

## Summer Camps 2024

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### Anderson Woods Inc.

<http://www.andersonwoods.org/>

Nestled along its namesake, the Anderson River in rural Southern Indiana, Anderson Woods was founded in 1978, and is a private, not-for-profit corporation chartered to provide summer camp experiences, as well as other services, for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

Located in Bristow, IN 47515

For more information, call (812) 639-1079 or email [andersonwoods@psci.net](mailto:andersonwoods@psci.net)

### Assumption Summer Camps

This year, Assumption is offering over 40 fun-filled enrichment and athletic sessions to all K – 9 students. Our goal is for each camper to have an exciting, safe summer, and build new friendships. [Register today](#), and come see what it's like to be a Rocket! Space is limited. Please email [lauren.lega@ahsrockets.org](mailto:lauren.lega@ahsrockets.org) or call 502-271-2675 for questions.

### Blackacre Conservancy Summer Camp (Ages 5-12)

<https://visitblackacre.org/camps/>

Week-long day camps are wildly fun! They include hikes, crafts, games and animal activities. Campers have so much fun that they don't realize they are learning a thing or two! What do you get when you combine Science, Technology, Engineering, Math and the Arts with nature and a historic farm? A week filled with fun, adventure and discovery! Blackacre Summer Camp. See their calendar here for summer 2024 events.

\*Campers must be potty-trained and meet age requirements at the time of the first session.

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## Brighter Hope Center

Activities that improve daily living skills, group and play therapy, therapeutic recreational outdoor activities, educational activities, language and communication skill building, skill building in community setting.

<http://www.brighterhopeaba.com/>

## Broadway Clay

[https://broadwayclaypay.square.site/product/summer-clay-camps/405?cp=true&sa=false&sbp=false&q=false&category\\_id=11](https://broadwayclaypay.square.site/product/summer-clay-camps/405?cp=true&sa=false&sbp=false&q=false&category_id=11)

Broadway Clay offers week long clay camps in a professional studio environment. Through exploration, students become independent learners who aren't afraid to freely create and make messy mistakes! Our qualified instructors teach skills that allow students to develop artwork worthy for a portfolio.

## Camp HiHo

[www.CampHiho.com](http://www.CampHiho.com)

The activities at Camp Hi-Ho are what separates this day camp from the others. Children can fish, swim, get Blob'd sky-high, jump on our water trampolines, play on the 20-foot water woosh, tie-dye a tee shirt and make crafts, fly down our 100-foot slip n' slide, ride in a canoe, kayak or paddle boat, shoot archery at our static range or go check out our brand new 3D range, play basketball and dodgeball on our Sport Court, or play Gaga in our new Gaga pit, pet puppies and kittens in the Pet Barn (and adopt one too!), explore our double-decker tree forts, go down our zip line, rope swing, tire swing, or just chill out in Hammock City where we have 20 hammocks strung up among the trees!

<https://camphiho.com/camp-registration/>

\*This camp currently has a waitlist

## Camp J (Jewish Community Center) - Yachad – Our Inclusion Program

<https://jewishlouisville.org/the-j/camp/summer-camp/yachad-program/>

- Generally, any child with an Individualized Education Plan, 504 Plan, Functional Behavior Assessment, Behavior Intervention Plan, or Student Accommodation Plan could be considered to be part of the program.
- Campers who might be a good fit include those who:
  - Are partially or fully mainstreamed in school and need social or sensory support
  - Are in self-contained classrooms, and who might have limited verbal skills or use a communication device, but do not have behavior challenges or personal care needs
  - Enjoy being in groups (~15 campers) of new friends for much of the day, but who may need some breaks from the group as well
  - Do well with multiple transitions each day and some level of unpredictability
  - Have physical disabilities who need a wheelchair-accessible building and pool with ramp or beach entry
- Campers must be able to eat and toilet independently. Staff can assist with opening food items/packages and can prompt with toileting procedures but cannot feed or wipe campers.

## Camp TESSA

<https://sites.google.com/view/camp-tessa-hardin-county>

Teaching Effective Social Skills to individuals with Autism

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Our mission is "To teach effective social skills to children and adults with Autism by fostering positive relationships with positive peer role models."

Camp TESSA pairs children and adults who have Autism with their similar-age peers to participate in social skill building activities, daily living skills, community based instruction, and post-secondary transition. Certified Special Education and General Education Teachers lead the camp activities and provide supports to all campers and peer buddies. Camp TESSA KY serves students with Autism Spectrum Disorders and utilizes peer buddies from Hardin, Larue, Hart and Nelson Counties. Use the navigation bar on the left to learn more about Camp TESSA!

### **Cedar Ridge Summer Camp**

[www.Cedarridgecamp.com](http://www.Cedarridgecamp.com)

4010 Old Routt Road

Louisville, KY

(502) 267-5848 ext. 386

### **Central Creativity**

<https://centralcreativity.com/>

### **Chatterbox**

6317 Hwy 329

Crestwood, KY 40014

(502) 384-0910

<https://chatterboxky.com/groups-and-camps/>

Play group (age 2), literacy, social skills, feeding group, handwriting camp

### **The Center for Courageous Kids – Very Special Camps (Ages 7-15)**

<https://www.verspecialcamps.com/summer-camps/The-Center-for-Courageous-Kids-2159.html>

The Center for Courageous Kids has 20 family retreat weekends during the spring and fall for campers between 3 and 17 and their entire family and 9 weeks of traditional summer camp for children between 7 and 15. Each weekend and week of summer camp is illness-specific. The Center for Courageous Kids will never charge a camper or family to attend. We function solely by donations.

### **Commonwealth Theatre Center (Ages 3-18)**

<https://www.commonwealththeatre.org/summer/>

Summer Programs for ages 3-18

Every year, our Summer camps, workshops, and performance opportunities for kids delight, enchant, and challenge young people ages 3-18 with a wide range of offerings. Our youngest students can participate in fun Art and Imagination-based camps that teach the fundamentals of creative expression, teamwork, and even the creation or performance of a short play! The Summer Academy is a perennial favorite for 8-13 year olds, with kids working on a hilarious one-hour play that they perform at the end of each 3-week session. Middle and high school ages can enroll in challenging Skill-Building Workshops that focus on anything from Shakespeare to Acting to Dramatic Writing, and more.

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### Derby Dinner Playhouse

<https://derbydinner.com/classes/>

It is our mission to offer theatre camp to everyone, regardless of experience or skill level. Our teachers will do their very best to tailor the training to the individual.

### DeSales High School Summer Camp

Experience DeSales by signing up for our annual Colts Summer Camps! Learn new skills, meet the community, win prizes, and compete and learn in our state-of-the-art facilities. Students of all skill levels welcome! Please note that all camps will follow CDC & DeSales Healthy at School Guidelines. For general camp inquiries, please contact [Admissions@DeSalesHS.com](mailto:Admissions@DeSalesHS.com)

DeSalesHighSchool.com

### Design the Future (Grades 9-12)

<https://www.youdesignthefuture.com/>

Design the Future: Digital is the next iteration of this program, offering students from all over the world the chance to participate from their own homes. In this two-week remote program, students design and launch real apps that improve the quality of life for individuals with disabilities, all without writing code.

### Dreams with Wings (Ages 8-21)

<https://www.dreamswithwings.org/services>

Dreams with Wings offers two summer camp programs for youth ages 8-21 diagnosed on the autism spectrum (Dreams in Motion) and Down Syndrome. These eight week camps run June-July and can be paid via the Michelle P Wavier or private pay. Both camps offer a summer of fun, physical activity, and learning!

### Elite Academy of Dance and Performing Arts

Ages 18 months to young adults

Register for Classes

(502) 425– 6700

1701 Ups Dr., Louisville, KY

[www.eliteacademyofdanceandperformingarts.com](http://www.eliteacademyofdanceandperformingarts.com)

### FEAT of Louisville – Get Your FEAT Wet- Swimming Program for Kids with Special Needs

This program has been specifically designed with your child in mind. Not only are all of our staff trained and experienced in working with children who have special needs, we also have a certified lifeguard on deck and a behavioral therapist in the water to make sure that your child will get the most out of every lesson. We partner with FEAT of Louisville for this program. These are one of a kind swimming lessons for children with special needs.

<https://allaboutkids.cc/special-needs-swim-lessons/>

### Frazier Kentucky History Museum

<https://www.fraziermuseum.org/camps>

### Irish Dance Summer Camps

Wee Ones: Children ages 4-5 who have never had any Irish dance experience

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Jigging Juniors: Children ages 6-10 who have never had any Irish dance experience or have just finished their first year of Irish dance.

<https://www.mcclanahanirishdance.com/summer-camp>

(502) 494-1246

### J.B. Speed School summer camps (Grades 3-8)

<https://engineering.louisville.edu/experiencespeedschool/outreachprograms/>

Camp registration information will be available on their website.

### Jewish Community Center Summer Camps

<https://jewishlouisville.org/the-j/camp/summer-camp/>

Summer Camp is a transformative experience that your camper(s) will remember for the rest of their lives. Every camper will discover, grow and learn within the supportive and safe environment that Camp J provides. We offer two types of summer camp experiences:

- 1) [Traditional Summer Camps](#) include a variety of specialty areas including sports, art, science, music, drama and much more.
- 2) [Specialty Camps](#) that include Snapology, Cooking, Sports, Arts, and STEM camps.

**Discover all our great summer camps:**

[ELC Summer Camp | 2- 5 years old](#)

[Keff | K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade](#)

[Trek | 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade](#)

[Young Leaders | 6th – 8th Grade](#)

[Specialty Camps | K – 10th Grade](#)

[Yachad-Inclusion Program for children with special needs](#)

### Job Opportunities from Summer Works

<https://www.summerworks.org/>

Please reach out to Natalie Reteneller if you have questions.

Natalie Reteneller

Operations Manager

[natalie.reteneller@summerworks.org](mailto:natalie.reteneller@summerworks.org)

(502) 574-4183

### Kentucky Dance Academy

<https://kydanceacademy.com/>

Frankfort, KY

Special Needs dance class for children and young adults with autism. The Special Needs class also includes students with a variety of other disabilities.

Students are always welcome to come try out a class for free. The directors email is [Amanda@kydanceacademy.com](mailto:Amanda@kydanceacademy.com) and her phone # is 502-226-0798 if you have questions.

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### Kentucky Gymnastics Academy (Ages 4-13)

[www.KGAGYM.com](http://www.KGAGYM.com)

### Kentucky Museum of Arts and Crafts

KMAC Art Camps offer young artists the opportunity to explore art techniques and different materials with art educators and professional artists (Not autism-specific). If you've participated in KMAC Summer Art Camps in the past, you might notice that some things are different this year! KMAC is working to ensure that our camps are safe, fun, and full of creativity for all our students and staff. Choose from Camp at Home Boxes, In-Person Camps, and Teen Workshops!

Camp at home boxes

In-person camp- starting June; (ages 7-11)

Teen workshops –(middle and high school students)

<https://www.kmacmuseum.org/summer-camps>

### Kentucky Historical Society

<https://history.ky.gov/khs-for-me/youth-family-programs>

Make, play, and investigate your way through history at our signature week-long program for ages 6-12.

Participants explore KHS exhibits, meet special guest speakers, collaborate with new friends, create art inspired by history, and engage in hands-on games and activities. With small class sizes, quality supplies, and top-notch teachers, campers will have a great time learning about Kentucky history.

### Kentucky Science Center

<https://kysciencecenter.org/camps/>

Looking for fun ways to Do Science? You're in the right place. From free PlayDates for kids under four, to forums for adults who like to geek out (and everything in-between) Kentucky Science Center programs aim to make science learning personal, fun, participatory, and relevant, for everyone.

727 W Main Street

Louisville, KY 40202

(502) 561-6100

### KY Shakespeare Camp (Ages 4-18)

<https://kyshakespeare.com/programs/camp/>

Camp Shakespeare fosters an appreciation for the words and works of William Shakespeare by providing opportunities for children and young adults aged 4 – 18 to explore the theatre arts through imaginative play, visual arts, movement, storytelling, design, text analysis, and more! Our Philosophy is to immerse students in Shakespeare's words and ideas, providing guidance and encouragement. Kentucky Shakespeare hopes that this unique camp experience will promote confidence, open up a new world of interests to your child and nurture a lifelong desire of learning.

Hannah Pruitt, Education Programs Manager

(502) 574-9900

[hannah@kyshakespeare.com](mailto:hannah@kyshakespeare.com)

### Little Loom House Summer Camp (Ages 6-13)

[www.littleloomhouse.org](http://www.littleloomhouse.org)

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### Louisville Public Library

Free events at the Louisville Public Library

<https://www.lfpl.org/events>

### Louisville Visual Arts

Variety of visual arts activities

<https://www.louisvillevisualart.org/camps-workshops>

### Mercy Academy Summer Camps

What are you doing this summer? We would love for you to join us for some of our incredible summer camps. We offer a wide variety. From our On the Stage theatre camp or Discovering STEM to our Field Hockey and Volleyball camps -- there really is something for everyone! Space is limited so SIGN UP NOW. Visit our website at <https://www.mercyacademy.com/admissions/summer-camps> to see our camp listings and to register online.

### NeedyMeds

NeedyMeds is a national non-profit organization that maintains a website of free information on programs that help people who can't afford medications and healthcare costs. Their directory of retreats, camps & recreational programs located in Kentucky is available for free online.

The directory can be found here: [https://www.needymeds.org/camps/list\\_aos\\_camps/KY/State](https://www.needymeds.org/camps/list_aos_camps/KY/State)

### The Passionist Earth and Spirit Center Camp Odyssey

Called "the coolest summer camp in Louisville," Camp Odyssey immerses children entering grades 1-6 in the three main aspects of the Earth & Spirit Center mission: spiritual practice, compassion for others, and connection to the Earth. As they explore the woodlands and meadows of our 27-acre nature sanctuary, work and play with our artists, garden and environmental educators, chefs, yoga and meditation instructors, and musicians, kids come to understand how ecosystems work, where their food comes from, and how to be more mindful and compassionate toward themselves, others, and their surroundings. There's plenty of time for yoga, meditation, games, laughter, creative projects, singing, and eating super-healthy snacks whipped up from our organic gardens. Camp Odyssey also invites local folk singer John Gage to provide an unforgettable experience for your kids or grandkids.

More Information and Registration <https://www.earthandspiritcenter.org/class/the-big-adventure/>

### The Parklands of Floyds Fork (Grades K-6)

[https://theparklands.org/search/?fwpp\\_search\\_field=summer+camp](https://theparklands.org/search/?fwpp_search_field=summer+camp)

All our programs balance in-classroom learning with hands-on outdoor explorations, so kids can be kids. Depending on the season, activities include hiking, fishing, games, archery, canoeing, and creek walking. Campers must bring a snack, a bottle of water, and their own sack lunch each day. Parklands Members receive a discounted camp price.

### Sacred Hearts Summer Camps

<https://www.shslou.org/apps/pages/summer-programs>



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### St. Francis Schools Summer in the Country Day Camp (Grades PreK-8)

<https://www.stfrancisschool.org/summer-camp/>

"Camp Curious" at St. Francis

Experience 64 acres of summer fun in Goshen during St. Francis School's "Camp Curious" full and half-day camps. Open to ages Preschool through 8th grade, campers will explore, learn, and develop through small camp sizes and expert teachers, all in a safe and exciting environment. We focus on outdoor adventures including nature walks, a natural playground, garden time, and visits with our farm animals, among others! Thinking about making the switch to St. Francis School? "Camp Curious" at St. Francis is a wonderful way to experience our School and see if St. Francis is right for you and your child!

### StageOne Summer Dramaworks Camp

**CONTACT US -PHONE:** 502-498-2436

**EMAIL:** [stageone@stageone.org](mailto:stageone@stageone.org)

**ON-SITE**

315 W. Market Street, Suite 2S  
Louisville, KY 40202

### Summerbridge

<https://summerbridgelouisville.org/>

The primary purpose of Summerbridge Louisville is to prepare and support talented, under-resourced middle school students for greater academic success. We are a free, 6-week, full day academic enrichment program with the morning session focused on the basics: Math, Language Arts, Science and Critical Thinking Skills. We place the students in small classrooms (5-8) so that more attention can be given to their progress. The afternoon session will include a variety of programming: dance, drama, chess, cooking, as well as collaborations with Peace Education, Young Authors Greenhouse, the Food Literacy Project, and more! Our goal is to keep them engaged the entire day! Classes are taught by college student teachers with an emphasis on small classroom learning which provides a unique learning environment; our teachers also become role models and mentors. We typically serve 50 students each summer. We prefer that students come for two summers if possible.

Questions? Contact: Kate Lindsay [katelindsay@summerbridgelouisville.org](mailto:katelindsay@summerbridgelouisville.org) (502) 767-6663

### The Kidz Club For Children with Special Healthcare Needs

Who qualifies for TKC camp services:

A child, birth to under 21 years of age, with a medical complexity that requires ongoing nursing care or monitoring.

Daily nursing care and assessments

Monday –Friday 6am-6pm

Field Trips and Special Guests, Arts, Crafts, and Activities Outdoor and Water Activities, Theme Days + MORE  
888-902-KIDZ

To see if your child qualifies visit: [www.TheKidzClub.com](http://www.TheKidzClub.com)

Admissions process can take up to two weeks

Locations in Bowling Green, Louisville, Erlanger, and Lexington

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### University of Louisville – Human Development Institute

The University of Kentucky Human Development Institute welcomes all Kentucky high school upperclassmen (rising sophomores & juniors and current seniors) with disabilities to apply for the 2024 Summer Leadership Experience Camp. Priority is given to applicants with articulated plans to continue their education post high school leading to a career. The camp is offered both in-person (on the UK campus) and virtually. There is an on-line application. Please see the attached flyer for additional information.

This camp is sponsored by the KY Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, thus, in person applicants should be current clients at OVR and have an assigned counselor and an individual plan for employment (IPE) in place. The camp will be held July 16-20, 2024. The camp will include a 4-night stay in a residence hall and multiple days of interactive and interesting sessions about college and career planning. Topics include exploring post-secondary educational opportunities, financing college, navigating admissions, important resources & services, and developing skill sets needed for success. All meals, snacks, and beverages are included. The registration deadline for in-person campers AND virtual participants is April 30, 2024. There is NO cost to attend the in-person camp, but there is a camp registration fee of \$50. There is no cost and no registration fee to apply as a virtual camper or participant.

For more information, call 859-257-1714 or email Teresa Belluscio at [Teresa.Belluscio@uky.edu](mailto:Teresa.Belluscio@uky.edu)

### Wildwood Music Therapy

2375 Professional Heights Dr. Ste 134C  
Lexington, KY 40503  
859-212-3260

Click links to see flyers with additional details.

[Music Summer Camps for Teens and Adults](#)

[Music Summer Camps for Kids and Teens](#)

### YMCA

Registration for all camps: <https://www.ymcalouisville.org/program-registration.html>

Sensory Friendly begins April 30<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm-6pm at Southeast Family YMCA

### Other

**Kentucky Association for Gifted Education** <https://kagegifted.org/2023-summer-camps/>

(Fine Arts, STEM, Leadership)

**Kentucky State Parks** <https://parks.ky.gov/louisville/events/events/summer-camps> (Nature, Hiking, Archery, Geocaching)

### Kentucky Department of Education:

- [Summer Food Service Program](#)
- [Summer Support: School and Public Libraries](#)
- [Summer Support: Literacy Resources](#)
- [Summer Support: Mathematics Resources](#)

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- [Summer Support: Virtual Read Aloud Series](#)
- [Summer Support: Information and Printables for Parents and Caregivers](#)
- [Kentucky Association for Gifted Education: Gifted and Talented resources](#)

**Louisville Summer Camps:** <http://www.louisvillesummercamps.org/> Arts, Sports, Academics, Specialty areas

**Louisville Family Fun:** <https://louisvillefamilyfun.net/summer-camps>

**Louisville Magazine:** <https://louisvillefamilyfun.net/summer-camps/day-camps-in-louisville>

**LexFun4Kids:** <https://lexfun4kids.com/summer-camp-guide/>

**Lexington Parks Camps:** <https://www.lexingtonky.gov/how-to-register-for-camps>

**Lexington (University of Kentucky):** <https://hr.uky.edu/work-life-and-well-being/working-parents/summer-camps-directory-print> (Nature, Leadership, Aviation)

### Western Kentucky University

- **The Summer Camp for Academically Talented Middle School Students:** A two-week camp held in June, SCATS offers high-ability students who have completed grades 6–8 a unique learning environment to explore new ideas, develop concepts, make friends, and share experiences. Students arrive at the WKU campus from counties around Kentucky, states across the nation, and countries around the world to challenge themselves academically and to meet like-minded peers with diverse backgrounds and interests.  
<https://www.wku.edu/gifted/scats/>
- **The Summer Program for Verbally and Mathematically Precocious Youth:** <https://www.wku.edu/gifted/scats/>  
<https://www.wku.edu/gifted/vampy/>
- **The Center for Gifted Studies' Camp Explore:** is a one-week day camp designed for students with advanced ability and high interest who were in grades one, two or three during the previous school year.  
<https://www.wku.edu/gifted/explore/>
- **Camp Innovate:** is a one-week day camp designed for students with advanced ability and high interest who were in grades three, four, or five during the previous school year. Registration is limited to 50 children. Make sure to join our Monthly Update email list to keep up with all future happenings at The Center.  
<https://www.wku.edu/gifted/innovate/index.php>