

2017 IOWA SUMMER CAMP LIST

A guide to fun for *everyone!*



Provided by ASK Resource Center

Summer is all about having FUN, and at ASK Resource Center we want to make it easier for Iowa kids with disabilities to access all the summer fun their hearts desire! Whether your family is planning a “stay-cation”, a sight-seeing road trip, or a vacation to Disneyland, planning is an essential component for a smooth-sailing summer. Our annual list of Iowa Summer Camps is here to help by offering travel planning tools and information about the various summer programs and activities available across the state!



Photo: Courage League Sports



Photo: Camp Tanager

DID YOU KNOW?

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires summer camps and programs to provide reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities. Activities may be adapted or modified to promote your child's success and involvement in any camp. ADA is in place to ensure that accommodations and supports are available to allow your child to participate fully in everyday life, including camps.



Photo: Easter Seals Camp Sunnyside



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4-H Camp

www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/camping

Madrid

515-795-3338

- Coed
- Day camp, Age 6-12
- Overnight camp, Grades 5-8

Abe Lincoln Camp

www.ymcacampabelincoln.org

Blue Grass

563-381-3053

- Coed
- Day camp, Age 4-12
- Overnight camp, Age 6-17

Amanda the Panda

www.amandathepanda.org

Indianola

515-223-4847

- Coed
- Day & Weekend overnight camps
- Age 6+
- Special Needs—Grief & loss

Arc of Southeast Iowa

www.thearcjc.org

Iowa City

319-351-5017

- Day camp
- Age 4+
- Special Needs—All disabilities



Photo: Iowa 4-H Camp

Baseball Camp

www.grandslamusadm.com

Des Moines

515-278-1070

- Coed
- Day camp, athletic
- Age 7-12

Blank Park Zoo

www.blankparkzoo.com

Des Moines

515-285-4722

- Coed
- Day camp
- Preschool-Grade 7

Boy Scout Camps

www.midiowacouncilbsa.org www.hawkeyebsa.org

www.scoutsiowa.com www.winnebago-bsa.org

Boone 515-266-2135 Central City 319-862-0541

Dubuque 563-556-4343 Waverly 319-234-2867

- Boys only
- Overnight & Day camps
- Grades 1-12

Camp Albrecht Acres

www.albrechtacres.org

Sherrill

563-552-1771

- Coed
- Overnight camp
- All ages
- Special Needs—All disabilities

Camp Appanoose

www.campappanoose.org

Plano

641-649-2491

- Coed
- Overnight camp
- Grades 2-12
- Sports, teen & family programs
- Religious—Christian

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Camp Courageous

www.campcourageous.org

Monticello

319-465-5916

- Overnight camp
- Coed
- Age 3+
- Special Needs—All disabilities

Camp EWALU

www.ewalu.org

Strawberry Point

563-933-4700

- Coed
- Day camp, Grades 1-6
- Overnight camp, Grades 3-12
- Religious—Lutheran

Camp Fire

www.campfireiowa.org

Des Moines, Ames & Boone

515-274-1501

- Coed
- Overnight & Day camps
- Grades 1-12
- Special Needs—All disabilities

Camp Genesis

www.gildasclubqc.org

Quad Cities

563-326-7504

- Coed
- Overnight camp
- Age 6-16
- Special Needs—Kids who have a family member receiving cancer treatment

Camp Goodwill

www.goodwillgreatplains.org

Sioux City, Fort Dodge, Le Mars, Mason City, Spencer & Storm Lake

712-258-4511

- Coed
- Overnight camp
- Age 8-12



Photo: Camp Courageous

Camp Hand in Hand

www.handinhandqc.org

Blue Grass

563-332-8010

- Coed
- Day camp
- Special Needs—All disabilities

Camp Heart Connection

www.childrenscancerconnection.org

Boone

515-243-6239

- Coed
- Overnight camp
- All ages
- Special Needs—Cancer

Camp Hertko Hollow

www.camphertkohollow.com

Boone

515-471-8547

- Coed
- Overnight camp
- Age 6-18
- Special Needs—Diabetes

Camp High Hopes

www.camphighhopes.com

Sioux City

712-224-CAMP

- Coed
- Overnight & Day camps
- Ages 6-18 & Adult programs
- Special Needs—All disabilities

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Camp Hope

www.aspiretrp.org

Waterloo

319-296-0964

- Coed
- Day camp
- Horseback riding and equestrian programs
- Special Needs—All disabilities

Camp Pictured Rocks

www.picturedrocks.org

Monticello

866-651-1223

- Coed
- Overnight camp
- Age 8-12
- Religious—Methodist

Camp Quality Heartland

www.campqualityusa.org

Guthrie Center

712-484-3625

- Coed
- Overnight camp
- Ages 4-18
- Special Needs—Cancer

Camp Reece

www.campreeceia.org

Brighton

319-775-0068

- Coed
- Overnight camp
- Age 5+
- Special Needs—All disabilities

Camp St. George

www.campstgeorge.org

Cedar Rapids

319-363-1559

- Coed
- Overnight camp
- Religious—Antiochian Orthodox

Camp Tanager

www.camptanager.org

Mt. Vernon

319-363-0681

- Coed
- Overnight & Day camps
- Special Needs—Diabetes, hemophilia & bleeding disorders

Camp Wyoming

www.campwyoming.net

Wyoming

563-488-3893

- Coed
- Overnight camp
- Grades K-12
- Religious—Presbyterian
- Special Needs—Programs for families of people with disabilities

Catholic Youth Camp

www.stmcenter.com

Panora

515-309-1936

- Coed
- Overnight camp
- Grades 3-12
- Religious—Catholic



Photo: Easter Seals Camp Sunnyside

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Photo: Girl Scout Camp Sacajawea

Courage League Sports

www.courageleaguesports.com

Urbandale

515-421-4020

- Coed
- Day camp
- Age 3+

Des Moines Playhouse

www.dmplayhouse.com

Des Moines

515-974-5365

- Coed
- Day camp
- Grades K-12

Easter Seals Camp Sunnyside

www.easterseals.com/ia

Des Moines

515-289-1933

- Coed
- Day camp, Age 6-17
- Overnight camp, Age 4+
- Special Needs—All disabilities

Engman Camp Shalom

www.jewishdesmoines.org

Waukee

515-987-0899

- Coed
- Day camp
- Grades K-12
- Religious—Jewish

Girl Scout Camps

www.girlscoutsiowa.org www.girlscoutstoday.org

Boone & Clear Lake 800-342-8389

New Liberty 800-798-0833

- Girls only
- Overnight & Day camps
- Grades K-12

Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps

www.okoboji.org

Milford

800-OKOBOJI

- Coed
- Day camp
- Grades K-12
- Religious—Lutheran

Iowa 4-H Camp

www.iowa4hcamp.com

Madrid

515-795-3338

- Coed
- Day camp, Age 6-12
- Overnight camp, Grades 5-8

Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired (Previously Iowa Braille School)

www.iowa-braille.k12.ia.us

Vinton

319-472-5221

- Coed
- Overnight camp
- Grades 1-12
- Special Needs—Visual impairments

Iowa Hands and Voices

www.iowahandsandvoices.org

Boone

515-988-8512

- Coed
- Overnight & Day camps
- Special Needs—Deaf or hearing impaired

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Iowa Regular Baptist Camp

www.irbc.org

Ventura

641-829-3824

- Coed & Boys/Girls only
- Overnight camp
- Religious—Baptist
- Special Needs—Intellectual disabilities

Iowa School for the Deaf Summer Camp

www.iowaschoolforthe deaf.org

Council Bluffs

- Coed
- Overnight camp
- Preschool-Grade 12
- Special Needs—Deaf or hearing impaired

Jester Park Equestrian Center

www.jesterparkec.com

Granger

515-999-2818

- Coed
- Day camp
- Age 8+

Lake Okoboji UM Camp

www.okobojicamp.com

Spirit Lake

866-856-9862

- Coed
- Day camp, Age 4-6
- Overnight camp, Age 6+
- Religious—Methodist

Living History Farms

www.lhf.org

Urbandale

515-278-5286

- Coed
- Day camp
- Grades K-9

Lutheran Lakeside Camp

www.lutheranlakeside.com

Spirit Lake

712-336-2109

- Coed & Boys/Girls only
- Day camp
- Overnight camp, Grades 1-12
- Religious—Lutheran

Mayor's Youth Empowerment Program

www.myep.us

Iowa City

319-341-0060

- Coed
- Adult day programs
- Age 16+

MDA Camp at Camp Courageous

www.campcourageous.org

Monticello

319-393-8905

- Coed
- Overnight camp
- Special Needs—Muscular Dystrophy

Military Kid Camp

www.ymcacampabelincoln.org

Blue Grass

563-381-3053

- Coed
- Overnight camp
- Special Needs—Kids with a parent serving in the military



Photo: Courage League Sports

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Photo: Camp Tanager

Presbyterian Camp on Okoboji

www.lakeshorecenteratokoboji.org

Milford

712-337-3313

- Coed
- Day camp, Preschool-Grade 3
- Overnight camp, Grades 1-12
- Religious—Presbyterian

Raccoon River Bible Camp

www.rrbiblecamp.org

Scranton

712-667-3916

- Coed
- Overnight camp
- Grades 1-12
- Religious—Christian

Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp

www.riversidelbc.org

Story City

515-733-5271

- Coed
- Day camp, Grades 1-6
- Overnight camp, Grades 3-12
- Religious—Lutheran

Science Center of Iowa

www.sciowa.org

Des Moines

515-274-6868

- Coed
- Day camp
- Age 4-Grade 8

Sportability of Iowa

www.sportabilityofiowa.org

Solon

319-855-8916

- Coed
- Day camp
- Special Needs—Physical disabilities or visual impairments

Sports Plex West

www.sportsplexwest.com

Waukee

515-987-0806

- Coed
- Day camp
- Grades K-6

Summer Art Camp

www.octagonarts.org

Ames

515-232-5331

- Coed
- Day camp
- Grades 1-6

Sylvan Learning Center

www.sylvanlearning.com

Various locations in Iowa

888-338-2283

- Day camp
- STEM & educational activities
- Grades 1-8

Triad Kids Camp

www.triadgymnastics.com

Ankeny

515-963-0215

- Coed
- Day camp
- Age 3-8

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UNI Adapted Sports Camp

www.uni.edu/camps

Cedar Falls

319-493-0978

- Coed
- Overnight camp
- Grades 3-12
- Special Needs—Lower limb disabilities

Wesley Woods UM Camp

www.wesleywoodsiowa.org

Indianola

866-684-7753

- Coed & Boys/Girls only
- Day camp, Age 4-6
- Overnight camp, 4+
- Religious—Methodist

Wildwood Hills Ranch

www.wildwoodhillsranch.org

St. Charles

641-396-2414

- Coed
- Overnight camp
- Age 8-18
- Special Needs—At risk & disadvantaged youth



Photo: Wesley Woods



Photo: Camp High Hopes

ADD A CAMP OR PROGRAM TO THE LIST!

Camp directors and activity coordinators can contact ASK Resource Center to have their summer programming added to the annual Camp List! Submit a contact request online at www.askresource.org/contact or call (800) 450-8667 and ask for Ashley Gill.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE & SCHOLARSHIPS

ASK Resource Center does not provide scholarships or stipends for the programs or activities on this list. Families in need of financial assistance in order to send a child to a camp or program are encouraged to contact the camp or program directly, or check with local churches, charities, or philanthropic groups in their community. Many tax deferred dependent care programs, also referred to as “flex care”, offered by employers consider day camps (not overnight camps) an allowable expense for reimbursement; check your specific plan’s guidelines, or speak to your employer to see if this is an option for you.

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TIPS & TOOLS

Sending Your Child with Special Needs to Camp

www.kidshealth.org/en/parents/finding-camp-special-needs.html

Time Away Preparation: Printable Worksheets

www.cshcn.org/adolescent-transition/planning-time-away-from-home-for-teens-with-special-needs

A Comprehensive Guide to Special Needs Travel

www.friendshipcircle.org/blog/2012/07/20/a-comprehensive-guide-to-special-needs-travel

Tips for Family Road Trips with Kids with Special Needs

www.kidcompanions.com/tips-for-family-road-trips-with-kids-with-special-needs

Discover Camp: Sending Your Child with a Disability to Camp for the First Time

www.nchpad.org/discover/preparing/index.html

ADA Q&A from PACER Center

www.pacer.org/publications/adaqa/summer.asp

Ten Tips for Traveling with Special Needs Kids

www.myfamilytravels.com/node/11177

"Plan ahead, be brave and don't expect perfection"



Photo: Camp Courageous



Photo: Camp EWALU