
Summer Camps for Your Kids'. *Seriously, you say?*

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Greetings, families! You may not believe it, but it's already time to be looking ahead at summer camps for your kids. *Seriously, you say? My snow plow is active and I've barely figured out what to do with my kids for Spring Break!* We get it, but camps fill up fast! Summer camp is a great way for your kids to gain some independence, cut loose, and feel free to be themselves. Bonus: it gives parents time to kick back, relax, and eat bonbons. Ok, maybe not bonbons, but it does give you an opportunity to recharge and focus on yourself a bit. In an effort to make the process of considering summer camp more manageable, here is a list to use as a launching pad that include summer camps for those with special needs and/or all abilities.

- Consider a one-stop shop for camps offered for Douglas County and surrounding areas. April 8th, the 3rd annual [2018 Mac Kid Douglas County Summer Camp & Activities Fair](#) will take place and it's **FREE** and open to the public! This event is a one-stop event designed to give families the opportunity to meet face-to-face with the camps, summer activities, and more in Douglas County and surrounding areas. They will have camps for kids up to 18. The fair is from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- [Summer Camp with The HILLS](#) offers recreational opportunities for ages 15-21. You choose your desired activities, enter your zip code and voila! Camp options galore!
- [Summer Camps](#) dedicated to those special needs all over the US, including in Colorado.
- Colorado Special Needs Summer Camp [directory](#)
- Another [site](#) that offers camps of all varieties from academic focused to arts to faith-based to special needs and more.
- Resource [site](#) created by parents for parents.
- Don't want to send your kids away to camp? This is a [day program](#) with community outings and a dedicated sibling day.

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Happy camping!