## **Camps**

Below is a list of camps that we at **Children's Resource Center-North** are aware of that families may want to explore for children with disabilities/ special health care needs. We can help you navigate these resources by contacting us toll free at 1-866-640-4106 or going to our website <a href="www.crcnorth.org">www.crcnorth.org</a>. Our website also has all this information (helpful with all the hyperlinks) and includes camps further away and for specific disabilities.

**Cost of camps:** Camps are funded in a variety of ways (scholarships, sliding fee scale, etc) and the costs can vary greatly. Childcare subsidies may assist with day camps that are taking the place of childcare. You may be able to utilize CLTS funds for camp for respite and/or day camps for summer childcare.

## Overnight Camps for children with disabilities

- <u>Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek & Respite Camp</u> in Wisconsin Dells. Several camp options in the summer as well as weekends throughout the year for transition age youth, respite, Autism, and adults. Youth and Teen Sessions are for ages 7-18 with a special 4-day holiday session taking place between Christmas and New Year's Eve.
- Several camps are offered at <u>Wisconsin Lions Camp</u> in Rosholt east of Stevens Point. Weeklong camps for different types of disabilities including Blind/Low Vision, Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Autism/Intellectual Disabilities, Epilepsy, and Diabetes. There is a \$25 fee which is then used as a credit at the camp store. Some camps have a lottery. Applications are available late January.
- <u>Timbertop Camp</u>: summer camp for youth with specific learning disabilities/ special needs including ADHD, dyslexia, and speech/language. Held at the Wisconsin Lions Camp in Rosholt.
- Variety offers <u>Chatter Matters Camp</u> at UW Whitewater for children ages 5-15 who use Augmentative and Alternative Communication and their families. Tentative date for 2025 is June 19-22 with a January signup deadline.
- We hear from a lot of families how much they have enjoyed the Northwoods and family connections at <u>Camp AweSum</u> Registration is open on Monday, January 20, 2025, at 9am (phone and online registration)- camps fill up very quickly. In 2025, there will be three 7-day family camps and one 5-day family camp.
- <u>Camp LuWiSoMo</u> Joyful Hearts Summer Camp is a 5-night summer camp designed for individuals with developmental disabilities. Typical camp activities are adapted to meet needs of camper. Located in Wild Rose, WI (south of Stevens Point)
- <u>Camp Needlepoint</u> from the American Diabetes Association offers camps located in Hudson (near Minneapolis). Registration opens February 12, 2025, for their August camp sessions.
- YMCA's <u>Camp Nan A Bo Sho</u> is an inclusive camp program located in Northeastern Wisconsin near Lakewood and offers both day camps and overnight camps for campers age 5 and up
- Special Touch Ministry's <u>Summer Get Away</u> has a camp-style retreat for people with intellectual or physical disabilities in Waupaca. "Functionally-appropriate programming, activities, and FUN in a Christian atmosphere." Each location is staffed with medical professionals.
- <u>Badger Camp</u> hosts eight 1-week sessions and one 2-week session for campers ages 3-21 with intellectual disabilities. Most camp weeks take place in Prairie du Chien and have travel and primitive camp options for older campers.
- <u>Camp Daniel</u> provides people with disabilities "opportunities for personal, social, and spiritual growth" and also provides camps for siblings. Located in Marinette County.

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- <u>Camp Chi</u> is located in southern Wisconsin and has several options for weeklong and multi-week camps that can extend to their day camps. Identifies as a camp that is inclusive of campers with disabilities.
- Numerous camps affiliated with the Paul Newman Foundation like Hole in the Wall Gang and Painted Turtle host weeks for specific disability groups.

## Local Camps for all children

- Local 4-H camps can also accommodate campers with disabilities. Contact your county's Extension
  office for more information.
- <u>Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (CWES)</u> provides activities, opportunities and learning
  experiences for campers that meet the individual campers' needs, capabilities, interests, and overall
  well-being. Staff participate in1 week training session, including a day focused on Mental Health
  Training.
- Rainbow's End is an Aspirus Health day camp for children with special needs, aged 5-21. Typically hold two sessions of weeklong (Monday-Friday) camps in July. Check their website for dates to be announced. \$100 with costs offset by donations.
- <u>Children's Imaginarium Museum</u> in Wausau will be hosting day camps in Summer 2025-more information to come in February 2025.
- <u>Discovery Education Station</u> in Marshfield has day camps in the summer as well as other STEAM
  events and are listed as a CLTS provider. They prioritize creating a safe space for families with special
  needs children.
- <u>YMCA Camp Sturtevant</u> Wausau offers day camps for the entire summer as well as other opportunities. They do accept childcare subsidies and have camper scholarships.
- <u>YMCA of the Northwoods</u> located in Rhinelander hosts day camps for children ages 5 and up are available, in addition to childcare for children from infancy through age 6. They do accept childcare subsidies, have camper scholarships available, and are listed as a CLTS provider.
- <u>Camp Jorn YMCA</u> located in Manitowish Waters (and offers a shuttle bus from Arbor Vitae). This day camp has sessions by the week or by the day for children ages 7-12. New in 2025 is CJ Sprouts which is a day camp specifically designed for children aged 5-6 years old.
- <u>YMCA Camp Alexander</u> in South Wood County offers day camps based on weekly themes. No one is turned away from YMCA Camp Alexander for an inability to pay.
- <u>UWSP Day camps</u> offered at the Stevens Point, Marshfield, and Wausau campuses.
- <u>Fort Wilderness</u> is a camp near Rhinelander that offers multiple summer youth and family camps. While
  this is not a disability-specific camp, feedback from parents of children with disabilities has been
  positive.





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