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Iowa Summer Camp List

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Summer is all about having fun, and at ASK Resource Center we want to make it easier for children and young adults with disabilities across Iowa to access all the summer fun their hearts desire! Regardless of your child's age or ability, planning is an essential component for a smooth-sailing summer. Our annual Iowa Summer Camp List is here to help by offering travel planning tools and information about camps, day programs and inclusive activities available across the state!

We are providing contact information for currently scheduled camps and activities for you to check websites or call to confirm what is being offered. Each camp will also be able to inform you of any guidelines for their specific camp.



Photo: Courage League Sports

DID YOU KNOW? The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) states that summer camps and programs should provide reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities. Activities may be adapted or modified to promote your child's success and involvement in any camp. The ADA is in place to ensure that accommodations and supports are available to allow your child to participate fully in everyday life, including camps.



Photo: Easter Seals Camp Sunnyside



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Abe Lincoln Camp
www.ymcacampabelincoln.org
Blue Grass

All Aboard For Kids
<https://allaboardforkids.com>
Gilbert

Arc of Southeast Iowa
<https://www.arcsei.org/summer-camp/>
Iowa City

Aspire Academy
<https://aspireiowa.com/services/aspire-summer-literacy-program/>
Urbandale

Baseball Camp
www.grandslamdsm.com
Urbandale

Blank Park Zoo
www.blankparkzoo.com/summersafari
Des Moines

Boy Scout Camps
www.hawkeyebsa.org www.scoutingiowa.org www.winnebago-bsa.org
Des Moines 515-266-2135 Cedar Rapids 319-862-0541
Dubuque 563-556-4343 Waterloo 319-234-2867

Camp Albrecht Acres
www.albrechtacres.org
Sherrill

Camp Appanoose
www.campappanoose.org
Plano

Camp Courageous
www.campcourageous.org
Monticello

Camp EWALU
www.ewalu.org
Strawberry Point

Camp Fire
www.campfireiowa.org
Ames, Boone, Des Moines

Camp Hand in Hand
<https://www.handinhandqc.org/camp-hand-in-hand>
Bettendorf

Camp Heart Connection
www.childrenscancerconnection.org
Boone

Camp Hertko Hollow
www.camphertkohollow.com
Boone

Camp High Hopes
www.camphighhopes.com
Sioux City

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Camp Quality Heartland
www.campqualityusa.org
Fremont, NE

Camp Reece IA
<https://www.campreece.org/>
Brighton

Camp St. George
www.csgiowa.org
Strawberry Point

Camp Tanager
www.camptanager.org
Mt. Vernon

Camp Wapsie
www.campwapsie.org
Coggon

Camp Wyoming
www.bearcreek.camp
Wyoming

Catholic Youth Camp
www.stmcenter.com
Panora

Chris Norton Foundation Wheelchair Camp
www.chrisnortonfoundation.org
Stewartville, Minnesota

Courage League Sports
www.courageleaguesports.com
Various locations in Iowa

Des Moines Playhouse
<https://www.dmplayhouse.com/education/classes-and-camps/>
Des Moines



Photo: Camp Courageous

Easter Seals Camp Sunnyside
<https://www.easterseals.com/ia/programs-and-services/camp-and-respite.html>
Des Moines

Engman Camp Shalom
<https://www.jewishdesmoines.org/our-pillars/engman-camp-shalom/>
Waukee

Cancer Support Community
<https://www.csciowaillinois.org/camp/>
Quad Cities

Girl Scout Camps
www.girlscoutsiowa.org www.girlscoutstoday.org
Boone & Clear Lake 800-342-8389
New Liberty 800-798-0833

Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps
www.okoboji.org
Milford

Iowa Educational Services for the Blind & Visually Impaired Summer Camps
<https://www.iesbvi.org/student-services/activities-camps-sports/>
Various locations in Iowa

Iowa Regular Baptist Camp
www.irbc.org
Ventura

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Iowa School for the Deaf Summer Camp
<https://www.iesbvi.org/summer-program/>
Council Bluffs

Jester Park Equestrian Center
www.jesterparkec.com
Granger

Lake Okoboji UM Camp
www.okobojicamp.com
Spirit Lake

Living History Farms
www.lhf.org
Urbandale

Lutheran Lakeside Camp
www.lutheranlakeside.com
Spirit Lake

MDA Camp at Camp Courageous
www.campcourageous.org
Monticello

Lakeshore Center at Okoboji
www.lakeshorecenteratokoboji.org
Milford

Raccoon River Bible Camp
www.iloverrbc.com
Scranton

Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp
www.riversidelbc.org
Story City

Science Center of Iowa
www.sciowa.org
Des Moines

Sports Plex West
www.sportsplexwest.com
Waukee

Summer Art Camp
www.octagonarts.org
Ames

Sylvan Learning Center
www.sylvanlearning.com
Various locations in Iowa

Triad Kids Camp
www.triadgymnastics.com
Ankeny

Wesley Woods Camp
[wesleywoodsiowa.org](http://www.wesleywoodsiowa.org)
Indianola

Wildwood Hills Ranch
www.wildwoodhillsranch.org



St. Charles

FOR ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Contact your local Parks & Recreation Department
or County Conservation Department.

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE & SCHOLARSHIPS

ASK Resource Center does not provide scholarships or stipends for the programs on this list. If your family is in need of financial assistance in order to send your child to a camp or program, you are encouraged to contact the camp or program directly, or check with local faith communities, charities, or philanthropic groups in your area.

CHILDREN AT HOME The Children at Home program helps families of children with disabilities (up to age 22) by providing financial assistance for services not covered by other programs. For eligibility and application information visit www.iafamilysupportnetwork.org/children-at-home.

FLEX CARE Many employers offer tax deferred dependent care programs, also known as “flex care,” that may consider day camp an allowable expense for reimbursement (overnight camps are not eligible). Refer to the guidelines for your specific plan, or ask your employer if this is an option for you.



Photo: Camp High Hopes



Photo: Wesley Woods

ADD A CAMP OR PROGRAM TO THE LIST!

Contact ASK Resource Center to add or update information for next year’s list. Call the office at (515) 243-1713 or send a contact request online at www.askresource.org/contact.

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TIPS & TOOLS

Sending Your Child with Special Needs to Camp

www.kidshealth.org/en/parents/finding-camp-special-needs.html

Recreation and Travel Tips for Parents of Children with Complex Medical Needs

www.complexchild.org/caregiving/recreation-and-travel

A Comprehensive Guide to Special Needs Travel

www.friendshipcircle.org/blog/2012/07/20/a-comprehensive-guide-to-special-needs-travel

Discover Camp: Sending Your Child with a Disability to Camp for the First Time

www.nchpad.org/discover/preparing/index.html

“Plan ahead, be brave and don’t expect perfection.”



Photo: Camp EWALU



Photo: Camp