-17, who have attention issues. These may include Attention Deficit Disorder, verbal or non-verbal learning disabilities, mild social or emotional concerns, and/or Asperger's syndrome. Some campers may also have Tourette's syndrome, O.C.D., and/or mild mood issues. Summit Travel works with older children, ages 15-19, who have similar issues.

Camp Acorn
PO Box 1383
Paramus, NJ  07653
Directors: Cathy Carisi, Dustin Rudolph, Irene Yetter
973-471-2911
Website: www.campacorn.org
Email: info@campacorn.org
Camp Acorn is a summer/winter social and recreational program for children and young adults with multiple disabilities. We offer a therapeutic and instructional program that develops fine motor, gross motor and transitional skills, while it builds confidence and self esteem skills. Camp is open to all individuals regardless of abilities, serving children and young adults with cognitive and physical disabilities, visual and hearing impairments, brain injury, autism, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, multiple disabilities, epilepsy and other distinct groups. The program runs for nine (9) weeks starting the last week of June through the third week of August, Monday through Friday from 9:30am to 3:30pm.

Camp Chatterbox
Children's Specialized Hospital
150 New Providence Road
Mountainside, N.J. 07092
908-301-5451
Website: www.campchatterbox.org
Email: campchatterbox@earthlink.net
An intensive therapy camp or children, ages 5-15 using augmentative and alternative communication devices.

Camp Cold Brook
Somerset Hills Handicapped Riding Center
P.O. Box 305
83 Old Turnpike Road
Oldwick, NJ  08858
908-439-9636
Website: www.shhrsc.org
Horseback riding for children with disabilities, and able-bodied children; special autism program; day camp; coed.

Camp Daisy
Hardenburg Ln and Riva Avenue
East Brunswick, NJ  08816
732-821-5195
Website: www.ebrr.org/campdaisy.html
A recreational and social program for handicapped children and adults, offered through the East Brunswick Recreation Program.
Camp Excel (Wall Township)
4041 Squankum Rd
Allenwood, NJ
732-281-0275
Website: www.campexcel.com
Email: info@campexcel.com
ADHD and other social skills challenges, Ages 5-17

Camp Haverim
JCC on the Palisades
411 East Clinton Avenue
Tenafly, NJ 07670
201-569-7900
Fax: 201-569-7448
Website: www.jcconthepalisades.org
Special Services Director: Cheryl Edelstein
This two week program is geared to the child (age 3-18) with autistic spectrum disorders who attends extended-year schooling. It provides social skills training, swimming, sports, music, art, dance and cooking in addition to academics according to the child’s IEP.

Camp Hope
Cedar Street
East Hanover, N.J. 07936
973-887-5755
123 Naylon Ave.
Livingston, N.J. 07039
973-535-1181
Website: www.arcessex.org
Arc of Essex County Inc., serving people age 5 to adult with developmental disabilities.

Camp Sunshine and Camp Snowflake
1133 E. Ridgewood Ave.
Saddle River County Park, Wild Duck Pond Area
Ridgewood, NJ 07450
201-652-1755
Mailing address: P.O. Box 99
Ridgewood, NJ 07451-0099
Website: www.sunshine-snowflake.org/SunshineMain.htm
Email: info@sunshine-snowflake.org
Year-round recreational programs for children and young adults with multiple disabilities.

Camp Sunshine and Summer Fun Camp
Children’s Specialized Hospital
150 New Providence Road
Mountainside, NJ 07092
888-244-5373, ext. 5484
Westfield YMCA; special needs, traditional, coed, ages 5-11.
Camp Tikvah
JCC on the Palisades
411 East Clinton Avenue
Tenafly, NJ 07670
201-569-7900
Fax: 201-569-8187
Website: www.jcconthepalisades.org
Camp Tikvah is designed to meet the needs of children and adolescents between the ages of 5 and 15 who have been classified with mild neurological disabilities.

Child’s Play Center
221 Stirling Road, Suite C
Warren, NJ 07059
908-647-4453
Website: www.childsplaysocialskills.com
Email: childsplay2004@aol.com
Child’s Play offers three “2-week” summer programs. Ages 4.5 – 11. 3 hours a day. This program is appropriate for children who can be re-directed in a setting of 3:1 (child to staff). Activities include: fine motor practice incorporating a sensory component, gross motor games, creative musical activities and social skill development.

Linden Hill Summer Program
154 South Mountain Road
Northfield, MA 01360
413-498-2906
Website: www.lindenhs.org
Email: office@lindenhs.org
Language based learning differences, coed ages 7-17.

Maplebrook Summer Program
5142 Route 22
Amenia, NY 12501
845-373-8191
Fax: 845-373-9511
Website: www.maplebrookschool.org
Email: admissions@maplebrookschool.org
Ages 10-15. Exciting summer experience for students with learning differences.

Minding Miracles Learning Center
90 Spring Hill Road
Matawan, NJ 07747
732-316-4884
Fax: 732-316-1385
Website: www.mindingmiracles.net
Contact: Kathy Demarco
Serves ages 2-12 and offers an inclusion program.

Rainbow Summer Day Program
201-343-0322 Ext.270
Website: www.arcbergenpassaic.org/about.html
The ARC of Bergen and Passaic Counties offers a six week summer day program for over 75 children and adults. Activities include swimming, arts & crafts, adapted physical education, music, cooking and community trips. An academic component is also offered in accordance with IEP requirements and the program is approved as an Extended School Year Site. Transportation is provided.
Southampton Fresh Air Home
36 Barkers Island Road
Southampton, NY 11968
Office Phone: 631-283-5847
Office Fax: 631-283-7596
Website: www.sfah.org
Residential camp for physically challenged children, ages 8-16

Stepping Forward Summer Program
Stepping Forward Counseling Center
18 Bank Street
Summit St., NJ 07901
973-533-6990
The Stepping Forward program is a private mental health center for children and young adults with mild to moderate learning and developmental challenges, including but not limited to the following: learning disabilities, Williams Syndrome, Asperger Syndrome, ADD, ADHD Bi-Polar and Depression.

Additional Resources:

Special Parents of Teaneck (SPOT) – A Support Group of Families by Families. For additional parent resources please visit www.spotnj.org

Resources for Children with Special Needs, Inc. – An independent, not-for-profit organization that provides information and services to NYC families. Special Camp Fair every January that brings together 70 representatives of day camps in NYC and sleep away camps all over the Northeast that serves children with disabilities. This organization also publishes a comprehensive directory of programs and services for children with special needs and their families in the metro NY area. For more information visit: http://www.resourcesnyc.org or contact Gary Shulman, 212-677-4650.

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