

CAMP & RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES - PUBLIC

Wisdom & Conversations from the P2P Listserv



Trusting that you will find a nugget or two of wisdom that addresses your situation and gives you another resource, a piece of information, or hope to hang onto.

If you are a P2P member and are interested in reading the member only wisdom file for this topic which includes parent comments, please send an email to info@p2p-co.org with "Camp and Recreational Opportunities password request" in the subject line. We will send you the password and a link to the file.

You also might be interested in the P2P Public Wisdom file, [REC Hippotherapy & Horseback Riding Resources+](#).

HELP, IT'S SUMMER (OR FALL, SPRING OR WINTER) & I NEED SOME IDEAS!

When planning a summer recreation program for your child with a disability, don't think special. Too often parents of children with disabilities believe their child needs a special, segregated program. But, research shows that when children with disabilities are included with children without disabilities, everyone benefits.

Think about your child's strengths and activities he or she enjoys -- nature, art, sport or drama. Then find out what programs are available for "typical" children in your community. Expect well-meaning administrators to point you toward a segregated program for children with disabilities. Just remind them that the mission statement of xyz program is the same as what you want for your child. Also, know that the law is on your side. The ADA requires that public programs be accessible to individuals with disabilities. Sometimes a gentle mention of this is all that you need.

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WEBSITE RESOURCES

- [CAMPRESOURCE.COM](#) – Special Needs Camps
- [COLORADO SUMMER CAMP GUIDE](#) - The website provides Colorado Day and Overnight camps for the summer.
- [FAMILY CENTER ON TECHNOLOGY AND DISABILITY – 08 SUMMER CAMP ISSUE](#)

- [FAMILY VILLAGE](#) – Special Needs Camps
- [KIDSCAMPS.COM/](#) Scroll down to Special Needs Camps; great site
- [MYSUMMERCAMPS.COM](#) – Special Needs Camps
- [THERAPY/RESPITE CAMPS FOR KIDS](#) - Some of these camps are low cost weekend camps
- [SUMMER CAMPS FOR CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DISORDERS OR ATTENTION PROBLEMS](#)
- [SUMMER CAMPS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS](#) (about.com)
- [NATIONAL CENTER ON PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND DISABILITY](#), 1-800-900-8086 - Resource with a calendar of events by state, monthly newsletter, discussion groups, research on physical activity and more

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WITS END WISDOM

- At COLORADO MILLS MALL, they have a train that you can ride which goes all around the mall.
- There is an indoor play area in Highlands Ranch called [TREEHOUSE DISCOVERY](#), 2000-D East County Line Road, Highlands Ranch, (303) 795-TREE (8733). The cost varies since you can buy punch cards for 10, 20, etc visits and they are cheaper than individual visits.
- [BELLEVIEW PARK](#) has a nice petting zoo where the children can pet various animals and they also have a train ride.
- [CHILDREN'S MUSEUM](#) which has a large variety of activities for kids.
- [MUSEUM OF NATURE AND SCIENCE](#) which has an area for children to explore and play.
- [DENVER CITY PARK](#) (and other city parks).
- [BUTTERFLY PAVILION](#) where kids can hold Rose, a live tarantula...and they get a sticker saying, "I held Rosie."
- [TINY TOWN](#) where all the buildings are child size...there is also a train and a playground area
- [FOUR MILE HISTORIC PARK](#) has live chickens that son enjoyed watching and teepees that kids can go into.
- [WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE](#) off of Lincoln and I-25 in Douglas County is a great place (year round) with lots to see. Don't miss the small kid's room near the gift shop.
- Summers can be long! Have you called your LOCAL LIBRARY?
- Many churches run VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CAMPS in the summer as well -- these are usually low-to no cost.
- LOCAL YMCA - When you register your child, discuss any type of support and/or accommodations he or she may require to participate.

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LOCAL PARK AND RECREATION PROGRAMS

- [AURORA THERAPEUTIC RECREATION PROGRAM](#)
- [BOULDER EXPAND](#) - Boulder County program for people with disabilities
- [CASTLE ROCK REC CENTER](#)

- [DENVER ADAPTIVE RECREATION](#)
- [ENGLEWOOD PARKS AND REC](#)
- [EVERGREEN PARKS AND REC CENTER](#)
- [HIGHLANDS RANCH THERAPEUTIC REC](#)
- [JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER](#)
- [LAKEWOOD R.I.S.E ABOVE](#) - Recreation & Inclusive Services for Everyone
- [LONGMONT SCOPE PROGRAM](#)
- [PARKER RECREATION CENTER](#)
- [SOUTH SUBURBAN STAR PROGRAM](#)
- [THORNTON RECREATION AND ACTIVITIES](#)
- [WHEAT RIDGE PARKS & RECREATION THERAPEUTIC RECREATION](#)
- [ADA Compliant Park in Evans](#) - Sensory equipment, adaptive swings and wheelchair accessible play equipment. 3501 Sienna Avenue (in the Tuscany Subdivision)

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SPORTS PROGRAMS

- [ADAPTIVE SPORTS ASSOCIATION](#), Durango, (970) 259-0374 - Year-round sports and outdoor recreational experiences for people with disabilities and their families
- [ADAPTIVE SPORTS CENTER](#) located in Crested Butte, 866-349-2296 - Non-profit organization that offers year-round recreational opportunities to people with disabilities, friends and family. Summer & winter camps, programs.
- [CHALLENGE ASPEN](#), Snowmass, (970) 923-0578 - Year-round activities for people with disabilities and their families, including arts and sports
- [COLORADO WHEELCHAIR SPORTS](#) - General information regarding wheelchair sports in Colorado, covering youth and adult sports such as wheelchair basketball, tennis, softball, hand cycling, rugby and an events schedule
- [FORESIGHT SKI GUIDES \(VAIL\)](#)
- [NATIONAL SPORTS CENTER FOR THE DISABLED](#), nscd.org/, (303) 633-5805 - Year-round activities for people with disabilities and their families. Scholarships are available. The National Sports Center for the Disabled in Winter Park has several camps and other activities throughout the year. The NSCD offers a variety of exciting winter adventures, including alpine skiing, snowboarding, cross-country skiing, Nordic hut trips, snowshoeing, and ski racing.

NSCD also offers a variety of exciting summer adventures, including AbilityCAMPS, rafting, kayaking, canoeing, special camps, horse pack trips, therapeutic horseback riding, mountain biking, overnight river trips, fishing, camping, and rock climbing. Programs are designed for individuals, families and groups and are available for all levels of ability, from beginner to advanced.

- [SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF COLORADO](#), (303) 592-1361 - Locate your geographical area; contact the area Program Manager to find out what is going on in your area.

Year-round sports training and athletic competition in 22 different sports for children and adults with developmental disabilities with 4 annual sport seasons in our High Plains area. Special Olympics of Colorado (SOCO) offers sports programs for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Athletes must be at least 8 years old to compete and at least 6 years old to train.

Programs are completely free. SOCO provides coaches, uniforms, sports equipment and training facilities, plus transportation, lodging and meals for area and state competitions.

Worried about inclusion? Through SOCO Unified Sports, athletes with intellectual disabilities participate on the same teams as those without (Unified Partners).

- [SPORTS MADE POSSIBLE](#) (Baseball), (303) 756-4916 - There is something about playing the game of baseball that lights up the eyes of a child, however for children facing physical and/or mental challenges, that opportunity is often not available. Adaptive Baseball gives these children the opportunity to get out and enjoy playing the game of baseball in its purest form.
- [TELLURIDE ADAPTED SKI PROGRAM](#)
- [TOPPSOCCER PROGRAM](#), (303) 694-6882 - US Youth Soccer TOPSoccer (The Outreach Program for Soccer) is a community-based training and team placement program for young athletes with disabilities, organized by youth soccer association volunteers. The program is designed to bring the opportunity of learning and playing soccer to any boy or girl, who has a mental or physical disability.
- [UNITED STATES ASSOCIATION FOR BLIND ATHLETES](#) (USABA)

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CAMPS

- [ADAM'S CAMP](#), Snow Mountain Ranch, Winter Park, CO, (303) 563-8290
Adam's Camp is a Colorado-based nonprofit organization created to provide a variety of intensive, personalized and integrated therapeutic programs for children with special needs and their families as well as recreational programs for youth and young adults with moderate developmental disabilities. The cost varies upon camp but ranges from \$675- \$2450 per week.

The mission of Adam's Camp is to maximize the strengths and potential of children and young adults with special needs. Sessions dedicated to Spanish speaking families. Day and overnight camps.

- [ASPEN CAMP SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING](#), (970) 923-6609

- [BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA](#) - Enter zip code to find information for your area. SPECIAL NEEDS SCOUTING, (303) 455-5522 ext. 140 - Denver Area Council Boy Scouts of America Andrea Mosby, Special Needs Executive Director
- [BRECKENRIDGE OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER](#), (970) 453-6422, 1-800-383-2632, Summer camps and year-round activities for people with disabilities and their families. Cost varies by program, though financial aid and scholarships are available.
- [BUCKHORN CAMP](#), (970) 484-2508, 1-800-749-0082
2120 West County Rd 41, Bellevue CO 80512
- [CAMP IDRAHAJE](#)
- [CAMP KOSTOPOLOUS](#), Salt Lake City, UT
- [CAMP NUHOP](#), 1-491-289-2227 (main office is in Ohio)
- [CAMP PAHA](#), (303) 987-4869 - City of Lakewood has a summer day camp program for kids with special needs
- [CAMP SANTA MARIA](#)
- [CHATTERPILLARS CAMP RUNAMOK](#), (303) 333-4062
- [CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL SUMMER CAMPS](#), (720) 777-0042
- [COLORADO LIONS CAMP](#), (719) 687-2087
28541 Highway 67 North, P.O. Box 9043, Woodland Park, CO 80866
- [DURANGO MOUNTAIN CAMP](#) - Provides intensive one-on-one language training for professionally diagnosed dyslexic youngsters ages 11-17.
- [EASTER SEALS COLORADO, WARM THERAPY POOL](#), (303) 233-1666, ext. 1
- [EXTREME SPORTS CAMP](#) - Extreme Sports Camp offers sports and recreational opportunities in Aspen, Colorado for children and adults with autism spectrum disorders. Year round programs that allow participants to safely engage in sustained physical activities and find personal growth through our supportive, individualized, and adaptive programs.
- [GLEN EYRE](#)
- [GIRL SCOUTS](#), 888-801-1269 - Girl Scouts always have good camps and they support children with disabilities.

- [MAD SCIENCE CAMPS](#) - Arvada, Evergreen, Englewood, Littleton, Denver, Westminster, Lakewood, Centennial
- [OPEN SKY WILDERNESS THERAPY](#), (970) 382-8181
PO Box 2201, Durango, CO 81302, info@openskywilderness.com
Open Sky Wilderness Therapy is a licensed outdoor treatment program focused on personal wellness, therapeutic support, and behavioral change in teens and adults.
- [ROCKY MOUNTAIN VILLAGE EASTER SEALS CAMP](#), (303) 569-2333 or contact the Steve Vestal Center at (303) 233-1666
Wide variety of programs for all abilities; one-week sessions by age and disability
14-21 year olds with developmental disabilities
6-14 year olds with physical or developmental disabilities
Scholarships available based on income
- [TALKING WITH TECHNOLOGY CAMP](#) - This is a one-week, intensive program developed by The Children's Hospital for children who use augmentative and alternative communication devices as their primary means of expressive communication.
- [THE LEARNING CAMP](#) - The Learning Camp is one of the first-few summer camps developed specifically for kids with learning disabilities such as ADD, ADHD, dyslexia and other challenges.
- [TELLURIDE ADAPTED SKI PROGRAM](#) - Summer & Winter Camps
- [YMCA OF THE ROCKIES](#)

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ADDITIONAL CAMP INFORMATION MENTIONED BY P2P MEMBERS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

- [UNIQUE PRINTS PEDIATRIC THERAPY SERVICES](#) - ADD/HD & Sensory Integration Camp, (303) 773-1034
- [HILLS Healthy, Independent, Leisure and Lifestyles](#) - Day, weekend, and weeklong activities offered year round. Scholarships available. Offers affordable opportunities for people with developmental disabilities or TBI, promoting health & fostering independence.
- [THE RHYTHM WITHIN](#) - Therapeutic Mentoring by Jonah Berger, Master's in Special Education, Provider with many CCBs (Denver Options, etc), musician who has a disability
- [VSA ARTS OF COLORADO \(VERY SPECIAL ARTS\)](#), (303) 777-0797 - Promoting the creative power in people with disabilities.

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ACCESSIBLE CAMPING, HIKING, FISHING, PARKS (after all, this is Colorado)

Columbine Pass Access to State Parks - If your child (or you) has a disability you can get a Columbine Pass (\$14) that is a state park pass to let your family into any state park (does not include camping fees) and your child can also get a Golden Eagle passport that does the same thing at national parks and seashores.

Golden Access Passport to National Parks - The Golden Access Passport is a free, lifetime admission pass issued to U.S. citizens or persons who permanently reside (are domiciled) in the United States, regardless of age, and who have a medical determination and documentation of blindness or permanent disability. The pass is valid at National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Corps of Engineers, Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service, and Tennessee Valley Authority sites with admission fees.

Golden Access Passports may be obtained only in person and upon proof of eligibility at a federal area (National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Corps of Engineers, Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service, and Tennessee Valley Authority sites).

You can use our "Visit Your Parks, nps.gov/parks.html, geographic search portal to locate a National Park Service site near you. We suggest that you telephone your nearest National Park Service site to inquire about pass availability and what documentation you need to provide *before* traveling.

- [ACCESSIBLE DAY HIKES NEAR DENVER](#) - Fun website with photos and lots of ways to filter your hiking desires.
- [BOULDER GUIDE TO ACCESSIBLE TRAILS](#)
- [CHATFIELD DAM BIKE TRAIL](#) - ACCESSIBLE
- [CHERRY CREEK STATE PARK](#) - Information on ADA accessible trails.
- [DIVISION OF WILDLIFE](#) has info on accessibility, including accessible fishing locations.
- [ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK](#) - Information on wheelchair accessible trails.
- [ROXBOROUGH STATE PARK TRAILS](#) - Only one trail is moderately accessible
- [TRAILLINK.COM](#) - A list of Colorado wheelchair accessible trails.
- [WILDERNESS ON WHEELS](#), (303) 403-1110 - Wilderness on Wheels, Grant, CO, on U.S. 285 Wilderness on Wheels Foundation operates a model wilderness-access facility which makes a Colorado mountain environment accessible to all. Activities include hiking, fishing, wildlife watching, picnicking, and camping. An accessible 8-foot boardwalk takes you on a gentle climb into a mountain environment.
- DURANGO AREA - JUNCTION CREEK CAMPGROUND - This campground is a good base to have while traveling about Durango. This 35-acre campground includes 34 sites, some wheel chair accessibility (loop "C"), and convenient fishing access. Junction Creek is just a mile beneath loop "A."
- GREAT SAND DUNES - They have a dunes-accessible wheelchair

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