Summer Camps 2025



Summer is a time for children and families to recharge and for children to have the opportunity for enrichment! MindPeace put together this resource list of summer camps for children and teens who have mental health needs. To add a new resource, please email info@mindpeacecincinnati.com. Additional materials for families and professionals, including Virtual MindPeace Rooms, are also available on our website at www.MindPeaceCincinnati.com.

Financial Needs:

Many summer camps do come at a cost. If this is a barrier, speak with the summer camp to see if there are scholarships available or if you may qualify for financial assistance. If your child is a part of OhioRISE, speak with your care coordinator to understand if your child's "primary flex funds" are available to help with the costs.

About MindPeace:

MindPeace is a non-profit organization working to ensure that every child and adolescent has access to an effective system of mental health and wellness. We've put together this resource list of summer camps for children who have mental health needs. To add a listing, please email info@mindpeacecincinnati.com. Additional materials for families and professionals are available on our website at www.MindPeaceCincinnati.com.

For mental health resources visit https://mindpeacecincinnati.com/resources-by-topics/. If you need assistance finding a mental health provider visit our website at www.MindPeaceCincinnati.com/search or call us at (513) 803-0844.

Note: * anyone can participate, disability or not

General Camps:
that accommodates mental health



*Adventure Crew located at 2692 Madison Road in Cincinnati, Ohio offers a variety of summertime adventures. Their mission is to get children outside on an adventure.

- They partner with local Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky schools. The adventures, gear and lessons are free to students.
- They also are granted transportation to and from the adventurous spot and a nutritious lunch.

For more information they can be reached at 513-235-9700 or by email at hello@adventurecrew.org.

Best Point Summer Camps offers an all-inclusive 10-week camp called “Camp I Can” for ages 4 to 12, Mon-Fri from 7:30-5:30. Located in Cincinnati, Ohio. This camp offers swimming, sports, music, art, gardening, and field trips.

- This camp enhances creativity, leadership and social skills while celebrating culture and diversity. “Camp I Can” has a $225 weekly tuition fee.
- “Ready 2 Work!” which is a 10 week paid internship program for ages 18 to 25 with autism and related disorders.

For more information, including registration, call 513-272-2800 or email referrals@bestpoint.org.

*Camp Campbell Gard located at 4803 Augspurger Rd in Hamilton, Ohio offers overnight or hybrid camps for children with developmental disabilities as well as traditional camps. These camps have a ratio of one staff member to two children. There are financial assistance opportunities if needed.

- Each camp session lasts 5 days.
- Prices vary depending on the camp and if you are member of the YMCA or not. This camp offers a unique experience where every child can be themselves.

For further information you can call 513-867-0600 or email campoffice@gmvymca.org.

*Camp CRC (Cincinnati Recreation Commission) offers a variety of 10-week Summer Day Camp programs at 19 recreational centers throughout Cincinnati.

- Runs June 2-August 8 for youth ages 6-12 (5 year olds who have completed full-day kindergarten are eligible as well).
- Camp activities will include STEM projects, arts and crafts, outdoor play, sports, open swim time, and much more! A CRC center membership is required for all camp participants. This is a structured drop-in-based program with lunch provided.
- There is a $10 application fee.

Youth with disabilities are welcome and must complete an assessment and accommodation request form on the website. Summer camp scholarships are available.

*Camp Joy, located in Clarksville, Ohio partners with organizations to provide camp experiences for children with medical conditions, grieving children, and underserved children and families.

- Overnight camping programs include partnerships with Cincinnati Children's, Arthritis Foundation, American Diabetes Association, and Lindner Center of Hope.
- Camps are available for ages 7-17 as well as for families to attend together.

For more information call 937-289-2031 or email info@camp-joy.org

Center for Possibilities, Located in Hobart, Indiana offers a summer program for students with developmental disabilities, preschool through adult.

- Sessions are Monday-Friday from 8:30-1:30.

For more information call 219-962-5751 or email info@centerforpossibilities.org.

*Cincinnati Parks Summer Camps Located in Cincinnati, they offer multiple different one-week camps at various locations.

- For ages 3 ½ - 15 years old.
- Camps include daily hikes, games, live animal encounters, experiments and projects.
- Camp sessions begin June 9 - August 2. Applications are open until April 8th. Cincinnati Parks is happy to make reasonable accommodations with adequate advance notice.

Parents with questions regarding the staffing needed to meet a child's needs should contact us at 513-321-6070.

For general questions about camp please email parks.NE@cincinnati-oh.gov.

*Cincinnati Zoo Camps Explore the zoo, experience nature, and discover the excitement and wonder of animals.

- Hikes in the zoo, visits from animal ambassadors, crafts, train rides, and so much more make summer camp a week to remember.
- Weekly camps run from May 26-August 15.
- Full days are offered for 1st-8th graders and half days are available for 4-year-olds to kindergarteners.

Cincinnati Zoo Camps can accommodate most behavioral or emotional disabilities with proper notification, but cannot administer medication.

For more information call 513-281-4700 or email education@cincinnatizoo.org.

*Courageous Community Services located in Whitehouse, Ohio is offering summer camps.

- Runs May 25 - August 15.
- They offer a variety of different sessions for different age groups ranging from 5-adulthood.
- There is a $100 application fee with discounts available.

Welcomes all individuals, including those with developmental, health, or physical disabilities. For more information call 419-875-6828 Ext. 756828 or email laurak@ccsohio.org.

*CYO Camp Rancho Framasa, Nashville, Indiana, provides opportunities for full inclusion in an overnight setting. A variety of camps are offered for kindergarteners to 18+.

- Starting June 1 - July 25. CYO offers a three-tier pricing program for their camps.

For more information call 812-988-2839 or email info@campranchoframasa.org. CYO can accommodate emotional disabilities and have a nurse to administer medication; however, staff are not trained with developmental or physical disability monitoring.

*Echoing Hills located in Warsaw, Ohio. Hosting "A Day at Camp" programs where camp staff can provide activities in 6 fun and safe places at Echoing Hills. Camp Echoing Hills provides a fully accessible environment and programs tailored to meet the needs of campers of all needs.

- Camps are available for ages 7-17 and 18 and older. Programs begin June 8 - August 1. There are both one-week and two-week camps available throughout the summer.
- The programs range in pricing with a non-refundable registration fee. There are waivers and camp scholarships available and can be applied for on the registration form.

For more information email info@ehvi.org or call 740-327-231.

*Magnified Giving, located at Bell Tower Arts Pavillion, gives youth the opportunity to become more involved and give back to their community through Camp Give 2025. While campers will be busy with activities such as arts and crafts, games and other outdoor fun, they will also be included in service projects and field trips to nonprofits

- Cost of camp is $395. A portion of camp fees will go to a grant where campers will choose which nonprofit to donate to.
- Camp dates are July 21st-25th for grades 5-7; August 4-8th for grades 8 and 9.

For more information, visit their website or contact Becca, Program Manager, at becca@magnifiedgiving.org.

*Mayerson JCC, Located in Cincinnati, Ohio.

- Camp at the J, is from June 9 - Aug 8 from 9-3:30.
- $375 a week for members, $425 a week for the public and a $50 deposit.
- Includes archery, art and crafts, sports, drama, and more in order to foster friendships, build confidence, and learn new skills.
- Cincinnati offers inclusive camping opportunities for Kindergarten through grade 10. Open to children of all abilities.

For more information call Camp Director, Jake Preston at 513-722-7245.

*Pleasant Hill Outdoor Camp, located in Perrysville, Ohio.

- Offering inclusive themed day and overnight camps for ages 4 to 15.
- Variety of camps offered throughout the summer starting on June 22 - July 25.
- Price depends on the camp and there are scholarship opportunities.

For more information call 419-938-3715 or email info@phoc.org.

Recreation Unlimited located in Ashley, Ohio, provides summer residential and day camps, as well as year-round respite weekend camps for youth and adults.

- Summer day camps are for ages 4-22 and are offered to those with developmental or physical disabilities as well as developing friends and siblings.
- Camps have different schedules but are being held anytime between May 30 - August 10.
- There are waiver and scholarship opportunities available.

For more information call 740-548-7006 ext.103 or email info@recreationunlimited.org.

Redwood, located in Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky,

- Offers all day services for children and youth 5-21 years of age through the licensed and Medicaid funded PPEC program.
- For ten weeks in the summer, the children will participate in theme-based adventures and activities while receiving individualized medical care from in-house nurses.
- Specific plans of care are developed in consultation with the child's physician, the family, a child life specialist, and other professionals.

For more information call 513-281-2316.

Springer School and Center, Cincinnati, offers a variety of mini camps for children and teens to learn to socialize and grow. Mini camps are arranged so students can choose more than one, or event attend them all! Students must be enrolled in Morning Expeditions to register for mini-camps.

- Camps held from June 9 - July 11.
- For grades 1-5. Additional programing available for 6th graders and older..
- Registration fee is $150.

To register, fill out the preliminary registration form on the website. If you have additional questions, contact the Family Outreach Coordinator, Shelby Chamberlin at schamberline@springer-ld.org.

Talbert House, Cincinnati, offers Camp Possible, a summer day camp

- For children ages 6-12 who struggle with behavioral/mental health issues.
- Campers attend for 8 weeks during the summer Monday through Thursday, June 11 – July 31.
- Children will practice skills such as anger management, self-esteem, peer relations, taking direction, interacting with adults, and more.
- Trained clinical staff take children into the community to practice in real-life settings that are safe and kid friendly. Insurance can be billed for the camp.

For more information call 513-507-3361 or email Camp.Possible@talberthouse.org.

Autism Camps

*Abilities First, located in Middletown, Ohio. Provides summer, physical, occupational, and speech language therapeutic group opportunities to children with autism, developmental delays, or disabilities.

- Offers multiple camps for children ages 2-22 years old.
- Camps will start at the end of May and go until the beginning of August.
  - Sensory Safari Summer Camp (May 12 - June 4)
  - Masterpiece Makers Summer Camp (June 9 - July 1)
  - Jurassic Journey Summer Camp (July 7 - July 30)

The application deadline is two weeks prior to the start of the camp date. Every child will be evaluated for appropriate placement. Most programs are covered by insurance. For more information contact intake@abilitiesfirst.org.

*Camp Nuhop, located in Perrysville, Ohio. Camp Nuhop is a week-long residential camp for children with ADHD, ASD, learning disabilities, Asperger's Syndrome and behavioral challenges. A number of camps are being offered this summer, including art camps, science camps, aqua camps and many more.

- Open house for first time families being held June 7, 2025.
- Ages 6 - 29.
- Six sessions from June 15 - August 1.
- Prices range from $600 to $1600.

For more information call 419-938-7151.

*Stepping Stones is an organization located in Indian Hill, Ohio, that works with children with disabilities to help increase their independence and confidence.

- Summer Day camp programs are from June 2 - August 1 and prices are $73 per day.
- Summer Staycations are located in Batavia, Ohio and price is $972 per session. Sessions are 4 days.

For more information, visit their website or call Jeannie Ludwig in Client Services at 513-965-5108.

Horses, Equine Therapy



Cincinnati Therapeutic Riding and Horsemanship has a comprehensive horseback riding program for children and adults with disabilities. Participants can be as young as 5-years-old through adulthood.

- They also have a Hippotherapy (horse-riding therapy) program that combines physical and occupational therapy. Hippotherapy is $87.50 per week for an 8-week program. Each session is 45 minutes in length.
- Rec Riding is $62.50 per week for an 8-week program. They do not offer single ride experiences.

Visit their website to see the form, evaluation, and enrollment requirements and session dates. For additional information call 513-831-7050.

*__Bay Star EquiCenter,__ located in Hamilton, Ohio, provides Equine Assisted Personal Development and Equine Assisted Learning (EAL). This is a special type of therapy that is done with a specially trained horse, professionals, and a licensed therapist. This is not a riding program.

It is a research-based therapy that is appropriate for individuals with mental health needs. For personal development sessions, groups are to bring a mental health care provider with them as part of the group of their own.

- Year-round activities are available by appointment only.
- They allow ages 7 years and older to participate in their activities.
- Group sessions vary in price from $115 to $300 and might have additional fees per guest.
- Sessions for individuals are priced at $120.
- All sessions range from one to two hours.

For more price inquiries, call their number at 513-738-4463 or email Info@BayStarEquiCenter.com.

Flying Horse Farms, in Mt. Gilead, Ohio offers a variety of summer camps for kids with serious illnesses to heal, grow, and thrive.

- Priority registration for summer camp is March 17, 2025.
- A mental health camp is held from July 7 - July 11, free of charge.

For more information or questions, please contact campers@flyinghorsefarms.org.

*__Great Parks,__ located on Winton Road, offers many fun, outdoor programs with one of them being horseback riding lessons! The riding program is over the course of 12 weeks and participants will be separated by level.

- Summer session is June 2 - August 24.
- Ages 7 and up can sign up.
- The price for 12 week rate is $480.
- Great Parks also offers many other activities such as archery, lawn bowling, fishing and more!

To learn more about Great Parks, their Equestrian program, and other activities, visit their website or call 513-521-3980.

***Milestone's Equestrian Achievement Program,** located in Independence, Kentucky, is a therapeutic horseback riding program.

- The Therapeutic Horseback Riding program summer session is 10-11 weeks long. They offer therapeutic riding services to ages 3 through 49.
- Each weekly session is between 45 minutes and an hour in length
- The summer 2025 program dates are from July 7 - September 13 with no class on September 1st.

For more information, on pricing and times visit their website or call their office at 859-694-7669.

*Muddy Water Equestrian Park, located in Cincinnati, offers riding therapy programs and activities that teach patience, respect, and responsibility for individuals of all abilities. They offer rides and lessons. Trail rides end around Thanksgiving each year and their schedule is set by availability. Muddy Water Equestrian Park does not offer a camp but offers trail rides.

- Children must be at least 8 years old to ride.
- Each session is $40 per person

To book a reservation or time, visit their website. For additional questions, contact 513-522-8545 or muddyranch@gmail.com.

*Potter's Ranch, located in Union, Kentucky, provides equine therapy through their therapeutic riding program. Horse activities can include an hour-long trail ride, riding lessons, and petting zoos.

- Potter's Ranch Therapeutic Riding program has included grief counseling, psychotherapy, anti-bullying sessions and more.
- Check the website for Therapeutic Riding Program dates in April!
- Potter's Ranch also offers other Summer programs such as Dyslexia Camp (June 9 - July 3), ziplines, paintballing and more!

For more information visit their website or call 859-586-5475 for more information.

Therapeutic Riding Institute, located in Spring Valley, seeks to provide assisted hippotherapy in a safe and fun environment. TRI offers a summer program where campers are assigned a horse to care for and ride with for the week. Campers will also engage in other activities and crafts throughout the camp.

- Registration for the camp opens on May 1st.
- Monday - Thursday from 9 - 1, Camp runs from June 9 - July 17th.
- Price of camp $375, financial assistance and scholarships are available.
- Ages 2+.
- Offers many other programs during the year.

For more information, call 937-317-4001 or email info@triohio.org.

Music/Dance/Acting/Art Camps



*Cincinnati Ballet Kids Dance Camp Cincinnati Ballet is your ticket to summer adventure! Kids Dance Camp is a creative exploration of dance, music, and art through beloved stories.

Each week-long experience explores an overall theme through ballet classes and activities led by professional faculty. This program can also accommodate students with cognitive or developmental delays.

- For students ages 4-8. Placement based on age.
- Former dance experience not required. Each week-long dance experience runs Monday-Friday from 9-12 and costs $295 per week.
- Dance Camp dates are June 2, June 6, July 13, July 28, August 1, 2025.

For more information contact Cincinnati Ballet at 513-562-1111 or email staff at cbacademy@cballet.org with any questions.

*Cincinnati Museum Center Summer Camps Locations: Cincinnati Museum Center, Cincinnati Observatory, and Northern Kentucky University. Explore science, technology, history and the arts through creative activities and games at Cincinnati Museum Center's fun and educational Museum Camps. Children of all abilities are welcomed and staff works to make everyone feel safe and encouraged.

- Camps are sold by week, and can purchase 4 or 5 day camps.
- Camps begin May 27th and run through August 8th.
- Prices vary for Museum members and non members.

Contact Cody Hefner at 513-608-5777 or at chefner@cincymuseum.org for any questions.

*Cincy Playhouse in the Park, located in Mt. Adams square, is committed to bringing creativity and diverse artistry to the community. They provide various summer camp programs for kids and teens from 1st-10th grade and encourage everyone regardless of performance experience.

- Camp classes focus on performance skills like improvisation, dancing, theater crafts, singing and stage design.
- Summer 2025 shows consist of Disney musicals, Wicked, Beetlejuice, Minecraft and much more!
- Summer camp run from June 2 - July 28. Reherals are 1-2 weeks, Beetlejuice is 3 weeks.
- Prices begin at $375.

For more information, visit their website or call 513-345-2242.

*Kennedy Heights Art Center, located on Montgomery Road, provides a variety of art-making summer programs such as printmaking, crochet/knitting camp, sculpture camp, fashion and makeup camp and many more! Children of all abilities are welcomed and encouraged!

- Youth from ages 5-13 can attend these one-week programs.
- Prices begin at $250 (tuition and financial aid are available).

For more information, check out their website or call 513-631-4278

*Marjorie Book Continuing Education Society, located in Cincinnati, brings in individuals with and without disabilities together, 13 years and older, for continuing education classes, service-learning projects, and theater productions.

- There is no cost for the first year, after that there is a $70 annual fee. Financial aid is available.
- The group produces two summer plays. Rehearsals are at UC from 7:15-9:30.
- June 1 - August 10.
- Offers intro to chess, Tai Chi, leadership skills and more!

For additional information contact them at 513-328-6300 or at marjoriebook1993@gmail.com.

*Music Resource Center (MRC), located in Cincinnati, is a multifaceted teen program, grades 7-12, that uses recording and performing arts, as well as life skills mentoring to create a sense of empowerment and accomplishment in the urban community. This program welcomes teens facing environmental challenges as well as those with physical or cognitive disabilities.

- Summer Recording camp takes place July 7-11.
- Second camp takes place July 21-July 25th.
- The topics could include Podcasting, Music Production, Hip Hop & Beatmaking, Music Production, and Multi-Track Recording. Recording Camp runs from 9-2.
- The price is $100.

Visit their website for more information or call 513-834-8304.

*Queen City Clay Kids Art Camps, located in Norwood, provides camps taught by certified art teachers, for youth, teens and adults! The art teachers accommodate those with developmental, cognitive and physical disabilities.

- Offers many group events throughout the year
- Prices for attending the events range from $20-$175.

Check out their website for upcoming artistic events for youth or email info@queencityclay.com.

*Wyoming Fine Arts Center, located on Wyoming Avenue, offers youth many opportunities to improve creative skills or try something new! From jazz to painting, WFAC encourages campers to tap into their artistic side!

- Provides camps for ages 5 - 15.
- Camps run weekly, from June 2 - August 8.
- Price per week is $210.
- Camps also provide before and after care.

To learn more, visit their website or email registrar@musicartdance.org with questions.

*School of Rock Cincinnati, located on Madison Road, offers many camps that focus on various genres of music.

- Camps run Monday-Friday 10-3.
- Rock Camp 101 runs through July 28 - August 1. Offers services from ages 7-12. Camp runs from Monday - Friday, 10:00-3:00.
- Songwriting Camp runs from July 14 - July 18. Some experience is required. The age range for this camp is 7 - 18 years old. Camp runs from Monday - Friday, 10:00 - 3:00.
- Punk Camp runs from July 21- July 25. The age range for this camp is 12-18. Camp times are from Monday - Friday, 10:00-3:00.
- Other genres such as Taylor Swift, 90s Camp, The Beadles and more!
- Prices for these camps are $475.

For more information, visit their website or call 866-695-5515.

*The Children's Theatre located in Cincinnati, Ohio, brings locals together to enjoy a variety of art for ages 7-18! Focus on music, dance, drama, or all three! All levels and abilities are welcome.

- 2025 Summer camps will run from June 2 - August 1.
- There are various types of summer camps such as The Lion King, The Eras Tour, etc.

Check out the website for more offerings!

Sports Camps



Butler County Challenger Baseball serves Butler and surrounding counties.

- Registration is open until March 31.
- Serves children and adults aged 5-22 with special needs.
- The registration fee is $50 per player for new and returning players (except Dodgers $25).

Call League President, Alan Lakamp at 513-623-4120 for more information.

Cincinnati TOP Soccer is part of a national soccer program created to train young people (ages 5 through high school) with disabilities in a caring coaching environment. TOP Soccer allows a child to participate in the same type of community sports programs as their non-disabled peers, including uniforms, awards banquets, and when appropriate the opportunity to play on a non-disabled team. Cincinnati Top Soccer does also welcome wheelchairs. They have indoor and outdoor soccer, depending on the season.

- Spring indoor season runs from April 5 - May 17. Spring indoor fee is $50.
- Summer camp runs from August 4 - August 8 at the Hope Church in Mason. Monday through Friday 7 pm- 9 pm. Price for Summer camp registration is $125.
- Fall Outdoor season takes place August 20th - October 24th at various locations. The fee for Fall outdoor is $75.

For more details on registration visit https://www.cincytopsoccer.com/!

*Kids First Sports Center located in Cincinnati. Offers a variety of enrichment programs, sports activities, swimming, dance, and gymnastics activities.

- Summer Camp will run from May 28 -August 16 and costs $469 per week or day passes to the camp are available for a 2-day enrollment minimum of $111 per day.
- Can accommodate children with cognitive, physical, or developmental disabilities- they welcome kids of all abilities.

Visit their website to see further information on pricing and available discounts. Summer camp also includes the Summer Camp Inclusion Program.

For questions or further information contact 513-489-7575 or visit their website.

*Lakota East Athletics located in Liberty Township, offers basketball camps for all ages and of all abilities. The cost per child is $110.

- From grades K - 6th grade May 29th.
- For grades 7th - 9th, basketball camp will be held June 2 - June 4, 9:00am - 12:00pm.
- Shooting Camp is also being held June 6 - June 9.

For further questions, please contact clinton.adkins@lakotaonline.com.

*Lakota West Athletics located in West Chester, offers a variety of summer camps. Baseball, boys basketball, girls basketball, dance, boys soccer, girls soccer, football, softball, boys/girls tennis, girls volleyball, wrestling.

- Camps vary in pricing depending on sport. Registration is anywhere from $60 to $225 per camper.
- Camp dates vary per sport between May and July.

For more information, check out the website and listed contact information for each respective sport.

Mason Challenger League, a division of Mason Youth Organization, is a nonprofit that provides baseball and softball programs in the Mason area. The Mason Challenger League welcomes children and adolescents within their program.

- There is a fee to cover uniform and insurance costs, however, scholarships are available to players who may need assistance.
- Open to players ages 5-18 (or up to 22 if still in high school). Tee Ball and Little League.
- Offer Spring and Summer teams.

For more information or registration, contact challenger@masonyouth.org.

***Miracle League Baseball,** sponsored by the Cincinnati Recreation Commission, offers athletes with or without disabilities an opportunity to have fun and participate in an organized and competitive league. The CRC's Miracle League fields are located at Dunham Recreation Complex.

- The season runs from May 9th to the end of July (no holidays).
- There is no cost for this program. Most equipment is provided but you are welcome to bring your own.

For more questions, contact Therese Miller at 513-352-4962.

***Pig Works**, The Flying Pig Marathon has events for all ages and abilities. The 26th Mile (grades K-6th but no age limit enforced), Toyota 10K (12 years or older), Queen City Running 5K (no age requirement), and Piglet Fun Run (short dashes according to age group starting with the Pampers Diaper Dash up to age 7).

- There are 10 events being held at surrounding Great Parks locations for youth to train for the 26th Mile or Flying Pig 5K. All sessions require registration.

For more information, visit their website at https://flyingpigmarathon.com/get-involved/youth-program or contact kids@flyingpigmarathon.com.

*Ronnie Grandison Basketball Academy, located on East Kemper Road, is a sports center that focuses on the athletic development of every student regardless of skill level. All levels of skill and ability are welcome! Participants will practice and sharpen their basketball skills such as dribbling, shooting, 1-2 step, lay ups and more!

- This summer, RGBA has multiple basketball camp sessions for the ages 5-14.
- Prices range from $110 to $210.
- Each camp has two sessions throughout the summer.

For more information, visit their website or contact Ronnie Grandison, program director, at 513-605-3836.

*Wake Nation Camp, located in Fairfield, Ohio, provides the opportunity to engage in watersports regardless of experience! This camp includes many activities like kneeboarding, wakeboarding, playing in the aquapark and making fun memories.

- Children from ages 8-13 years.
- Camp sessions are from June 2 - August 7. Sessions are 5 days.
- Includes other water activities!

For more information, visit their website or call 513-887-9253. If any disability raises a concern, send an email to discuss accommodations prior to registration.

*USA Ninja Challenge, located on Redbank, is an obstacle training course that helps children unleash their inner ninja. Through these obstacle courses, children can learn to develop more confidence and a sense of accomplishment while engaging in fun physical activity.

- Available for children 4-13.
- Summer camp runs from June 2 - August 8.
- Individual sessions are $50. For the entire week, it's $200.

For more information, visit their website or contact Steve at 513-739-5528

Swim Camps



***Cincinnati Recreation Commission** offers adapted aquatics swim lessons in their year-round warm water swimming pool located at the Mt. Auburn Community Center. Several water entries and exits are available, including a pool chair lift and “easy ladder” with hand railings.

- Opening days for pools vary. Membership fees vary by age.
- Membership includes entry to all CRC Recreation Centers, access to activities and programs advertised as “free with membership: and is valid for 12 months from the date of purchase.
- “I Can Swim” Registration is open now. This program also offers drop in lessons June 10 - August 1 on Mon, Tues, Thurs 6:00pm-7:00pm

YMCA of Greater Cincinnati offers adaptive swimming lessons for ages 3 and up who have a disability. Locations for lessons are at Gamble-Nippert YMCA and M.E. Lyons YMCA.

- Lessons are given across the span of 8 weeks.
- Prices can range from $89-$178.
- It also provides training sessions for Special Olympics athletes. The class provides special attention that may be difficult to get in a group lesson.
- Individual or small group lessons are provided by both paid and volunteer staff. All YMCA locations offer different levels of swimming lessons. Instruction is based on the needs of the participant.
- Swimming lessons are also available for children of all other abilities and levels of skill. Check the website for availability for lessons.

Check their individual or group session registration for upcoming session dates.

Zeigler Park, located on Sycamore Street, offers open swimming and swim lessons from May 10 - September 7.

- Swim lessons are available for toddlers (ages 1-3), children (ages 4-16) and adults (16 or older).
- Open pool hours are from 10-6. Weekends require reservations.
- $4 per person.

For more information, visit their website or call 513-381-SWIM.

Comprehensive Listings



Autism Speaks has an online directory of recreation and community activities in Ohio or you can select the state you are interested in and what services or activities of interest.
*__American Camping Association__ provides information on camps for children with special needs. Select whether you want day or overnight camps. You can then scroll down the page to refine by area of interest including disability, gender, age, and activities.
__*Cincinnati Family Magazine__ publishes an annual guide to local camps and summer programs and an update on recreation programs. Also includes camps and programs for children with disabilities.
__*Cincinnati Parent Magazine__ has an online camp directory. Including academic, arts, sports, special needs, adventure and more types of camps/programs.
*__Cincinnati Summer Camps__ has a comprehensive online directory of all camps in the Cincinnati area including sports, dance, academic, etc.
__*MySummerCamps.com__ is a comprehensive, easy-to-use directory and guide of summer camps, and summer experiences for kids, teens, and youth, featuring a special section on special needs camps.
__*Starfire Council of Greater Cincinnati__ has recreational and community service outings for teens through adults.
*__The Cincinnati Summer Camps Guide 2025__ provides a list of all kinds of summer camps including STEM camps, art camps, theater camps, sports camps, and many more.