



# 2023

## Inland Empire & Coachella Valley

# Summer Camps

for Children and Adults with Autism and Developmental Disorders



IEAutism.org

## Did you know that Regional Centers can now pay for Camps?

Paying for camps was “suspended” in 2009, meaning regional centers could not pay for them. The good news is as of July 2021, Regional Centers can pay for camps for all ages!

Camps may be provided outdoors or in nature. If a portion of the camp is provided indoors, the setting must be integrated with non-disabled peers.

Camps can be either residential camps (overnight camps where the client stays the night) or day camps (the client goes home every day). There are two possible ways Regional Center will pay for camps:

- If the camp is vendored – Regional Center can pay the camp directly. Camp can also be funded as a form of out-of-home respite.
- If the camp is not vendored – Regional Center can reimburse the family for the cost of camp.
- Mileage to and from the camp can be reimbursed.

Contact your Regional Center caseworker to add goals and services to your Individualized Program Plan (IPP).

Camps fill up quickly – usually March, however we have no control over other camps. We have included resources which only serve individuals with disabilities as well as those organizations and businesses who may be “friendly” and accepting of our population.

We have curated a list of camps that are Autism or disability friendly. Contact Information is provided for each of the resources. To avoid disappointment due to schedule changes or space limitations, we encourage parents to call ahead to make sure the listed activity is available and meets you and your child’s needs.

We also have a huge listing of monthly social recreation events on our website - <https://ieautism.org/social-recreation-resources/> Another good source of information for your area is your city Park and Recreation Department- many of them offer adaptive programs.

# DAY CAMPS – Riverside & San Bernardino Counties

## **The Adaptive Athlete, Inc. - Upland**

[adaptiveathlete@icloud.com](mailto:adaptiveathlete@icloud.com), 909-931-2764

[www.theadaptiveathlete.com/prek-camp](http://www.theadaptiveathlete.com/prek-camp)

Offered all summer, June 5th, 2023 - August 10th, 2023. Offers summer camp for kids ages 6-12, running from 8:30am to 1pm. Book individual days or the whole week of camp. Kiddos will be able to participate in a variety of fun and engaging activities, including Ninja, Gymnastics, arts and crafts, STEM activities, themed weeks and much more. Each day, kids should bring their own nut-free snacks, lunch, and a refillable non-glass water bottle. This camp is designed for kids who are potty trained and able to fully participate in all camp activities independently. With a wide range of activities and themes, kids will have a summer full of excitement and adventure!

## **Autism Society Inland Empire Summer Art in Action Camp - Chino**

[www.ieautism.org](http://www.ieautism.org)

For ages 8 to 17 years with Autism/developmental disabilities and their siblings! June 12-16, 2023, from 9 am- 1 pm in Chino. The Autism Society Inland Empire will host their first summer art camp consisting of various instruction in different art forms, including Studio Arts, Performing Arts, Culinary Arts and Cinematic Arts. Younger campers will rotate through learning multiple different art forms; Junior high and High School will choose one of the Arts. Visual picture schedules and social stories will be used to integrate art, music, social interaction, sensory exploration and movement. Registration opens April 3rd and is limited to 60 campers. First come, first serve. \$100 per person. If your child needs assistance with toileting or 1:1 assistance a parent or caregiver must stay

## **Chasing 7 Dreams - Rancho Cucamonga**

[info@chasing7dreams.org](mailto:info@chasing7dreams.org)

**1-877-774-7978**

<http://chasing7dreams.org/programs/>

E\*KAAMP gives kids with disabilities the opportunity to foster friendships and develop skills through fun and therapeutic activities. The week-long day camp is jam-packed with programming tailored to our campers. Past activities have included obstacle courses, first responder meet-and-greets, STEM activities, yoga, exotic animal encounters, music therapy, painting classes, and more!

### **Family Camp- Brought to you by: Autistically Inclined - Idyllwild Pines**

<https://www.autisticallyinclined.com/familycamp?fbclid=IwAR1rs0MAVZNI0iVjttCgmxe9HyycMhizeByCZUEFUJyWf4deNkN1-Dww4>

An inclusive camp experience for autistic individuals and their families to experience opportunities for connection, communication, friendship & fun!

### **The Grove Community Church- VBS - Riverside**

<https://www.thegrove.cc/summersplash/>

The Grove is an inclusive church, and strives to always have a plan for our friends with special needs. A week of summer fun making new friends, playing some awesome games, rocking music, cool crafts and discover how to make waves and share God's love with the people around you! 2023 Summer Splash runs from June 26-30. for kids entering Pre-K through 6th grade (grade entering in the Fall)!

### **LEAPS Services- Build Your Own Independence Spring Camp – Coachella Valley**

<https://checkout.square.site/buy/SKR4F2JWRAZOCVZH7V1I3GIK>

This camp is being offered to neurodivergent individuals, ages 18 and over. This camp will be offering overnight stay, meals, transportation, and activities. Camp dates are April 21st-23rd.

### **The Painted Turtle**

[www.thepaintedturtle.org](http://www.thepaintedturtle.org)

The Painted Turtle is to provide a year-round, life-changing environment and authentic camp experience for children with chronic and life-threatening illnesses. The Painted Turtle supports children's medical needs, inspires them to reach beyond their illnesses, and provides care, education, and respite for their families. All campers and families attend completely free of charge. Offers Spring and Fall Family Weekends for the entire family, one-day family events, week-long Summer Sessions, and hospital outreach programs.

### **Rock'n Our Disabilities- Hesperia**

<https://rocknourdisabilitiesfoundation.org>

The Rock'n Our Disabilities Foundation provides social, recreational, educational, and mentoring programs for families and individuals with special needs. Offers Saturday Camp every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday from 10am to 1pm with sports, craft and fun!

**SoCal Adaptive Sports Inclusive Sports/Art Summer Camp**

Reid Park: 701 N Orange St, Riverside, 9am-12pm. Youths of all abilities 6-15 years of age. Contact Mike Rosenkrantz at [mike@socaladaptivesports.org](mailto:mike@socaladaptivesports.org) for further information. \$25 Riverside Resident/\$37.50 non-Res

- June 6th – June 8th (Tues,Wed,Thurs)
- June 13th-15th (Tues,Wed,Thurs)
- June 20th- 22nd (Tues,Wed,Thurs)
- June 27th-29th (Tues,Wed,Thurs)
- July 5th and 6th (Wed, and Thurs.)
- July 11th-13th (Tues,Wed,Thurs)
- July 18th-20th (Tues,Wed,Thurs)
- July 25th-27th (Tues,Wed,Thurs)

# DAY CAMPS – San Diego, LA, and Orange Counties

## **Camp Artism**

<https://www.campartism.com/event-details/camp-artism-los-angeles-ca-hyatt-place-lax-el-segundo-1>

Jun 12 – Jun 17

750 N Nash St, El Segundo, CA 90245, USA

phenomenal friendships + breakthroughs via Voice Over, Driver Training, Video Editing, Graphic Design, Underwater Videography/Photography, and more!  
Artists with Autism ages 12 and up. Daily T-shirts, hot lunch + snacks are provided.

## **HELP Group- Sherman Oaks**

<https://www.thehelpgroup.org/program/help-group-camps/>

- **Village Glen Camp**

A specialized enrichment camp for kids ages 6 to 16 with learning, language, attention, social, and/or sensory challenges. Created and overseen by Help Group professionals and volunteers and featuring a low camper-to-counselor ratio of one staff to five campers, this program is designed to encourage personal development and foster new friendships through themed activities!  
\$675 per week.

- **Camp Sunshine**

For 6 – 16-year-olds with autism who require higher levels of support. Our team of Help Group professionals oversee a creative summer camp designed to help each camper reach their highest potential and develop unique strengths and abilities through themed activities. Campers build confidence and self-esteem, practice important life skills, and take steps toward independence while making new friends! This camp also features our lowest staffing ratio of one staff to three campers! \$675 per week.

- **Teens on the Go**

A unique social skills program designed especially for low support needs Teenagers ages 14 to 17 with learning, language, attention, social and/or sensory challenges. Led by Help Group professionals, this special program features daily trips, tours, activities, and adventures with peers throughout Los Angeles! \$725 per week.

### **Joe Patton Academy Camp (JPAC)**

<https://snnla.org/joe-patton-academy-camp-jpac/>

Los Angeles

Camp JPAC is the only FREE summer inclusion camp in Los Angeles for special needs children and their siblings. The camp provides hundreds of children and young teens (ages 5 to 16), both typically developing and developmentally disabled, with a full-day summer enrichment program that includes a STEAM academic program, sports, field trips, and nourishing lunches and snacks. Every summer, SNN brings hundreds of special needs children and their siblings to Joe Patton Academy Camp (Camp JPAC) — a safe, joyful, nurturing haven on a beautifully secluded campus north of LAX. This unique camp experience includes a full academic enrichment program, sports, and art. Campers love the experiences from swimming and soccer to drama, music, and dance. With an impressive 3 to 1 adult-to-student ratio.

### **RAD Camp (Rising Above Disabilities) – Orange County**

<https://radcamp.org>

949.387.5219/ [camp@radcamp.org](mailto:camp@radcamp.org)

RAD Camps, For Adults ages 22+

RAD Jr. Camps, For Teens ages 13-21

Offers a series of overnight weekend and summer camp programs every year. Each camper is paired one-to-one with a dedicated counselor who has been thoroughly background checked, completed our full training program and is overseen by team leaders who have been with RAD for 3 years or more. Our medical staff are onsite round the clock to provide world class care, distribution of meds, first aid and emergency response.

### **San Diego SUMMER CAMPS -**

<https://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/activities/trs>

- **Camp at the Bay: July 10 – 14 | TBA**  
Campers, ages 10 to adult, with any disability will experience adaptive water activities, crafts and more. Siblings and friends are welcome to attend. Camp meets at North Crown Point Shores Park (Corner of Moorland Drive & Corona Oriente Road, 92109).
- **Kid Zone Adventure Camp: July 24 - 28 | 10:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
Campers, ages 6 to 12, with any disability, siblings and friends, join the adventure this summer visiting fun spots around San Diego. Cost includes t-shirt, daily field trips, admission and transportation costs. Camp meets at Park de la Cruz Community Center (3901 Landis Street, 92105).
- **Junior Adaptive Sports Camp: July 24 - 28 | 9:00 am - 3:30 pm**  
This TRS co-sponsored camp is for ages 4-18 who have a physical impairment. Enjoy learning various wheelchair sports taught by trained

athletes. Additional fees apply for transportation. Please contact ASRA at (619) 336-1806 for camp fees and more information. Registration for this camp is done through Adaptive Sports and Recreation Association (ASRA).

- **Camp Wet n' Wild:** August 7 - 11 | 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Campers, ages 10 to adult, with any disability, siblings and friends will enjoy kayaking, surfing, games, crafts and more. Meet at Mission Point Park (2600 Bayside Lane, 92109). For additional questions about Therapeutic Recreation Services, please call 619-525-8247.

### **Special Camp - San Juan Capistrano**

<https://specialcamp.org>

Located within St. Margaret's Episcopal School in historic San Juan Capistrano. Special Camp consists of four, one-week sessions for ages 6-21. Special Camp days are packed from beginning to end with activity, but each day is designed for all abilities. Each camp session hosts 50-55 campers. A majority of the campers have Down Syndrome, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, are developmentally delayed, and 15-20% use wheelchairs, but all are welcome. Tuition fee is \$575 per session.

### **Surfers Healing- San Juan Capistrano**

(866) 647-HEAL

[www.surfershealing.org](http://www.surfershealing.org)

Surfing Camp for children with autism. Refer to website for camp dates. Dates available online in April. Registration must be completed online. Provides a free camp, free lunch, snacks, and beverages for the participants and their families.

### **Waves of Impact – usually San Diego County (check website)**

(949) 303-5664

[www.wavesofimpact.com](http://www.wavesofimpact.com)

Many people have found that getting in the ocean can be an incredible stress reducing activity. Waves of Impact seeks to spread this experience through free surf camps for kids with special challenges and injured veterans.



# OVERNIGHT CAMPS

## **Camp Paivika - Crestline**

[www.abilityfirst.org/camp-paivika/](http://www.abilityfirst.org/camp-paivika/)

Camp Paivika offers children, teens and adults with disabilities a traditional camp experience delivered with nurturing support and, above all, an emphasis on fun! On site programs will include activities traditionally offered such as swimming, sports, crafts, nature, performing arts and special events. The biggest difference is that campers will bring their own companion to camp with them to provide for their personal care and supervision. This person can be a friend, a family member or other caregiver. Companions must be at least 18 years of age.

## **Whispering Winds Special Needs Family Camp- Julian**

<https://www.whisperingwinds.org/camps-retreats/special-needs-family-camp/>

June 16-18, 2023

Special kids and their families deserve a special weekend! So, our Special Needs Family Camp brings families, which include a child with developmental disabilities, together for a retreat of respite, support, fun and prayer on the mountain celebrating each other as God's special gifts.

## Other Fun Events

Check out our website for a full list of fun programs at <https://ieautism.org/social-recreation-resources/>

### **AMC Sensory Friendly Films**

<https://www.amctheatres.com/programs/sensory-friendly-films>

Please check your local theatre listing for specific showtimes. Our Sensory Friendly Film program is available on the second and fourth Saturday (family-friendly) and Wednesday evenings (mature audiences) of every month.

### **Autism Society Inland Empire**

<https://ieautism.org/social-recreation-services/>

The Autism Society Inland Empire provides online and in-person Social Recreation services and activities such as in person and virtual art, music, social hour and more for children, teens and adults on the spectrum.

### **Best Day Foundation – Adventure Activities for Kids with Special Needs**

[bestdayfoundation.org](http://bestdayfoundation.org)

Best Day Foundation is a volunteer organization that helps children and young adults ages 4 -24 with special needs build confidence and self-esteem through safe, fun, adventure activities like surfing, bodyboarding, kayaking, snow sports, and more. All volunteer organization. Has Orange County and San Diego chapters.

### **Chuck E Cheese**

<https://www.chuckecheese.com/sensory-sensitive-sundays/>

Participating locations will open two hours early on the first Sunday of the month to offer a sensory-friendly experience for families.

### **Desert Recreation District Adaptive Programs**

<https://www.myrecreationdistrict.com/adaptivetherapeutic-sports-recreation>

[45-305 Oasis Street, Indio, CA 92201](#) (District office)

[\(760\) 347-3484](tel:(760)347-3484)

Sports and recreational activities that are fun, competitive, and rewarding for individuals with special needs or disabilities. Through community partnerships we are able offer a comprehensive list of unique programs and events.

### **Get Air**

The First Saturday of Each Month – 8 AM to 10 AM

<https://getairsports.com/victorville/events/special-needs/>

Offer a dedicated time just for jumpers with special needs. One parent or guardian can support jumpers on the trampoline for free. Siblings of jumpers are welcome to jump for the same price.

### **High Hopes Dance Troupe**

[highhopesdance@yahoo.com](mailto:highhopesdance@yahoo.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/highhopesdance>

High Hopes Dance Troupe is for intellectually disabled 15-years and older want to learn to dance and to perform at events in the Coachella Valley. No experience needed, no need to be perfect-this is just a fun time to get together and learn simple dance routines to popular songs with friends.

Saturdays at 10am via Zoom

### **Kids Bowl Free**

[www.kidsbowlfree.com](http://www.kidsbowlfree.com)

Registered Kids Receive 2 FREE GAMES Of Bowling Each Day of The KBF Program All Summer Long!

### **LEAPS Services**

<https://www.leapsservices.com/virtual-classes>

Virtual Classes are designed to meet the needs of individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Our classes can vary in size from 15 to over 20 participants in one class. Each class provides a new learning opportunity where independence, friendships, and interests can be shared.

### **Rock'n Our Disabilities**

<https://rocknourdisabilitiesfoundation.org>

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### **Romeo & Friends. Inc**

<https://www.facebook.com/romeoandfriendsinc>

[romeoandfriendsinc@gmail.com](mailto:romeoandfriendsinc@gmail.com)

A non-profit organization that creates educational, volunteer, recreational and social opportunities for special needs kids, teenagers and adults to empower and enhance their lives.

### **The Sensory Spot Therapy and Play Center**

<https://www.thesensoryspot.net/book-online?category=ed217ddc-7033-48ab-ba7c-22647169a6b9>

<https://www.thesensoryspot.net>

The Sensory Spot is an indoor play center designed to integrate much needed sensory input through play and has a mixture of equipment (sensory gym), programs and classes outlined to increase skills and improve skill deficits in all areas. Those who will find the most benefit include: 2-12 years old (The Sensory Spot) 12- Young Adults (Teen Academy)

### **SoCal Adaptive Sports**

<https://socaladaptivesports.org/events> -

For more information, please contact [mike@socaladaptivesports.org](mailto:mike@socaladaptivesports.org)

- **Pathfinder Ranch Adventure**

Sat, May 6 or Sun, May 7 9AM-2PM

35510 Pathfinder Rd, Mountain Center CA

Come out and canoe, do archery, horseback riding and rock wall climbing.

(Lunch included) \$10/athlete

- **Let's go Sailing**

Saturday, July 22, 2023 11:30-3

San Diego

Please contact [mike@socaladaptivesports.org](mailto:mike@socaladaptivesports.org) directly if you'd like to join. All Sailors must fill out waivers from Challenged Sailors, SoCal Adaptive Sports and Desert Recreation District.

### **Stoke for Life Foundation**

<https://stokeforlife.org/>

The main goal for the Stoke for Life Foundation is to bring awareness of the rehabilitative benefits of adaptive water sports through clinics and education. Their goals are to introduce these benefits to advance adaptive water sports and to raise awareness for access to our beach communities for those with disabilities. Stoke for life will host paddle clinics for adaptive paddle boarding and adaptive surfing; these will be free open clinics to further education of adaptive water sports, beach access for the disabled, and the advancements in adaptive water sports equipment.

### **UCPIE Skill Builder's and UCPIE's Be Fit Program**

70017 Hwy 111 Suite 5

Rancho Mirage Ca 92270

<https://ucpie.org/after-school-programs/>

Skill Builders Program Manager

760-321-8184

[jannett@ucpie.org](mailto:jannett@ucpie.org)

Skill Builder's programs help participants develop and improve in five vital skill areas: Socialization, Independence, Communication, Safety, Health.

Program goals are accomplished through small student to teacher ratio groups with a structured curriculum of community integration outings, educational activities, technology, arts & crafts, and UCPIE's Be Fit program.

- The Be Fit program provides instruction on healthy choices, healthy snacks, and includes 30 minutes of adaptive physical play each program day.
- The Skill Builder's program provides care for many children with special needs in the Coachella Valley. Programs operate twice a week during after-school and summer hours for children ages 7 to 22.

### **Walk on Water**

<https://awalkonwater.org/>

A Walk on Water provides Surf Therapy to children with special needs or disabilities. The ocean's transformative properties empower our participants, who enjoy a much-deserved day of laughter, love, and acceptance alongside their family. For one perfect, restorative day at the beach, there are no labels. Everyone is an Athlete.