

Summer Programs 2025



(Last Updated on 2/2025)

Local

1. [Ability-Works](#) – 3920 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky (Main building, programming takes place within Lorain County) | 419-626-1048 ext 3115 or email info@ability-works.com | **Dates:** Sessions range from June 9th-July 10th and July 14th- August 14th | This 5-week paid program is designed to assess and build workplace readiness skills by providing you with a paid opportunity to experience the schedule, tasks, and expectations of a typical part-time, entry-level job in your local community. Job Coaches will be on-site to train and guide you throughout the day. They offer Level 1 and Level 2 work sites to meet a wide range of workplace readiness skills. 2 sessions are offered throughout the summer. **Referrals go through OOD.**
2. [Abilities First](#) – 3301 Wooster Road, Suite 1, Rocky River | 440-333-1880 | Dates run from June 11th until July 26th | Varying half-day sensory motor and writing camps for ages 4 - grade 3. | **Accepts insurance, Medicaid, and scholarships.**
3. [Beyond Words](#) – 6058 Royalton Road, North Royalton | Open enrollment will begin on **2/15/25**. | New students, please complete the [Summer Camp Intake Form](#) to enroll for the program you're interested in. | Contact: 440-230-6100 | Summer Programs begin June 2025 | A team of Music Therapists and Dance Instructors offering alternative methods of communication. Programs available for ages 2 and up. | **Private Pay and Family Supports funding accepted.**

4. [Camp Can Do](#) – 2080 Quail Avenue, Lakewood | Contact: 216-529-4081 | **Dates:** Varying sessions run from June 16th – August 7th | Camp-Can-Do is a unique and innovative approach to providing educational and recreational opportunities for youth ages 5 to 13 during the summer months. This eight-week program is geared toward educating youth on a variety of positive and socially appropriate pursuits, as well as providing a high level of supervision for fun summer activities. Camp Can-Do campers will participate in adapted recreational activities like art, music, reading, language skills, speech, socialization, swimming, field trips and special events. **A \$20 non-refundable deposit is due at time of registration.** The Camp Can-Do program runs Mondays through Thursdays in four two-week sessions. Registration is in person or over the phone. Please see [Online registration forms](#) and [Child information Forms](#)

5. [Camp Cheerful](#)– 15000 Cheerful Lane, Strongsville | Contact: 440-238-6200 | A camp offering a variety of therapeutic activities | Many programs available starting in June 2025 | **Accepts waiver funding**

6. [Camp Happiness](#) – 7911 Detroit Ave., Cleveland | Contact: 216-334-2963 | For information regarding registration please email Megan at Megan.Bonilla@ccdocle.org. | Camp will take place June 16, 2025- July 25, 2025, at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe. | Campers ages 5 to 18 have the opportunity to participate in traditional camp activities including games, arts and crafts, swimming, field trips—all modified to meet the needs of each individual. **Accepts waiver funding.**

7. [Camp I.D.E.A.S.](#)– 3015 Meister Road, Lorain | Contact them via phone 330-967-0644 or campideas1998@gmail.com | **Dates:** June 19th- July 18th | A day program for children. **Registration fee is \$50**, no transportation provided. |

8. [Camp Imagine](#) – Avon Lake | Contact: 440-320-4565 or campimaginesummerfun@gmail.com | An Extended School Year (ESY) camp offering recreational and skills-based activities for ages Pre-K through grade 12.
*** Can only accept students who are referred by their home school district for Extended School Year (ESY) services at this time.**

9. [Youth Challenge \(formerly Krazy Kamp\)](#)– 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake | General email: yc@youthchallengesports.com 440-892-1001 | Youth Challenge offers year-round adapted sports and recreational programming throughout the Greater Cleveland area to children with such disabilities as muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy, and spina bifida, or that are blind or deaf. Participants are paired up at each program with a teenage volunteer. | See [YC Calendar](#) for dates and registration information.

10. [J-Day Camps \(J Mandel JCC of Cleveland\)](#) – 26001 South Woodland Road Beachwood | Contact: infodesk@mandeljcc.org org or 216-831-0700 ext. 0 | J-Day Camps is where nature inspires and creativity takes the stage. Through progressive programming, campers participate in age-appropriate activities that offer a new experience level each year. See [2025 Summer Brochure](#) , [2025 Rate and Dates](#) , and [Registration](#)

11. [Rec2Connect](#) – 311 Tiverton Ct., Wadsworth | Contact: 330-703-9001 | Recreation therapy for individuals with and without disabilities. See [Groups and events calendar](#) and [The current programs list](#) **Financial Assistance is available and PDGS through waiver.**

12. [S.T.O.P. \(Satisfaction through Opportunity Program\)](#) – 2080 Quail Avenue, Lakewood | 216-529-4081 | This eight-week program is geared toward educating youth with special needs ages 14-22 on a variety of positive and socially appropriate pursuits, as well as providing a high level of supervision for fun summer activities. | **A \$20 non-refundable deposit is due at time of registration.** The Camp S.T.O.P. program runs Mondays through Thursdays in four two-week sessions beginning June 16th-August 7th . Registration is in person or over the phone. [Register here!](#) [Child Information Forms](#)

13. [FACEtime Summer Camp](#) (Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center (CHSC)) – 11635 Euclid Ave., Cleveland | Please contact CHSC at 216-231-8787 | CHSC offers a year-round therapy program called FACEtime: Fluency, Attitude, and Communication Effectiveness. FACEtime is designed for older children and young teens who want to communicate more fluently and confidently.

14. [YMCA of Greater Cleveland](#) – Variety of locations in Lorain and surrounding counties | See website for camp dates | Contact: 216.263.6860 or children@clevelandymca.org | Many recreational day camp opportunities for children ages 6-17.

Statewide

1. [Akron Rotary Camp for Persons with Special Needs](#) – Akron | Contact: 330-644-4512 | See [here](#) for dates | Programs for all ages - daytime and overnight opportunities for campers of most ages and abilities. Respite care available for most ages.

2. [All Abilities Camp](#) –Coldwater High School Cavalier Stadium 480 Butler St. Coldwater, OH 45828 | Contact: clintmusser@fca.org | June 6-7, 2025 | A free physical fitness camp incorporating activities such as baseball, football, obstacles, and general fitness. For ages 5 and over. See [website](#) for more registration info!

3. [Camp Echoing Hills](#) – Warsaw | Dates for varying camps can be found on the website | Contact: Jimmy McNutt at 740-327-2311 ext. 1158 | Recreational day camps and respite opportunities tailored to meet the needs of each camper. [Registration link](#) **Accepts waiver Funding.**

4. [Camp Nuhop](#) – Perrysville | Contact: 419-938-7151 | Session dates run from June 15th – August 1st | A variety of outdoor summer programs located in Ashland County with a goal of building confidence. Camp Nuhop offers summer programming for ages 8-29. See [Enrollment](#) , [Application](#) , and [FAQ](#) for more info!

5. [Camp Stepping Stones Ohio](#) – Day camp is located Given Campus – 5650 Given Road, Cincinnati, OH 45243. Summer Overnight Staycation Located Allyn Campus (1414 Lake Allyn Road, Batavia, OH 45103) | Contact: Jeannie Ludwig at 513-965-5108 or Jeannie.Ludwig@SteppingStonesOhio.org | Day camp dates June 2nd – August 1st | Overnight camp dates June 1st- July 31st |
 - With over 23 acres, abundant wildlife, hiking trails, an outdoor swimming pool and lake for fishing and boating activities. See websites for [Day Camp Registration](#)
 - The popular summer residential camp provides parents and caregivers with time to rest and recharge while their loved one receives quality summer respite care in a highly encouraging and inclusive environment. Participants enjoy creative, recreation and nature-based activities. See website for [Overnight Registration](#)
 - [Creative Living Life Steps Camp](#) - |5200 Lakes Rd., Medina, Ohio |Contact: 330-591-4434| Dates for varying camps range from June 2nd – August 15th | An educational camp with a therapeutic component designed to meet the needs of children (ages 8 and up) and adults with cognitive and functional disabilities, and to provide respite for their caregivers. See [Program Flyer](#) and [Camp Registration](#) for more information.

6. [Fieldstone Farm Therapeutic Riding Center Camp](#) – Chagrin Falls | Contact: 440-708-0013 or programs@fieldstonefarm.org |Dates for varying camps begin June 9th and end August 15th | Equestrian summer camp with a variety of programs all involving horses! This camp is available for ages 6-16. Registration requirements, specific camp dates, and online forms are available on the website!

7. [Flying Horse Farms](#) – 5260 State Route 95, Mount Gilead, OH | Contact: 419-751-7077 or Campers@FlyingHorseFarms.org | Dates for varying camps run from June 8th – August 10th |A camp for children ages 7-21 who has a diagnosis within the areas of cardiology, hematology, oncology, rheumatology, gastrointestinal disorders, pulmonary disorders, rare diseases, and facial anomalies. **The camp is available at no cost and includes lodging and meals.** See [Camp FAQs](#) and [Camp Schedule Flyer](#) for more information and specific dates . [Applications](#) are found here.

8. [Gilmour Academy](#) – 34001 Cedar Rd., Gates Mills, OH 44040 | Contact: 440-473-8000 ext. 2267 or summercamp@gilmour.org | A variety of summer programming for ages 3-18. See the programs [Summer Camp Guide](#) and [Registration Portal](#) for dates and more info!

9. [Hawken Summer Programs](#) – 5000 Clubside Rd., Lyndhurst, OH 44124 | Contact: (440) 423 2940 or summerprograms@hawken.edu | Dates June 16th – July 25th | A variety of camp opportunities from educational to recreational activities. Dates vary. For ages 4 - grade 8. | See [here](#) for specific dates and more information regarding registration.

10. [Peak Potential Therapy](#) – 7689 Sagamore Hills Blvd., Northfield, OH 44067 | Contact: 330-405-8776 | Week of June 1 through the week of August 14 | Campers engage in structured learning activities in addition to daily field trips to generalize skills while focusing on social skills, communication, and emotional regulation. This therapeutic program was developed specifically for children with disabilities to provide them with a fun and interactive way to develop social skills, participate in the activities that typical kids take for granted, and work on their IEP goals. See [here](#) to register.

11. [Recreation Unlimited](#) – 7700 Piper Rd., Ashley, OH 43003 | Contact: Natalie Hutton via phone (740) 548-7006, Ext. 103 or email nhutton@recreationunlimited.org OR Lauren Ganson via phone (740) 548-7006, Ext. 117 or email lganson@recreationunlimited.org | Dates run from June 16th – August 1st | A variety of camps aimed at providing year-round recreational opportunities while building self-confidence and healthy behaviors. Daytime and overnight opportunities available. See [here](#) for specific dates and registration. **Accepts waiver funding.**

12. [S.T.A.R. Summer Camp](#) – Independence | Contact based on ages: Lori Wotowiec (Preschool / 6-12 yrs) 216-618-0807 or Jim Wotowiec (13+ yrs) 216 407-0139 OR starsummercamp2021@gmail.com | Dates run from July 7th – July 25th | An integrated camp experience for individuals with disabilities and typical peers that creates an environment that promotes educational reinforcement, physical activity, social skills, cooperative group learning and will facilitate access, equity and inclusion. Click [Here](#) for more info and dates.



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Scholarship/Funding Programs

- ❖ [Ohio Afterschool Child Enrichment Grants](#)
- ❖ [YMCA Financial Assistance](#)
- ❖ [Beyond Words Summer Scholarship](#) (**Must live in Cuyahoga, Summit, or Medina Counties**)
- ❖ [I.D.E.A. Grants](#)
- ❖ [Autism Scholarship through The Ohio Department of Education](#)