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# **Financial Needs:**

Many summer camps do come at a cost. If this is a barrier, speak with the summer camp to see if there are scholarships available or if you may qualify for financial assistance. If your child is a part of OhioRISE, speak with your care coordinator to understand if your child's "primary flex funds" are available to help with the costs.

## **About MindPeace:**

MindPeace is a non-profit organization working to ensure that every child and adolescent has access to an effective system of mental health and wellness. We've put together this resource list of summer camps for children who have mental health needs. To add a listing, please email <a href="mailto:info@mindpeacecincinnati.com">info@mindpeacecincinnati.com</a>. Additional materials for families and professionals are available on our website at <a href="www.MindPeaceCincinnati.com">www.MindPeaceCincinnati.com</a>. For mental health resources visit <a href="https://mindpeacecincinnati.com/resources-by-topics/">https://mindpeacecincinnati.com/resources-by-topics/</a>. If you need assistance finding a mental health provider visit our website at <a href="www.MindPeaceCincinnati.com/search">www.MindPeaceCincinnati.com/search</a> or call us at (513) 803-0844.

Note: \* anyone can participate, disability or not

## General Camps (that accommodate mental health disability):

Abilities First, located in Middletown, Ohio, offers multiple camps for children ages 2-22 years old. Provides summer, physical, occupational, and speech language therapeutic group opportunities to children with autism, developmental delays, or disabilities. Camps will start at the end of May and go until the beginning of August. Application deadline is May 10, 2024. Camp times vary. Every child will be evaluated for appropriate placement. Most programs are covered by insurance. Therapy program begins May 20<sup>th</sup> and ends August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Summer Fun for Children with Autism begins May 28<sup>th</sup> and ends August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. For more information, follow the link to the brochure: <a href="https://www.abilitiesfirst.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Abilities-First-Summer-Programming.pdf">https://www.abilitiesfirst.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Abilities-First-Summer-Programming.pdf</a> or contact Bettie Rountree at bettie.rountree@abilitiesfirst.org.

Adventure Crew located at 2692 Madison Road in Cincinnati Ohio offers a variety of summertime adventures. Their mission is to get children outside on an adventure. They partner with local Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky schools. The adventures, gear and lessons are free to students. They also are granted transportation to and from the adventurous spot and a nutritious lunch. For more information they can be reached at 513 235-9700 or by email at hello@adventurecrew.org.

Best Point Summer Camps offers an all-inclusive 10-week camp called "Camp I Can" for ages 4 to 12, Mon-Fri from 7:30-5:30. Located in Cincinnati Ohio. This camp offers swimming, sports, music, art, gardening, and field trips. This camp enhances creativity, leadership and social skills while celebrating culture and diversity. "Camp I Can" enrollment is available upon application and has a \$225 weekly tuition fee. "Ready 2 Work!" which is a 10- week paid internship program for ages 18 to 25 with autism and related disorders. For more information, including registration, call 513-272-2800 or email referrals@bestpoint.org.

- \*Camp Cambell Gard located at 4803 Auspurger Rd in Hamilton Ohio offers overnight or hybrid camps for children with developmental disabilities as well as just traditional camps. These camps have a ratio of one staff member to two children. There are financial assistance opportunities if needed. Each camp session lasts 5 days. Prices vary depending on the camp and if you are member of the YMCA or not. This camp offers a unique experience where every child can be themselves. For further information you can call 513-867-0600 or email campoffice@gmvymca.org.
- \* <u>Camp CRC (Cincinnati Recreation Commission)</u> CRC will offer a variety of 10-week Summer Day Camp Programs at 19 recreational centers throughout Cincinnati and run from June 3<sup>rd</sup> August 9<sup>th</sup> for youth ages 6-12 (5 year old's who have completed full-day kindergarten are eligible as well). Camp activities will include STEM projects, arts and crafts, outdoor play, sports, open swim time, and much more! A CRC center membership is required for all camp participants. A structured drop-in-based program with lunch provided. There is a \$10 application fee. Youth with disabilities are welcome-must complete assessment and accommodation request form on their website first.
- \*Camp Joy, located in Clarksville, Ohio partners with organizations to provide camp experiences for children with medical conditions, grieving children, and underserved children and families. Overnight camping programs include partnerships with Cincinnati Children's, Arthritis Foundation, Camp Sunrise, Amputee Coalition of America, American Diabetes Association, Starshine Hospice, St. Joseph Orphanage and Children's Home of Cincinnati. Camps are available for ages 7-17 as well as for families to attend together. Registration opens March 1, 2024 at 7am. For more information call 937- 289-2031 or email info@camp-joy.org.

<u>Center for Possibilities</u>, Located in Hobart Indiana offers a summer program for students with developmental disabilities, preschool through adult. Camp sessions are held in Hobart, Indiana. Sessions are Monday-Friday from 8:30-1:30. For more information call 219-962-5751.

\*Cincinnati Parks Summer Camps Located in Cincinnati, they offer multiple different one- week camps at various locations for ages 3 ½ - 15 years old. Camps include daily hikes, games, live animal encounters, experiments and projects. Camp sessions begin June 10<sup>th</sup> and run through August 2<sup>nd</sup>. For more information follow this link: https://bit.ly/3OTnF4F We are happy to

make reasonable accommodations with adequate advance notice. Parents with questions regarding the staffing needed to meet a child's needs should contact us at 513-321-6070. For general questions about camp please email <a href="mailto:Parks.NE@Cincinnation">Parks.NE@Cincinnation</a> OH/Gov.

- \* <u>Cincinnati Zoo Camps</u> Explore the zoo, experience nature, and discover the excitement and wonder of animals. Hikes in the zoo, visits from animal ambassadors, crafts, train rides, and so much more make summer camp a week to remember. Weekly camps run from May 27th -August 16th. Full days are offered from 9am- 4pm for 4 year old's- 6<sup>th</sup> graders (members \$300, non-members \$315) as well as 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders (members \$310, non-members \$325). Half days are also offered from 9:30am-12pm or 1pm-3:30pm for 4 years old's- 2<sup>nd</sup> graders (members \$175, non-members \$190). Follow this link to the program guide: <a href="https://bit.ly/3T5o3PM">https://bit.ly/3T5o3PM</a> For more information call 513-281-4700 or email <a href="mailto:education@cincinnatizoo.org">education@cincinnatizoo.org</a> Can accommodate most behavioral or emotional disabilities with proper notification, but cannot administer medication.
- \* Courageous Community Services located in Whitehouse, Ohio is now offering "I wouldn't have nothin' if I didn't have you" summer camps. Starting May 26<sup>th</sup> through August 16<sup>th</sup>. They offer a variety of different sessions for different age groups ranging from 5-adulthood. There is a \$100 application fee with discounts available. For more information call 419-875-6828 Ext. 756828 or email <a href="mailto:laurak@ccsohio.org">laurak@ccsohio.org</a>. Welcomes all individuals, including those with developmental, health, or physical disabilities.
- \*CYO Camp Rancho Framasa, Nashville, Indiana, provides opportunities for full inclusion in an overnight setting. A variety of camps are offered for kindergartens to 18+. Starting June 2<sup>nd</sup> through July 26<sup>th</sup>. CYO offers a three-tier pricing program for their camps. For more information call 812- 988-2839 or email <a href="mailto:info@campranchoframasa.org">info@campranchoframasa.org</a> Can accommodate emotional disabilities and have nurse to administer medication; however, staff are not trained with developmental or physical disability monitoring.
- \*Discover Summer- The public library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County invite you to Discover Summer as you embark on your summer learning journey. Participation in our summer program is open to kids of all ages and is completely free! No library card is required. Discover. For more information contact Meredith Ramella via phone at 513-369-6033 or email at meredith.ramella@chpl.org. Encourages children with any disability to participate.
- \*Echoing Hills located in Warsaw, Ohio, began hosting "A Day at Camp" programs where camp staff can provide activities in a fun and safe place at Echoing Hills. Camp Echoing Hills provides a fully accessible environment and programs tailored to meet the needs of campers of all needs. Camps are available for ages 7-17 and 18 and older. Programs begin June 9<sup>th</sup> and run through August 2<sup>nd</sup>. There are both one week and two-week camps available throughout the summer. The programs range from \$1425-\$1675 with a non-refundable registration fee. There are camp scholarship available and be applied for on the registration form as well as waivers. For more information email <a href="info@ehvi.org">info@ehvi.org</a> or call 740-327-2311.
- \*Kicks for Kids, is located in Covington, Kentucky. Provides programs including arts, theater, sports, social events, etc. These programs are available to children who are challenged mentally, physically, or by the environment they live in. For more information call 859-331-8484 or email <a href="mailto:achris.sebastian@kicksforkids.org">achris.sebastian@kicksforkids.org</a>.
- \*Mayerson JCC, Located in Cincinnati, Camp at the J, from June 10<sup>th</sup> Aug 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-3:30. \$375 a week for members, \$425 a week for public and a \$50 deposit. Includes archery, art and crafts, sports, drama, and more in order to foster friendships, build confidence, and learn new skills. Cincinnati offers inclusive camping opportunities for Kindergarten through grade 10. Open to children of all abilities. For more information call 513-761-7500.
- \*Pleasant Hill Outdoor Camp, located in Perrysville, Ohio. Offering inclusive themed day and overnight camps for ages 4 to 15. Variety of camps starting June 7<sup>th</sup> July 19<sup>th</sup>. Price depends on the camp but there is an early bird discount that ends March 1st or there are scholarship opportunities. For more information call 419-938-3715 or email info@phoc.org.

\*Recreation Unlimited located in Ashley, Ohio, provides summer residential and day camps, as well as year-round respite weekend camps for youth and adults. Summer day camps are for ages 4-22 and are offered to those with developmental or physical disabilities as well as developing friends and siblings. Campos had different schedules but are being help anytime between from May 31st – August 2<sup>nd</sup>. There are waiver and scholarship opportunities available. For more information call 740-548-7006 ext. 103 or email info@recreationunlimited.org.

<u>Redwood</u>, located in Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky, offers all day services for children and youth 5-21 years of age through the licensed and Medicaid funded PPEC program. For ten weeks in the summer, the children will participate in theme-based adventures and activities while receiving individualized medical care from in-house nurses. Specific plans of care are developed in consultation with the child's physician, the family, a child life specialist, and other professionals. For more information call 859-331-0880.

<u>Summer at CEES</u>, a community integrated high school transition program at the University of Cincinnati. Designed for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities ages 14-21. Offer a 12-week workshop 1 day per week from 9am-1pm. During the school year. Approximately \$3000 per student. Contact your local school district to see how your child can apply to CEES.

Stem foundations program: design courses, 3D printing scholarship funded.

<u>Talbert House</u>, Cincinnati, offers Camp Possible, a summer day camp for children ages 6-12 who struggle with behavioral/mental health issues. Campers attend for 8 weeks during the summer Monday through Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> – August 1<sup>st</sup>. Children will practice skills such as anger management, self-esteem, peer relations, taking direction, interacting with adults, and more. Trained clinical staff take children into the community to practice in real-life settings that are safe and kid friendly. Insurance can be billed for the camp. For more information call 513-751-7747.

#### Autism:

Applied Behavioral Services provides a year-round teaching environment for children with Asperger's and Autism Spectrum Disorders. Summer teaching and social skills program offered. Services include OT, individualized curriculum, speech therapy, intervention specialists, and monitored learning for ages 2 to 21. Located in Cincinnati, West Chester, and Dayton. For more information contact the Cincinnati location at 877-797-1352 or email <u>clientservicesohio@appliedbehavioralservices.com</u> or contact the West Chester Location at 877-797-1352 or clientservicesohio@appliedbehavioralservices.com

Autism Learning Center located on Cheviot Rd. in Cincinnati, has an Autism Learning Center and is an approved Autism Scholarship provider through the Ohio Department of Education. They collaborate with a speech language pathologist and occupational therapist to implement goals. Services are available to individuals up to 21 years old. If you are interested, please complete an autism services insurance verification request (available on the Resources page of MyY.org/Clippard) and copy of both sides of your insurance card to submit to Christina Hickey at <a href="mailto:chickey@myY.org">chickey@myY.org</a>

<u>Camp Ability, Cincinnati Center for Autism</u> 2024 summer camp information to be released.

<u>Camp Nuhop</u>, located in Perrysville, Ohio. Camp Nuhop is a week-long residential camp for children with ADHD, ASD, learning disabilities, Asperger's Syndrome and behavioral challenges. A number of camps are being offered this summer, including art camps, science camps, aqua camps, and many more for ages 6-29. There will be six sessions from June 9<sup>th</sup> to July 24<sup>th</sup>. Prices range from \$600 to \$1600. For more information call (419) 938-7151.

### Other Specific Disorders:

Camp Nuhop, located in Perrysville, Ohio. Camp Nuhop is a week-long residential camp for children with ADHD, ASD, learning disabilities, Asperger's Syndrome and behavioral challenges. A number of camps are being offered this summer, including art camps, science camps, aqua camps, and many more for ages 6-29. There will be six sessions from June 9<sup>th</sup> to July 24<sup>th</sup>. Prices range from \$600 to \$1600. For more information call (419) 938-7151.

Cincinnati Children's Summer Treatment Program for Children with ADHD a 7-week intensive summer day treatment program for children from 6-12 years old who have been diagnosed with ADHD. 13-year-olds are accepted on a case-by-case basis. Children will learn to improve social skills, manage frustration, and follow instructions while participating in sports and classroom activities in a camp-like setting. STP will be held June 10th - July 26th on Mondays-Thursdays from 8:30-4 and Fridays 8:30-3. The camp is located at The Summit Country Day School in Cincinnati, Ohio. You can register by email at adhdstp@cchmc.org to start your application.

### Horses, Equine Therapy:

Bay Star EquiCenter, located in Hamilton, Ohio, provides Equine Assisted Personal Development and Equine Assisted Learning (EAL). This is a special type of therapy that is done with a specially trained horse, professionals, and a licensed therapist. This is not a riding program. It is a research-based therapy that is appropriate for individuals with mental health needs. For personal development sessions, groups are to bring a mental health care provider with them as part of the group. Year-round activities are available by appointment only. They allow ages 7 years and older to participate in their activities. Individual and group sessions vary in price from \$115 to \$300 and might have additional fees per guest. For more price inquiries, call their number at 513-738-4463 or email Info@BayStarEquiCenter.com.

<u>Bridge Riding for the Disabled</u>, located in Lebanon, Ohio, provides therapeutic riding for individuals with physical, psychosocial, and cognitive disabilities. For more information contact Pat Howe at <a href="https://howe.pm@earthlink.net">howe.pm@earthlink.net</a> or call 937-654-4693.

<u>Cherry Ridge Therapeutic Learning Programs</u>, Georgetown, Ohio, offers a therapeutic and inclusive riding program for anyone who is struggling physically, mentally, or emotionally. Provide services working with farm animals, nature, and horses in an experiential environmental setting. Therapeutic Horsemanship programs run from April- November. Each session is 6 weeks long, and each weekly session is \$45. For more information call 513-377-2381 or contact sherry@cherryridgefarms.org

<u>Cincinnati Therapeutic Riding and Horsemanship</u> has a comprehensive horseback riding program for children and adults with disabilities. They also have a <u>Hippotherapy</u> (horse-riding therapy) program that combines physical and occupational therapy. Visit their website at <a href="https://ctrhohio.org/rec-riding/">https://ctrhohio.org/rec-riding/</a> to see the form, evaluation, and enrollment requirements. Hippotherapy is \$87.50 per week for an 8-week program. Each session is 45 minutes in length. Rec Riding is \$62.50 per week for an 8-week program. For additional information call 513-831-7050.

Milestone's Equestrian Achievement Program, located in Independence, Kentucky, is a therapeutic horseback riding program. The Therapeutic Horseback Riding program summer session is 10-11 weeks long. The summer session runs from July 15th to September 21st. Additionally, Milestone offers an intermediate summer program called Silver Saddles for adults 50+. The summer session runs from July 15th to September 21rd. Each weekly session is between 45 minutes and an hour in length. For more information, on pricing and times visit their website at <a href="https://www.milestonesinc.org/">https://www.milestonesinc.org/</a> or call their office at (859) 694-7669.

<u>Muddy Water Equestrian Park</u>, located in Cincinnati, offers riding therapy programs and activities that teach patience, respect, and responsibility for individuals of all abilities. They offer rides and lessons. Trail rides end around Thanksgiving each year and their schedule is set by availability. Go online to their website to book a time or a reservation, <a href="www.muddywaterranch.com">www.muddywaterranch.com</a>. They is \$40 per person. For additional questions, they can be reached at 513-522-8545 or at <a href="mailto:muddyranch@gmail.com">muddyranch@gmail.com</a>.

<u>Potter's Ranch</u>, located in Union, Kentucky, provides equine therapy through their therapeutic riding program. There are various summer programs for ages 6-17 including Adventure Camp, Horse Camp, and Dyslexia Camp. Dyslexia camp is Jun 17- Jul 16. Other camps are typically weeklong. Prices vary per program. For more information visit their website at <a href="https://www.pottersranch.org/">https://www.pottersranch.org/</a> or call 859-586-5475 for more information.

<u>Safe Haven Farms</u>, located in Middletown, Ohio, is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization offering therapeutic riding, residential, day, and community services for individuals on the autism spectrum. Programs are available for all ages. It provides a variety of living, working, learning, and leisure activities in a farm environment. Contact 513-422-1880, INFO@SAFEHAVENFARMS.ORG.

The Farm at Equisports, located in Goshen, OH, provides adaptive riding and interactive farm lessons. Available programs include Equine Assisted Learning and Equine Assisted Coaching. Equine Assisted Learning serves individuals with physical and mental disabilities. The Equine Assisted Coaching program serves individuals who suffer from anxiety and depression. The cost for this program is \$125 for 75 min sessions. Hours are by appointment only and programs are open for individuals of all ages. Call 859-240-9098 or email Tanya Tieman at tanya@equisportsofgoshen.com for more information.

# Music/Dance/Acting/Art:

- \*Cincinnati Ballet Kids Dance Camp Cincinnati Ballet is your ticket to summer adventure! Kids Dance Camp is a creative exploration of dance, music, and art through beloved stories. Each week-long experience explores an overall theme through ballet classes and activities led by professional faculty. For students ages 4-8, can also accommodate students with cognitive or developmental delays. Placement based on age. Former dance experience not required. Each week-long dance experience runs Monday-Friday from 9am to 12pm and cost \$295 per week. The program dates are June 3<sup>rd</sup> -June 7<sup>th</sup>, June 10<sup>th</sup> -June 14<sup>th</sup> or July 29<sup>th</sup> August 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- \*Cincinnati Museum Center Summer Camps Locations: Cincinnati Museum Center, Cincinnati Observatory, and Northern Kentucky University. Explore science, technology, history and the arts through creative activities and games at Cincinnati Museum Center's fun and educational Museum Camps. Camps are sold by week. Camps are available weekly starting May 28-August 9th. The camps run from 9am to 4 pm and pricing varies based on week and length of the camp. Contact Cody Hefner at 513-608-5777 or at <a href="mailto:chefner@cincymuseum.org">chefner@cincymuseum.org</a> for any questions. Welcomes children of all abilities and seeks to make them feel safe and welcome at camp.
- \*Marjorie Book Continuing Education Society, located in Cincinnati, brings individuals with and without disabilities together, 12 years and older, for continuing education classes, service-learning projects, and theater productions. There is no cost for the first year, after that there is a \$70 annual fee. Financial aid is available. The group produces two summer plays. Rehearsals are at UC and the performances are located in Mount Airy. For additional information contact them at 513-328-6300 or at marjoriebook1993@gmail.com.
- \*Music Resource Center (MRC), located in Cincinnati, is a multifaceted teen program, grades 7 through 12, that uses recording and performing arts, as well as life skills mentoring to create a sense of empowerment and accomplishment in the urban community. Their Summer Music Camp features a different topic each week. The topics could include Podcasting, Music Production, Hip Hop & Beatmaking, Music Production, and Multi-Track Recording. They operate from Monday-Friday 9am-12pm and then drop-in hours are from 12pm-6pm where students are welcome to stay. Visit their website for more information at mrccinci.org/camp or contact Wally Hart at 513-834-8304 or wally@mrccinci.org. This program welcomes teens facing environmental challenges as well as those with physical or cognitive disabilities.

<u>Music Therapy Care</u>, located in Anderson Township, provides music therapy groups and individual sessions to individuals with special needs to develop identified areas of need, ages 2 through adult, adapted music lessons are also available. Special summer-themed classes for percussion experiences, music ensembles, and toddler-caregiver classes are available. Visit their website at <a href="http://www.musictherapycare.com/">http://www.musictherapycare.com/</a> or call 513-382-7500 for more information.

<u>Music Therapy Services</u>, located in Cincinnati, provides individual and small group music therapy sessions for children and adults with developmental, physical, emotional, and learning disabilities. Serves all age groups. No previous musical experience is necessary. Visit their website at <a href="https://music-therapy-cincinnati.com/">https://music-therapy-cincinnati.com/</a> or call 513-474-6064 for more information.

Queen City Clay Kids Art Camps, located in Norwood, provides camps taught by certified art teachers, for ages 6 and up. Camps run May 30<sup>th</sup>-August 11<sup>th</sup>. Pottery Wheel classes with be offered all summer as well as an exciting line-up of themed art classes. Times and length of the camps depends on the option you choose. Before and after care is available as an option during registration. Before care 8:30-10 and aftercare 4pm-5:30. Check out their website or email them at <a href="info@queencityclay.com">info@queencityclay.com</a> for more information. Can accommodate individuals with developmental, cognitive, or physical disabilities.

\*The Children's Theatre located in Cincinnati. Enjoy a variety of themes for ages 7-18! Focus on music, dance, drama, or all three! All levels and abilities are welcome. Camps run weekly from May 28th - July 19th from 9:30 am - 4:00 pm. Registration closes on May 15th. For more information or for enrollment visit their website.

#### Sports:

\*Butler County Challenger Baseball serves Butler and surrounding counties. Baseball is for ALL. Serves children and adults aged 5-22 with special needs. The registration fee is \$50 per player for new and returning players (except Dodgers \$25). Registration is open till March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Call League President, Alan LaKamp at 513-623-4120 for more information or email him at alakamp@aol.com.

<u>Cincy Swish Spirit Basketball</u> offers basketball instruction from experienced coaches to children and young adults with disabilities. In addition to instruction, Swish Spirit provides children of all abilities the opportunity to be part of a team within a basketball league. Girls and Boys Teams 3rd-8th grade league games Thursday and Sunday nights at Elite Athletics Sports Complex, practice days and times depend on the team. Summer league fee is \$225. New player uniforms cost is \$75. Register for the summer team on their website cincyswish.com. For any questions contact <u>cincyswishbasketball@gmail.com</u>.

<u>Cincinnati TOP Soccer</u> is part of a national soccer program created to train young people (ages 5 through high school) with disabilities in a caring coaching environment. TOP Soccer allows a child to participate in the same type of community sports programs as their non-disabled peers, including uniforms, awards banquets, and when appropriate the opportunity to play on a non-disabled team. They have indoor and outdoor soccer, depending on the season. Spring indoor season runs from April 6th to May 18th. Summer camp runs from August 5th - August 9<sup>th</sup> at the Hope Church in Mason. Monday through Friday 7 pm- 9 pm. They also welcome wheelchairs.

\*Kids First Sports Center Cincinnati, has a variety of enrichment programs, sports activities, swimming, dance, and gymnastics activities. Summer Camp will run from May 28<sup>th</sup> -August 16<sup>th</sup> and costs \$469 per week or day passes to the camp are available for a 2-day enrollment minimum of \$111 per day. Visit their website to see further information on pricing and available discounts. Summer camp also includes the Summer Camp Inclusion Program. For questions or further information contact 513-489-7575 or visit their website at <a href="http://www.kidsfirstsports.com/">http://www.kidsfirstsports.com/</a>. Can accommodate children with cognitive, physical, or developmental disabilities- they welcome kids of all abilities.

Mason Challenger League, a division of Mason Youth Organization, is a nonprofit that provides baseball and softball programs in the Mason area. The Mason Challenger league is a unique opportunity for children with special needs to participate in organized baseball. They welcome players from surrounding communities. It is open to players ages 5- 18 (or up to 22 if still in high school). There is a fee to cover uniform and insurance costs, however, scholarships are available to players who may need assistance. For more information contact challenger@masonyouth.org.

\*Miracle League Baseball, sponsored by the <u>Cincinnati Recreation Commission</u>, offers athletes with or without disabilities an opportunity to have fun and participate in an organized and competitive league. Plans to start on May 10/11 and goes through July. Registration should open up around early March. For more information call (513)-352-4962.

<u>Special Olympics Ohio</u> located in Columbus OH provides year-round training and competition in various sports areas for children ages 2 years and older who are identified to have mental or developmental disabilities. No Information yet on dates and times but typically held late June.

#### Swim:

\*Cincinnati Recreation Commission offers Adapted Aquatics Programs in their year-round warm water swimming pool located at the Mt. Auburn Community Center. Several water entries and exits are available, including a pool chair lift and "easy ladder" with hand railings. Opening days for pools vary. Membership fees vary by age. Membership includes entry to all CRC Recreation Centers, access to activities and programs advertised as "free with membership: and is valid for 12 months from the date of purchase. Review website for more information and dates of openings.

YMCA of Greater Cincinnati Locations (GAMBLE-NIPPERT YMCA and M.E. LYONS YMC) offers adaptive swimming lessons for ages 3 and up who have a disability. It also provides training sessions for Special Olympics athletes. The class provides special attention that may be difficult to get in a group lesson. Individual or small group lessons are provided by both paid and volunteer staff. All YMCA locations offer different levels of swimming lessons. Instruction is based on the needs of the participant. Swimming lessons are also available for children of all other abilities and levels of skill. Check the website for availability for lessons.

#### **Comprehensive Listings:**

<u>ADHD / LD Camp Directory</u>, provided by <u>ADDitude Magazine</u>, is a comprehensive list of summer camps, programs, and helpful articles. The list showcases ADHD and LD friendly programs.

<u>Autism Speaks</u> has an online directory of recreation and community activities in Ohio or you can <u>select the state</u> you are interested in and what services or activities you are looking for.

American Camping Association provides information on camps for children with special needs. Select whether you want a day or overnight camps. You can then scroll down the page to refine by area of interest including disability, gender, age, and activities.

- \*Cincinnati Family Magazine publishes an annual guide to local camps and summer programs and an update on recreation programs. Also includes camps and programs for children with disabilities.
- \*Cincinnati Parent Magazine has an online camp directory. Including academic, arts, sports, special needs, adventure and more types of camps/programs.
- \*Kids Camps has information on day/ overnight camps and specialty camps as well as those that provide opportunities for children with special needs.
- \*MySummerCamps.com is a comprehensive, easy-to-use directory and guide of summer camps, and summer experiences for kids, teens, and youth, featuring a special section on special needs camps.
- \*Starfire Council of Greater Cincinnati has recreational and community service outings for teens through adults.
- \*The Cincinnati Summer Camps Guide 2024 provides a list of all kinds of summer camps including STEM camps, art camps, theater camps, sports camps, and many more.