

Summer Fun at Summer Camps so Parents Get Summer Breaks, Too

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Summertime is often thought to be filled with lazy days spent relaxing, reading, going to the pool, or perhaps taking a lovely family vacation. And then, we realize that isn't how summer vacation actually happens. Instead there are still therapy sessions, doctor's appointments, possibly summer school, work and all of the other day-to-day life realities. However, summertime does offer some unique opportunities for your kiddo that aren't usually offered during the regular school year. These opportunities come in the way of SUMMER CAMP! There are half-day options, all-day options, and even in some cases, overnight retreats!

We are lucky to live in a beautiful state that has mountains, lakes, ranches and other locations for summer getaways. Here are several options that have the added bonus of being welcoming to children who have various disabilities:

1) [Adam's Camp](#)- Scholarships are available and program funds may be able to be applied. Adventure Camp is a 5-day, 5-night sleep-away camp that is full of fun, challenge and adventure. Campers are offered activities to expand social horizons and to develop the courage to try new things while increasing independence and confidence. Campers participate in daily adventures, which may include zip-lining, archery, river-rafting, alpine slide rides, swimming, campfires, cabin games, or a camp-wide dance. Campers stay in family-style cabins with counselors, volunteers and peers. Staffing consists of two experienced counselors and four teenaged volunteers per team of ten campers, which encourages individualized relationships with each camper.

June 18-23, 2017 (Developmental disabilities)

June 25-30, 2017 (Autism spectrum)

July 9-14, 2017 (Developmental disabilities)

July 16-21, 2017 (Down syndrome)

July 31-August 5, 2017 (Developmental disabilities)

2) [Rocky Mountain Village](#)- Scholarships and financial assistance are available (fees not yet posted). Each week of camp is geared to a specific population divided by age and primary disability. Rocky Mountain Village provides recreational opportunities to campers ranging in age from seven and up, with a variety of disabilities. All staff members are trained at camp to work with people with disabilities and to be sensitive to the campers' needs. The camper-to-staff ratio is between one and three campers per counselor.

3) [Breckenridge Outdoor Recreation Center](#)- Financial assistance is available. All the following camps are operated by the Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center, who promotes itself as a leading provider of adventure camps for people with disabilities and special needs. The camps are designed for various ages and focus on adventure activities adapted to the abilities and maturity of the group. The staff-to-camper ratio is 1:3.

Camp Little Tree - June 12-16 (Sensory Integration and Autism) In partnership with Children's Hospital Colorado

CamPossible - June 18-20, July 14-16 (Cerebral Palsy) In partnership with Children's Hospital Colorado

Camp Big Tree - June 19-23 (Autism, Learning Disabilities, Developmental Disabilities)

Wilderness Camp - June 26-30 (Developmental Disabilities, Learning Disabilities)

Peak Camp - July 10 - August 14 (Social Skills, Flexibility, Motor and Sensory Skills) In partnership with Boulder Community Health

Camp Zenith – July 16-20 (Brain Injury) In partnership with Children's Hospital Colorado

Summit Camp – July 24-28 (Social, Motor, Language, Self-care) In partnership with Boulder Community Health