



Resources for Children with Special Needs

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

The Americans with Disabilities Act is the most comprehensive civil rights legislation adopted to prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

Access Pass

The Access Pass provides access to more than 2,000 recreation sites throughout the U.S.

- Free pass for documented permanently disabled people
- Free entrance fees at any place that accepts the pass
- Free or discounted amenities at any place that accepts the pass

Website: www.store.usgs.gov/pass/access.html

National Parks, Monuments, Forests, Wildlife Refuge, Fishing Services

- Free admittance with Access Pass for disabled persons and their carpool
- 50% off most amenities

Center for Children with Special Needs

The Center for Children with Special Needs provides information to families and professionals focusing on children who have chronic physical, developmental, behavioral or emotional conditions such as asthma, cancer, autism, or cerebral palsy. The Center for Children with Special Needs website has many helpful links which provide information on a variety of summer activities throughout Washington State, as well as resources for parents.

Website: www.cshcn.org

Provail

Provail's mission is to help children and adults with disabilities live better lives. They are a private, multi-service agency dedicated to meeting the needs of people with all types of disabilities.

Website: www.provail.org

Northwest Center Child Development

Northwest Center Child Development Program is an inclusive program that serves children with and without disabilities. Programs include early intervention services for children with disabilities, early learning programs, full-day child care, before and after school care, and summer camps.

Website: www.nwcenterkids.org

Bellevue Youth Theatre

The Bellevue Youth Theatre blends the wisdom of children with the youthful enthusiasm of seniors. People with disabilities, families and senior citizens are encouraged to participate.

Website: www.bytf.org

Summer Camps

Camp Berachah - Auburn

Camp Berachah has been providing events and camps for thousands of youth, adults, families, and churches throughout the Pacific Northwest. Camp Berachah offers a wide variety of programs and facilities that are available for Christian churches, non-profit organizations, and families.

Website: www.campberachah.org

Special Needs Coordinator, Natalie Head. Email: nhead@campberachah.org

Phone: (253) 939-0488

Link to Schedule: http://www.campberachah.org/camps/day_camps.html

Camp Korey - Carnation

Camp Korey's mission is to honor the courage, strength, and determination of children living with serious and life-altering medical conditions and their families; and to provide them with a safe, friendly, medically sound environment in which to simply have fun and be kids. Camp Korey hosts children with serious illnesses and their families. Camp Korey hosts summer camp sessions, year-round Hospital Outreach, family weekends, youth programs, all-camper events, and more! Camp programs are free to children and their families.

Website: www.campkorey.org

Executive Director, Hillary Carey. Email: hcarey@campkorey.org

Phone: (425) 844-3100

Link to Schedule: <http://campkorey.org/camper-programs/summer-camp>

Camp Stand by Me - Vaughn, Pierce County

Camp Stand By Me is a fully accessible recreational facility providing summer camps for children and adults of any age with any disability. The camp's facilities and trained staff allow campers to participate in all activities, regardless of their disabilities, giving each camper the opportunity to have a fully inclusive experience that he or she will never forget!

Website: http://wa.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=wadr_camping_recreation

Phone: (206) 281-5700 / toll free (800) 678-5708

Link to Schedule: http://wa.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=WADR_Campsummer2011

Highland Community Center Summer Day Camp - Bellevue

The Highland Community Center provides programs that give individuals with disabilities opportunities for recreation, socialization, and learning. The programs help individuals participate more successfully in the community. The center also offers a wide array of recreation, sports, fitness, cultural arts and social programs.

Website: http://www.bellevuewa.gov/highland_center.htm

Phone: (425) 452-7686

Link to Schedule: http://www.bellevuewa.gov/pdf/Parks/highland_class_calendar_summer_2012.pdf

Lions Camp Horizon - Blaine

Lions Camp Horizon hosts approximately 200 special needs campers at one of its four regular sessions. They accept a wide range of special needs conditions and generally try to accommodate all campers who can benefit from our range of activities. Each application is reviewed by their staff to ensure that the camp environment and activities are appropriate for the camper.

Website: www.lionscamphorizon.org

Email: campdirector@lionscamphorizon.org

Phone: (360) 371-0531

Link to Schedule:

http://www.lionscamphorizon.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=section&id=2&Itemid=3

M-Bar-C Ranch - Freeland

M-Bar-C promotes old-fashioned fun through western adventure. The ranch provides a safe and enriching environment where everyone, despite physical or mental limitations, has the opportunity to enjoy being a kid for a day. Visits to the Ranch are free!

Website: www.m-bar-c.org/index.htm

Email: info@m-bar-c.org

Phone: (360) 331- 6019

Link to Schedule: <http://www.m-bar-c.org/Calendar.htm>

Outdoors for All Day Camp – Seattle and Issaquah

Outdoors for All Day Camps provide an active camp environment for children with and without disabilities ages 5 – 21. The camp strives to build each camper's social development, self-confidence and motor skills by accommodating the needs of each camper. The camps are designed to provide a welcoming, fun and nurturing environment; activities are structured as "challenge by choice", allowing for a wide variety of abilities, fitness and fun!

Website: <http://www.outdoorsforall.org/DayCamps.html>

Program Director, Molly Harrigan. Email: MollyHarrigan@outdoorsforall.org

Phone: (206) 838-6030

Brochure: http://www.outdoorsforall.org/documents/Brochures/DayCampSummerReg2012_web.pdf

Link to Schedule:

http://www.outdoorsforall.org/documents/Brochures/DayCampSummerReg2012_web.pdf

UW Autism Center Summer Day Camp – Seattle

The University of Washington Autism Center Summer Day Camp is designed for 6-12 year olds with Aspergers disorder and related disabilities. Campers have the opportunity to develop friendships and learn important social interaction skills. The camp will provide fun activities and field trips around the Seattle area including hiking, bowling, and swimming.

Website and Schedule: <http://depts.washington.edu/uwautism/clinical-services/Summer-Camp.html>

Camp Director, Julie George. Email: jageorge@uw.edu

Phone: (206) 221-5235

The Center for Children with Special Needs and the Washington State Department of Health has also created a Summer Camp Directory which provides information on many other summer programs for children with special needs. The directory can be found [here](#).

Sports and Outdoor Activities

Blue Compass Camps:

Blue Compass' mission is to provide opportunities for children and adolescents to grow socially and emotionally through motivating peer-group adventure experiences. Blue Compass is a collection of summer camps based out of Seattle, Washington for kids and teens ages 7-18 with Aspergers, High-Functioning Autism, and ADHD who can benefit from outdoor adventures focused on building social and self confidence.

Website: www.bluecompasscamps.com

Admissions Email: cpotter@bluecompasscamps.com

Phone: (866) 683-6262

C.A.S.T for Kids Foundation

C.A.S.T. "Catch a Special Thrill" for Kids Foundation is a public charity that was formed in 1991 to join volunteers who love to fish with disabled and disadvantaged children for a day of fishing in the outdoors.

Website: www.castforkids.org/index.aspx

Phone: (425) 251-3202

NORTHWESTREK Wildlife Park

The entire park is ADA accessible and wheelchairs can be secured to Trams for park tours.

Website: <http://www.nwtrek.org/>

Phone: (360) 832-6117

Outdoors for All Foundation:

The Outdoors for All Foundation's mission is to enrich the quality of life for children and adults with disabilities through outdoor recreation. The foundation is a national leader and one of the largest nonprofit organizations providing year round instruction in outdoor recreation for people with physical, developmental, and sensory disabilities since 1978.

Website: www.outdoorsforall.org/index.html

Email: info@outdoorsforall.org

Phone: (206) 838-6030 x200 Program Hotline: (206) 838-4995

Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International

More than 6,500 PATH Intl. members help more than 42,000 children and adults with physical, mental and emotional challenges find strength and independence through the power of the horse each year. More recently, programs offer services in human growth and development to serve wide-ranging audiences for such educational purposes as leadership training, team building and other human capacity enhancement skills for the workplace and for daily use.

Website: www.pathintl.org

Sites in the 8th District include Auburn and Graham

Auburn Website: www.campberachah.org Auburn Email: lstrappello@campberachah.org

Graham Website: www.changingrein.com Graham Email: sandra@changingrein.com

Graham Phone: (253) 820-3289

Sailing Heritage Society

The Sailing Heritage Society provides therapeutic sails for children and their families to help ease the physical and emotional burden of cancer and other serious illnesses. The society builds self-confidence and skills development by engaging at-risk and marginalized youth through our Challenge Sails program, leading to improved self-esteem and resiliency. The Sailing Heritage Society welcomes people with a wide range of emotional, mental or physical challenges on sailing trips.

Website: www.sailingheritage.org/index.html

Email: membership@sailingheritage.org

Phone: (206) 381-6919

Seattle Adaptive Sports

Adaptive Sports is dedicated to the promotion and well being of physically challenged individuals, by giving them the opportunity to participate and compete in athletic and recreational activities, including basketball and track. Participants benefit from the physical activity and social opportunities offered by the organization, improving self-esteem and physical well being, as well as independence.

Website: www.seattleadaptivesports.org

Email: info@seattleadaptivesports.org

Phone: (206) 726-3984

Seattle Pools:

Many Seattle Public Pools are ADA accessible and equipped to accommodate individuals with special needs. *Seattle Indoor Pools:* Ballard Pool, Queen Anne Pool, Meadowbrook Pool, Medgar Evers Pool, Southwest Pool, Evans Pool, Madison Pool

Seattle Outdoor Pools: Colman Pool

Website: <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/pools.asp>

Special Olympics Washington

Special Olympics Washington provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

Website: www.specialolympicswashington.org

Email: info@sowa.org

Phone: (206) 362-4949 Fax: (206) 361-8158

Washington Youth Soccer TOPSoccer Program

The Outreach Program for Soccer (TOPSoccer) is a program for players 4 years of age and older who have developmental and/or physical disabilities. TOPSoccer creates an opportunity for kids with disabilities to be part of the soccer community, where they grow emotionally and physically and where their families, coaches and buddies connect to share in the joy of playing soccer. TOPSoccer operates state-wide and hosts multiple events within the district.

Website: <http://www.washingtonyouthsoccer.org/programs/topsoccer/>

Outreach Coordinator, Heather Turney. Email: heather@WashingtonYouthSoccer.org

Phone: (253) 944-1609

Seattle Attractions

Experience Music Project (EMP)

- Caregivers free
- Hearing/Visual disability discount rates
- No set policy, but case by case discounts

Pacific Science Center

- Caregivers free
- All general exhibits are wheelchair accessible
- Both Pacific Science Center theaters are wheelchair accessible

Seattle Aquarium

- Disabled adults receive \$2 off admission
- Caregivers free

Seattle Children's Museum

- All exhibits wheelchair accessible
- If child has medical coupon, admission is free
- Opens early the first Saturday of every month and invites kids with autism and their families in for a \$3 admission fee

The Museum of Flight

- ADA compliant exhibits

Woodland Park Zoo

- All disabled people receive \$2 off admission
- Caregivers free
- Free disabled parking with visible pass

**Cinemas offering select G & PG movies for \$1 on
Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10AM.**

Auburn:

- Auburn Stadium 17
June 26-August 29

Bellevue:

- Crossroads Stadium 8
June 26-August 22

Everett:

- Everett Stadium 16 & PRX
June 26-August 22

Lynnwood:

- Alderwood Stadium 7 & PRX
June 26-August 22

Redmond:

- The Landing Stadium 14 & PRX
June 26-August 22

Seattle:

- Thornton Place Stadium 14 & IMAX
June 26-August 22

Movie listings and other participating theaters can be found at:

<http://www.regmovies.com/summermovieexpress/default.aspx>

ADA Accessible Parks

Auburn:

- Les Grove Park

Bellevue:

- Ashwood Playfield
- Bovee Park
- Chism Beach Park
- Crossroads Park
- Enatai Community Park
- Goddard Mini Park
- Goldsmith Neighborhood Park
- Hidden Valley Sports
- Hillaire Park
- Lake Hills Community Park (Boat Park)
- Lattawood Park
- McCormick Park
- Meydenbauer Beach Park
- Sixth Street Park
- Spiritridge Park
- Sunset Park
- Wildwood Park

Issaquah:

- Around the Lake Trail
- Bus Trail

Mercer Island:

- Homestead Park
- Island Crest Park
- Luther Burbank Park
- Mercerdale Park
- Pioneer Park
- South Mercer Playfields

Renton:

- Cedar River Park
- Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park
- Liberty Park
- Philip Arnold Park
- Riverview Park
- Thomas Teasdale Park

Sammamish:

- Beaver Lake Park
- Ebright Creek Park
- East Sammamish Park
- Eastlake Community Fields
- NE Sammamish Park
- Pine Lake Park
- Sammamish Park Roller Commons
- Skyline Community Fields

Snoqualmie:

- Autumn Park
- Azalea Park
- Borden Park
- Bybee Park
- Carmichael Park
- Cascade Park
- Centennial Park
- Chanticleer Park
- Cottonwood Park
- Crestview Park
- Curtis Park
- Denny Peak Park
- Dogwood Park
- Eagle Park
- Fisher Creek Park
- Hoff Park
- Ironwood Park
- Kinsey Park
- Koinonia Park
- Muir Park
- Railroad Community Park
- Raven Park
- Riverview Park
- Rotary Park
- Sandy Cove Park
- Silent Creek Park
- Snoqualmie Community Park
- Snoqualmie Point Park
- Stellar Park
- Swenson Park
- Thompson Park
- Three Forks Natural Area
- Whitaker Park
- Woody Creek Park
- Volunteer Park
- Westcrest Park
- View Ridge Playfield

Seattle:

- Ballard Community Center
- Bitterlake Playfield
- Cal Anderson Park
- Colman Playground
- Denny Park
- Ercolini Park
- Green Lake Park
- Genesee Playfield
- Golden Gates Park
- Littlebrook Park
- Maple Wood Playfield
- Magnolia Community Center
- Meadowbrook Community Center
- Powell Barnett Park
- Pratt Park
- Roxhill Playground

- Ravenna Park
- Riverview Playfield
- Rainier Community Center
- Rainier Valley Park (The Seattle Children's PlayGarden)
- Soundview Playfield
- Van Asselt Community Center

Washington State Parks:

- 15 Mile Creek Educational Site
- Asahel Curtis Picnic Area
- Denny Creek Campground
- Issaquah Hatchery
- Mt. Si Trailhead
- Soos Creek Hatchery
- Tiger Summit Trailhead

Additional ADA Accessibility information for Washington State Parks can be found at:
<http://www.parks.wa.gov/ada-rec/detail.aspx?regionNbr=4#33>