

Youth and Adult Summer Program Alternatives

The following may provide summer camp opportunities for children, youth and/or adults. While they are not all integrated, they may be able to accommodate your needs for family respite this summer. It is the family's responsibility to speak directly with each listed Camp to determine whether the camp can successfully meet the needs of your son/daughter.

The OCA, Ontario Camping Association

416-485-0425 www.ontcamp.on.ca

The OCA publishes an annual directory of summer camp programs. In addition to individual descriptions, they also include a listing of "**Special Needs Camps**" and "**Camps Working Towards Inclusion**". The OCA Directory may also provide additional information on some of the following programs.

"Our Kids Go to Camp" Magazine

905- 272-1843 www.ourkids.net

A directory and map of Residential and Day camps throughout Ontario and Quebec. Provides detailed camp descriptions. Contains a section on "**Special Needs Camps**".

Residential Camps

Camp Awakening

416 487-8400

Offers canoe tripping and recreational activities in a mainstream setting for youth 10-18 years with physical disabilities. Boys camp located near Minden, Girls camp located near Haliburton.

Belwood Lodge & Camp

519-846-2695

The camp is operated by an alliance of local Associations for Community Living and provides camp experiences for children 8+ and a holiday lodge experience for youth and adults with developmental disabilities. The camp is located near Fergus.

Blooming Acres

705 487-3076

For males and females 16+ with a diagnosis of autism & other PDD Spectrum Disorders. Site is a 100 acre farm with traditional barn and various livestock. Located near Oro Station.

Christian Horizons

519-353-5756 519-353-5136 (fax)

Provides summer camp opportunities & tailored resort vacation options. They are located in Paisley, Ontario, near Elmira. Programs are available to individuals 13+. Spaces fill each year by April/May.

Easter Seal Society

1-800-668-6252

Specialized programs and adapted activities for children and youth with physical disabilities.

Camp Misquah
613-787-2897 (pager)

The camp is located near Gracefield, Quebec, in the Gatineaus, and provides camp experiences for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Ontario March of Dimes
416-425-3463

This camp is operated by the Ontario March of Dimes and is primarily for adults, 17+ with physical disabilities. Located near Orillia.

Camp Prospect
705 735-0129

A camp dedicated to children and adults with special needs. Located in Mansfield.

Reena Cottage Program
416-630-5406

For youth and adults 16+ years of age with a developmental disability. Two-week vacation packages are available at cottages in Collingwood.

Shadow Lake
905-640-6432

The camp is operated by the Toronto Association for Community Living (TACL). It provides typical camp activities in a camp setting for children & adults with developmental and physical disabilities. A variety of programs are also run throughout the year. Located in Stouffville.

Camp Winston
416-968-2123

The camp provides therapeutic experiences for children & youth with autism and Tourette's syndrome. Camp spaces fill each year and may have an extensive waitlist. Located in Kilworthy.

Day Camps
Reena Summer Recreation Program
905-889-6484 x 2116

A day camp program for teens with developmental disabilities. The program is offered at the Toby and Henry Battle Developmental Centre. The program includes outdoor activities and weekly outings. Located in Thornhill.

The Meta Centre
416-736-0199

Since 1988 the Meta Centre has been offering a Summer Day Experience Program to adults with developmental disabilities who are 16 years of age or older. The program provides a great opportunity for youths and adults (13 years of age and older) with developmental disabilities to socialize and have fun with many recreational activities

For current and relevant information regarding Day Camp experiences, consult with your local **Parks & Recreation Department, YMCA & YWCA, Boys & Girls Clubs**, etc. Your local **Association for Community Living, Autism Society of Ontario Chapter, Down syndrome Association, Rehabilitation Centre** or agency that provides supports and services to families and individuals with disabilities, may have a list of appropriate resources in the community. They may also provide specialized programs or supports for participation.