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FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
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Summer Recreational Programs for Kids with Special Needs

HELP US KEEP THIS LISTING UPDATED! **Attention all NAPAC members:** If you know of any new and exciting summer programs or opportunities available for our children or you know of any additional websites and/or resources that you would like to share with our members, please forward any and all information to Kathy Keith at skisugarbush@comcast.net. Thank you!!

Please contact us at Northandoverpac@comcast.net with questions and for updates. We welcome any and all insight and information to better inform all of our members!

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DATE TO REMEMBER: JUNE 13, 2006 (both events at the High School)
SPECIAL OLYMPICS 9:00am -1:00pm
SPECIAL EDUCATOR APPRECIATION CELEBRATION: 3:15-5:00pm

Non-Recreational/Extended Year Programs

Let's begin, for purposes of distinction, with "non-recreational/educational" programs for special needs kids administered through your child's IEP by the North Andover School System.

During the school year, a determination should be made by your child's educational team whether your child requires Extended Year Programming, also known as EYP. This is tied directly to your child's IEP, and is available for children from pre-K through 12. In order to qualify for EYP, two criteria must be evidenced:

1. would the child regress significantly without EYP services; and
2. if so, would it take that child significantly longer than normal to "recoup" the skills lost over the summer. (i.e. during the beginning of the subsequent school year, when the curriculum is designed to review the prior year's curriculum, would the child be unable to effectively be brought up to speed, so as to appropriately begin introduction of the new year's curriculum.)

If these criteria are met, then the child qualifies for EYP. EYP is, of course, flexible to meet the needs of the specific child. There are several vehicles in place for extended year programming, the most common of which is the North Andover Summer School Program.

North Andover Summer School Program

The North Andover School System provides a 5 week long non-integrated Summer School Program. It runs from mid- July through mid- August, Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-11:30am. (The location for each grade level's summer school program has yet to be determined.) Typically, however, the pre-K through grade 5 kids are at Franklin School and upper grades are held at the high school. A six week, longer day program is provided for some students who require a longer program due to their significant needs.

Depending on the needs of the child as determined by the team, it may be determined that the child may only need limited EYP services, such as in the areas of reading and language arts, in which case the child would attend the Summer School one or two times per week for that limited purpose.

Or, it may be determined that the child requires a broader program, for reading, math and social skills, etc., in which case the child would attend the full four days per week, with their respective therapies (speech, OT and PT) integrated into the daily programming.

Other EYP Programs

If the North Andover Summer School Program is not appropriate for your child or his/her needs, two other programs are primarily utilized by the school system to meet your child's needs. A third program, The Paul Center, also exists in the area although students from North Andover have not attended in recent years. Again, this determination is based a team evaluation given the specific needs of the child. It is important to note that all of these options are in a non-integrated setting.

1. **Camp SteppingStone**, located at Stiles Pond in Boxford, is an extended year program serving a wide range of students with 'low incidence' special needs, ages 3-22. ('low incidence' generally refers to children with less common special needs, children with more severe medical needs, or children who may require substantially separate classrooms during the school year). Therapies may be integrated daily into the recreational activities during the day. www.glec.org (under Programs). Note: As air conditioning is limited, one parent suggested that this camp is not for heat sensitive children.
2. **Camp Triumph at The Academy North**, sites in Danvers and North Reading, is a therapeutic recreational day camp for children (ages 5-15) with behaviorally issues (note: behaviorally challenged does not mean bad behavior!). This summer program focuses on structured play and cooperative learning through social skill groups. There are no academics, per se, and no therapies. **Academy North Contact:** Chris Anderson. Academy.north@verison.net
3. **The Paul Center for Learning and Recreation**, located in Chelmsford, 978-256-4396. www.thepaulcenter.org. The Summer School at the Paul Center is a Chapter 766 approved summer school program for students ages 4-21, providing a six-week/30 day program for children with moderate to severe developmental or cognitive disabilities. Daily sessions focus on communication, cognitive skills, social/interaction skills, attending skills, activities of daily living (ADL), organization, motor skills, and other learning areas. There are also daily pool sessions for basic water skills and safety. Speech and language and occupational therapies are provided as necessary in _ hour sessions up to two times per week. (Note: The Paul Center also provides many services throughout the year including a Saturday respite services, a School Vacation Program, Camp Paul Overnight Program, and many young adult social programs and activities.)

If these camps are not appropriate, the school system has occasionally contracted with Education Consultants of New England, ECN, partially funding the cost of attendance at their summer program called **Camp Good Times**, located in Stoneham, for ages 3-15. 781-895-3200, ext. 17. ECN, located in Waltham, is a private consulting agency which individuals can contract with as well. Note: Child must be entering 1st grade to attend Camp Good Times.

In some instances, again where appropriate, EYP may require for specific tutoring of a child over the summer.

Non-recreational Summer Internships

Pathways, School-to-Career Program, North Andover High School, Pam Mesquita, Career Counselor. 978-794-1711 x 1064. Program offered through the high school where young adults of all abilities can take vocational and job related skills classes during the school year. Currently over 100 students are involved with the Pathways Program, students of all developmental levels ranging from honor students to special needs students. The North Andover Rotary Club sponsors the Program as a community service providing access to over 300 local companies which may seek summer and school year interns in many areas of business. Pam often works with special needs kids in a classroom setting teaching job related skills such as phone skills, alphabetizing, collating, etc., while also training in the areas of social behavior and daily living skills.

In some cases, a special needs child may be referred to the Greater Lawrence Educational Collaborative VISIONS program (Vocational, Instructional and Supportive Industrial Opportunities with Natural Supports), which provides “job coaches” who would remain at a specific job site with a special needs child during their working hours. www.glec.org

Local Summer Recreational Opportunities

Therapeutic Activities and Camps and Summer Groups

Challenge Unlimited at Ironstone Farm (Andover)

Contact: 978-475-4056 www.challengeunlimited.org.

Details: Summer program/camp and pediatric and adult therapeutic horseback riding lessons.

Dates: June 26-August 18

Windkist Equestrian Center (North Andover)

Contact: 978-688-7662 www.windkistfarm.com.

Details: Summer program/camp for horseback riding lessons.

Dates: June 19-August 25

Professional Center for Child Development (Andover):

Contact: Fran Peterson 978-475-3806 x326. www.theprofessionalcenter.org.

Details: The PCCD offers a variety of summer learning programs and events for children and family members. Also a 6-week Social Skills Group.

Dates: July 19 – August 25

Recreational Day and Residential Camps

North Andover Youth Center (North Andover):

Contact: 978-682-9000. info@nayouth.com

Details: Summer Fun sign up begins April 4! Note: this is an entirely outdoor program for children in 1st through 5th grades (academic year prior to summer).

Dates:

Cedarland Summer Day Camp (North Andover):

Contact: 978-521-7700. www.cedarland.net

Details: Ages 3-14. Day camp has been quite amenable to having special needs kids attend. (this may require the child's babysitter/other person attend, as well.)

Dates: Camp Starts the week of June 26th and runs for 8 weeks. Junior Outing Camp starts the on July 10th and runs for 6 weeks. Half-Day Preschool Camp is offered in 8 one -week sessions starting June 26th.

Brooks School Day Camp (North Andover):

Contact: 978-725-6300. www.brooksschool.org

Details: Ages 4 _ -12. Day camp has been quite amenable to having special needs kids attend. (this may require the child's babysitter/other person attend, as well.) Program may be full for 2006 as registration began in January! Note: Camp is very sports oriented.

Dates: June 26 – August 18

Sports Club for Kids: at Boston Sports Club (Andover)

Contact: 978-475-3333, www.mysportsclubs.com

Details: Fun, recreational athletic programs for kids from six months to 15 years. Call your club for specific program schedule and offerings. Offers gymnastics, sports skills, music and movement, performing arts, craft design.

Dates: see website for details

North Andover Community Programs (North Andover):

Contact: Program Director: Cathy Entsminger 978-794-3080.

Details: during the summer: weeklong programs during the month of July, including basketball camps, dance camps, cooking classes, etc. More specifics in May. Note: The programs are run independent of the school system, although Jackie McVeigh indicates that they have accommodated kids with special needs.

Dates: Dates unavailable at this time.

Andover/North Andover YMCA (Andover):

Contact: Barbara Gallager, 978-685-3541.) www.mvymca.org.

Details: Summer "clubs": weekly sessions, children would be placed according to developmental age, may require BYOA (as they follow the state mandate of 1 adult to 13 kid ratio). Have had kids with autism and Down syndrome in recent past.

Dates: summer program dates are not available yet

YMCA: Special Needs Swimming Program

Contact: Coach David James 978-475-9361.

Details: The YMCA also offers Special Olympic swimming (Jan-Jun 45 minute class with guidance from the coach. An adult must accompany child in the water. Cost of program depends upon your Y membership. Note: several parents have indicated that they have had great luck with the swim program, some have had 1:1 aides!

Date: January – June on Sundays (2pm-3pm)

Sports Related Activities and Camps

Challenger Little League Program:

Contact: Matt Haymer 978-502-4375 or at matt@andoverchallenger.org or mahaymer@comcast.net.

Details: There are always lots of openings on the team, team accepts all ages/disabilities.

Practices on Wednesdays and most games on Saturdays (both at Merrimack College).

Dates: Begins in May at Merrimack College.

Challenge Baseball:

Contact: Stacey or Peter Villani 978-352-7349

Details: Ages 5-8. Informal challenge baseball league being formed for children who are not able to play regular town baseball.

Ice Skating Summer Programs:

Contact: www.andover.edu/ice/summer_prog.htm.

Details: Many skating programs available from beginner to advanced

Dates: June through August.

NASA Soccer Camps:

Contact: www.nasoccer.com for application

Details: Soccer camp run by North Andover Soccer Association at the Middle School Fields.

Ages 4 through U12 and up.

Dates: during week of August 7-11.

Steven's Pond Swimming Lessons:

Contact: Contact the North Andover Youth Services, 978-682-9000.

Details: swimming lessons.

Dates: Summer permits and program sign up information will be available after the first week of May.

Pool School Plus (various locations)

Contact: www.poolschool.org. Nanc Drummond (978-851-5023) and Lynn Tilley (978-689-4288)

Details: Many different swimming programs at various locations for all levels.

Dates: check website for details.

Challenger Soccer (Andover)

Contact: Dr. Fred Arrigg 978-502-5894 or 978-618-3661, email drfred@arrigg.com.

Or Volunteer Soccer Coach, Bonnie Spurr at gspurr@comcast.net.

Details: free soccer league open to children with disabilities. Just bring a soccer ball! Challenger Soccer supplies the t-shirt/uniform. There is usually a terrific end of the year party with trophies!

Dates: practices are on Sundays

Performing Arts Activities and Camps

North Andover School of Dance

Contact: www.nasdg.com. 978-688-6683

Details: Full and _ dance camps. Camp times are very flexible, full day camp includes arts & crafts. Quite amenable to having kids with special needs attend. Summer Fun One-Day Classes, too.

Dates: July 5 -29. Check website for details.

Children's Studio for the Arts (Andover)

Contact: www.geocities.com/studioforarts; 978-623-8274.

Details: Summer sessions in drama, music, visual arts, dance/movement.

Dates: July 10-14; July 17-21; July 24-28. Check website for details.

Children's Studio for the Arts (Andover)

Contact: www.actingout.biz; Contact Linda Schoomaker 978-794-0001.

Details: Creative Theatre Workshops, ages 5-15.

Dates: July 10-14; July 17-21; August 7-11. Check website for details.

Acting Out: (North Andover)

Enrichment Camps

Summertime at Pike (Andover)

Contact: Nancy Rullo, Director. 978-475-1197 ext 263. www.pikeschool.org.

Details: Pre-K through grade 10

Dates:

Kaleidoscope (Andover)

Contact: Janis Baron 978-475-1422, kaleidoscopekids.com.

Details: Ages 3-13. Enrichment program offering various educational and enrichment opportunities through one-week, 2 1/2 hr courses with 2 sessions of offerings per day. Emphasis on concrete learning in a creative setting. Extended day available. Most classes inside in a secure environment.

Dates: July 10-28, 2006

Nature Camps

Camp Evergreen Day Camp (Andover)

Contact: 978-475-2502, www.campevergreen.com.

Details: Ages 4 1/2-14. 2-week day camp sessions, add on 1-week sessions after first 2 weeks. Extended hours are available. Preview days on Saturdays during the spring. Full time nurse on staff during the summer. Groups separated by gender (except preschoolers). Specialists in nature on site, camp crafts, arts and crafts, wood shop, drama, sports, archery, tennis. Camp has accommodated kids with disabilities in the past (PDD, ADD, ADHD, Aspergers). The camper/counselor ratio is 5/1. Bus service from North Andover for a \$60 fee.

Dates: 9am-3:55pm .June 26-Sept. 2, 2006

Girl Scouts of Spar and Spindle Council

Contact: 800-842-5666 or 978-689-8015, www.ssgsc.org

Details: Day camp (ages 6 to 16) in Andover, bus service available from North Andover. What if my daughter needs special accommodations? Every effort is made to make reasonable accommodations. If you have questions about a specific accommodation, call 978-689-8015 x233 and speak to the Director of Outdoor Program.

Dates: Open house April 23, May 21 from 1:00-4:00, June 7 from 6:00 to 8:00pm

Boy Scouts of America, Yankee Clipper Council

Contact: 978-382-0591 www.yccbsa.org

Details: Various ages and camping opportunities both day and overnight, check website for listings. Must be a registered Boy Scout.

Dates: Open house April 23, 1:00- 4:00.

Summer Recreational Opportunities **Surrounding Areas and Beyond**

Special Needs Camps and Activities

Belmont S.P.O.R.T. (Special Programs Organized for Recreation Time) (Belmont, MA)

Contact: Sue Weiner www.belmontsport.org

Details: SPORT is a local organization that has programs that offer sport training and social activities for people with developmental disabilities and other special needs. Serving the towns of Belmont, Watertown, and Arlington. People from other towns are welcome although there is an additional fee of \$25.00 or so.

Note: programs begin at age 8.

Dates: REGISTER EARLY!

Easter Seals Camps

Contact: Easter Seals Camps: 800-244-2756 x410 www.eastersealsma.org.

Details: Camps for people with disabilities, ages 8-30. Agassiz Village: summer camp for MA residents with physical disabilities, ages 8-13 located in Poland, ME. For kids with mild/moderate disabilities who will work side by side with able bodied campers. Camp Hemlocks in Hebron, CT. for children and young adults with moderate/severe disabilities. Note: camps are pricey, but financial aid available based on income.

Easter Seals Computer Camp

Contact: Easter Seals Technology 1-800-2756 x410

Details: For kids ages 12 to 22, combines educational instruction and recreational activities. Interactive software is utilized to strengthen functional skill in a social setting. Classes are held at the Easter Seals Technology center in Worcester

Dates: 2 to 8 week sessions run from June 28 - August 26.

Outdoor Explorations

Contact: 781-395-4999. www.outdoorexplorations.org , info@outdoorexplorations.org

Details: Sailing, kayaking, rafting, rocks and ropes, backpacking

Dates:

Greater Lowell Scottish Rights Learning Center (Lowell, MA)

Contacts: 978-937-9577

Details: Free summer reading program for kids with dyslexia

Dates: (there is a waiting list)

Kids in Disability Sports (K.I.D.S.)

Contact: Bruce Lucier, 978-454-2716, www.kidsindisabilitysports.org .

Details: Spring and summer programs include Wiffle Ball, Track and Field, Baseball and Golf.

Dates:

TPA, Theatre and Performing Arts

Contact: Kami Crary, Director, 781-575-1258, www.thegenesisfund.org (click on the TPA logo)

Details: TPA includes ballet, dance, music, sports, etc.

STARS (Haverhill)

Contact: Contact Kathy Grover or Diane Fasulo 978-374-3482.

Details: Special Olympic training. Local equivalent to the Belmont SPORT program.

Dates:

Camp Chest Nut (at Bement Camp and Conference Center, Charlton Depot, MA)

Contact: 508-668-6729, ddemoranville@lungma.org

Details: Overnight camp for children with Asthma, Ages 8-13. fees: \$475 Camperships available.

Dates: week long program June 26-July 1

Advances (Newton, MA)

Contact: Katherine Johnson, 617-332-9822. www.advancesonline.com.

Details: Social skills groups.

Dates: Four 8 weeks sessions throughout the year, one runs during the summer.

Northeast Rehabilitation Health Network (Salem, NH)

Contact: Contact Donna Beaudin, 603-893-2900 ext.766. www.northeastrehab.com.

Details: Six-week summer program at the Rehab Hospital in Salem, NH. Education and therapy based sessions; groups include therapeutic (warm) pool, ADL sessions, social skills classes, chat rooms. For children ages 3-16, for all degrees of special needs including Down syndrome, Aspergers, Autism, Learning Disability. Day and full day programs available.

AccesSportAmerica High Challenge Water Sports Program Sponsored by the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation For Autism:

Contact: Chris Chirco at 508-270-8855 or cchirco@dougflutiejrfoundation.org

For more information about AccesSportAmerica, visit www.accessportamerica.org.

Details: Water sports program for **children** on the autism spectrum. . Instructor to participant ratio is 1:1 or better! Cost per day is \$10.00.

Dates: Sessions run June through August at the Reservoir Lake at Mass. Hospital School in Canton, Spaulding Pier at Spaulding Rehab in Boston, and Powder Point in Duxbury

Recreational Day and Residential Camps

Camp Leslie: (4-H Camp Leslie Essex County 4-H Club Camps, Inc.) (Pentucket Pond, Georgetown, MA)

Contact: 978-352-8060, leave message and information will be sent to you.

Details: ACA accredited residential and day camp for ages 7-14.

Merrimack Valley YMCA Day Camp Otter: (Salem, NH)

Contact: 978-975-1330, leave message and information will be sent to you.

Details: Often accommodate children with learning disabilities and emotional disabilities.

Danvers Community Y Day Camp: (Stiles Pond, Boxford, MA)

Contact: 978-774-2055. Leave message and information will be sent to you.

Details: Ages 6-12. Arts and crafts, swimming, boating, fishing, nature study, sports, Project Adventure Course. Not specifically suited for kids with special needs, however, did have 2 children with autism last summer who were accompanied by a school sponsored aide.

Ipswich River Day Camp: Massachusetts Audubon Society (Topsfield, MA)

Contact: 978-887-9264. Speak with Peggy and she will send you a packet of information.

www.MassAudubon.org

Details: Ages 4-14. Nature study, environmental arts and crafts, cooperative games, whale watch. Not specifically suited for kids with special needs, however, has had a camper with Aspergers. Previous experience with a camper with Down syndrome did not work out well.

Pingree Experience Day Camp: The Pingree School (Hamilton, MA)

Contact: 978-468-4415. Call Monday-Friday, 8:00-5:00 and press "4" for Summer Programs.

Details: Ages 4-12. Archery, arts and crafts, computers, swimming, team building initiatives.

Camp Rotary: Greater Lynn Rotary Club (Boxford, MA)

Contact: winter phone number: 978-388-2557 (during the summer: 978-352-9952). www.camprotary.org

Details: Residential, ages 7-15. Archery, biking, challenge ropes course, kayaking, performing arts, riflery, sailing.

Non-Summer Recreational Opportunities

Special Skates: Reading MA

Contact: Karen Gerardi 781-944-4433, Steven Holland 781-944-0437.

Details: Often 1:1 instruction. There is a waiting list!

Date: October-June

Challenger Skating-Woburn

Contact: Brenda Shea, 781-933-0939

Date: Nov.-April

Challenger Softball-Woburn

Contact: Brenda Shea 891-933-0939

Date: Apr.-June

Kartwheels in Motion, Inc. (Boston Sports Club) Waltham.

Contact: Jeannie Watson, Director 781-893-6516

Details: Ages 4-19, integrated play: soccer, t-ball, tag, gym equipment, one-on-one in therapeutic (warm) pool.

Date: School year: Sept. – June, not a summer program

GREAT WEB SITE: www.mhl.org/community (Memorial Hall Library in Andover)
EXTENSIVE listing of Summer Programs for Children.

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS LISTING:

Whole Children (Hadley, MA) www.wholechildren.org
Camp Thorpe (Vermont): www.campthorpe.com
All Out Adventures (Massachusetts): www.alloutadventures.org
American Camping Association of New England: www.acane-camps.org
--Listing of all camps in area. Special Needs accessible have a “star” icon.

OTHER GREAT RESOURCES:

Places to Go: North of Boston and Beyond with Children Birth to Six
(Published by the Mother Connection: www.themotherconnection.org)
Available at Smolak Farms or through the website or Mother Connection: \$19.95.

From the Andover Memorial Library Website:
Federation for Children with Special Needs list of Summer Programs: www.fcsn.org/camps/index.html

4-H Camp Howe	Goshen
Berkshire Hills Music Academy Summer Program	South Hadley
Camp Arrowhead	Natick
Camp Chest Nut	Walpole
Camp Echo Bridge	Newton
Camp Fire USA, Eastern Massachusetts Council	Boston
Camp Good Times	Waltham
Camp Harrington	Worcester
Camp Kyle T. Woodruff for Children with Diabetes	Fall River
Camp Ramah in New England - Tikvah Program	Needham
Camp Star	Springfield
Camp Starfish	Boston
Camp Triumph	Beverly
Cathedral Camp	East Freetown
Clarke School Summer Program	Northampton
Daybreak Day Camp	Cambridge
Eagle Hill Summer Program	Hardwick
Easter Seals Summer Camping Program	Worcester
Elliot P. Joslin Camps for Children with Diabetes	Boston
Girl Scouts of Spar and Spindle Council	North Andover
Handi Kids	Bridgewater
Island of Hope	Boston
Kamp for Kids	Westfield
Landmark School Summer Program	Pride's Crossing
Lexia Summer Camp	Lincoln
Madden Open Hearts Camp	Great Barrington
Media Arts Summer Program	Roxbury
Outdoor Explorations	Medford
Patriots' Trail Girl Scout Camps	Boston
Pequossett Summer Program	Watertown

<u>Perkins Outreach Elementary Summer Program</u>	Watertown
<u>Perkins Outreach Summer Program: A Sampling of the World of Work</u>	Watertown
<u>Perkins Outreach Summer Program: Dealing with the Present While Preparing for the Future</u>	Watertown
<u>Student Hostelling Program, Inc.</u>	Conway
<u>The Barton Center for Diabetes Education</u>	North Oxford
<u>The Carroll School Summer Programs</u>	Lincoln
<u>The Paul Center for Learning and Recreation</u>	Chelmsford
<u>Trips Unlimited</u>	Bedford
<u>Wediko Summer Program</u>	Boston
<u>YMCA Camp Connolly</u>	Brighton
<u>YMCA Camp Lawrence</u>	Lawrence
<u>YMCA Camp Massapoag</u>	Dunstable
<u>YMCA Camp Nokomis</u>	Lawrence
<u>YMCA Camp Otter</u>	Lawrence
<u>YMCA Camp STAR</u>	Beverly
<u>YMCA of Greater Boston-Ponkapoag Outdoor Center</u>	Canton
<u>Youth in Transition</u>	Newton
<u>Youthcare</u>	Charlestown