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# “Special Kids” Camp Expo

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# VENDORS

## Acting Antics

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Acting Antics is a non-profit educational theater program that offers a variety of programs to individuals with learning and social differences. Actors include those with Autism, Asperger's Syndrome, as well as those with learning and/or developmental differences. The program uses music and acting techniques to teach individuals social skills and understanding, build self-esteem and provide a recreational outlet and leisure activity. The program consists of multi-faceted workshops designed to teach learners of a variety of ages and levels through the dramatic arts.

## Acting without Boundaries

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Acting Without Boundaries (AWB) & AWB, Jr. are unique year-round theatre programs that provide an open forum for the creative and artistic expression of children, teenagers and young adults with physical disabilities (ages 4-12). More specifically, we look for aspiring actors ages 4 to 10 for AWB Jr., and ages 11-up for AWB. No prior acting experience is required, but just an ability to memorize lines along with enthusiasm and an interest in theater.

## Art of Friendship Social Skills Camp

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This "camp" offers intensive social skills training and practice for children 6-19 years old. Each day camper experiences: a) developmentally appropriate art and music therapy groups; b) an unstructured play period (teens practice "hanging out") with therapists coaching; c) instruction of a new social/coping skill; d) structure, success, fun!

## Burn Brae Day Camp of Creative Arts

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Burn Brae Day Camp of Creative Arts, in its 29th year, is a non-competitive, nurturing, small, cozy environment where boys and girls ages 3 to 14 can build self esteem, have fun and explore the creative, performing and visual arts. We offer non-competitive sports and Red Cross swim instruction. Our staff is made up of certified teachers and includes two full-time psychologists. Beautiful 6 acre setting, air conditioned facilities, door to door transportation to many areas.

## **Camp 24**

### **Creative Arts Camp**

(The Center on Central)

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Camp 24 is YOUR summer Home for Creative Arts for students who learn differently. We are offering Pre-ESY and Post-ESY camps as well as intensive social skills ESY programming. We offer art, pottery, music, dance/movement and yoga with staff therapists along with daily social learning curriculum lessons.

## **Camp Atlantic**

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Camp Atlantic, located in Bethany Beach, DE, offers older teenagers and young adults a safe and fun vacation at the beach with peers. Campers reside in beach houses with counselors who are college students or recent college graduates. Activities include day trips, house parties, water park outings and time at the beach and boardwalk.

## **Camp Dunnabeck at Kildonan**

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Established for intelligent children struggling in school because of dyslexia, campers receive daily one-to-one Orton-Gillingham tutoring, a proven approach to improve reading, spelling and writing. The informal atmosphere and recreational activities enable students to work hard without feeling deprived of summer. Students return to school to find success, some for the first time.

## **Camp Friendship**

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Camp Friendship is a unique full day summer therapeutic program geared toward the child (ages 8-14 years) who has difficulty making & keeping friends. Situated on 55 acres of beautiful & secure grounds in Doylestown, PA, we provide your child with a fun & positive experience as they are learning the skills necessary to become more confident and successful. Facilitated by professionals, campers participate in activities to build social language skills, learn relaxation techniques to combat stress and problem-solving techniques. Our camp also offers a full range of summer fun that includes swimming, music, arts & crafts, sports and nature. We offer children an opportunity to learn in small groups with a child staff ratio of 2:1. Parents can also participate in our weekly Parent Coaching Program to reinforce their child's newly acquired skills.

## Camp Geronimo at Spring Brook Farm

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www.springbrook-farm.org

A camper's day begins with a hayride from the parking area to the big red barn. Campers help in caring for the many farm animals by feeding, filling water buckets, grooming miniature horses, milking a cow, walking a sheep, or brushing an angora bunny. Crafts, music, story telling, photography and surprise visitors all follow an animal theme. One-on-one child to counselor ratio.

## Camp Joy

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Camp for children age 6 through adults with developmental disabilities. We offer swimming, pony rides, music, dances, arts/crafts, drama, and lots of other fun stuff! Facilities have easy wheelchair access. Summer: day and overnight programs; field trips during the Adventure Camp weeks. Weekend Getaways in the fall, late winter/early spring.

## Camp Lee Mar

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A private residential special needs camp for children and young adults with mild to moderate developmental challenges. Campers enjoy traditional camp activities PLUS academics, speech therapy, music & art therapy, daily living skills, horseback riding, overnight trips and much more. **Heated pool, modern facilities and air-conditioned buildings (including bunks).**

## Dragonfly Forest

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Our autism camp program is so much fun! We do all the classic summer camp activities (swimming, archery, boating, ropes course and more), and we structure those activities so they are accessible for campers with autism. We have both day camp and overnight camp options at our beautiful facility.

## **Expressions Day Camp**

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www.campconcepts.org

Expressions is a summer day camp that focuses on social skills and is specifically designed for children who have High Functioning Autism. Expressions provides multiple opportunities where your child can practice and implement prosocial skills throughout the day in a natural setting.

## **Hill Top Summer Camp and Travel**

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Hill Top Summer Camp & Travel Adventures is a traditional day camp and travel program for campers entering grades 2nd through 12th who may have one or more of the following diagnoses: ADD/ADHD, NVLD, high-functioning Asperger's Syndrome and social skill needs.

## **Hope Springs Equestrian Therapy**

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Hope Springs Equestrian Therapy camp is centered around the horse, riding, its care and how the horse has benefited people in history. A theme is chosen and time is divided between the classroom and barn showing how the horse unites us. Our staff is knowledgeable, dedicated and makes the week a learning experience.

## **New Jersey Camp Jaycee**

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Located in the Pocono Mountains in Effort, Camp Jaycee provides a safe environment where campers are encouraged to grow, share, learn, develop and build memories that will last a lifetime. A caring and dedicated staff of counselors and professionals serves approximately 500 special campers with a broad range of developmental disabilities. We offer a wide variety of activities and programs catered specifically to their needs.

## The Pathway School

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The Pathway School's comprehensive ESY program offers a structured setting to strengthen social, communication and functional skills while focusing on affective and academic goals. Several options are available to include therapeutic activities, drama, and social/community activities. New opportunities consist of Literacy Academy, Bridge to College and Extended Day programming.

## Sebastian Riding Association

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Therapeutic and educational horseback riding program for children and adults with mental, physical and emotional disabilities.

## Social Skills Groups At S.P.A.R.C.

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SPARC@wcupa.edu  
www.wcupa.edu/SPARC

Social skills groups meet for one hour, one to two times per week. Individualized social goals are based on IEP and parent questionnaire. Skills are specifically taught then generalized to a small group setting. All groups are supervised by a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. Fee includes parent consultation and written summary.

## Summer Matters

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- *Summer at Crossroads* - A five-week academic program for children in K through 6th grade that gives parents the flexibility to choose among three levels of academic programming their child needs or to build a full-day program of academics and recreation.
- *Summer L.I.F.E.* - An experiential learning program offered to youth, ages 6-21, that provides a varied cross-section of "real world" experiences allowing participants to generalize academics, social and behavioral skills across a variety of settings. This program is for youth with and without special needs.
- *ESY at The Vanguard School* - Six-week ESY program designed to maintain skills and reduce regression. For Vanguard School students and students in neighboring districts ages 6-21 who qualify for ESY.

## Summit Camp & Travel

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Summit Camp is a summer sleepaway camp for boys and girls, ages 8-17, with issues of attention. These may include Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD and/or ADHD), Asperger's syndrome, awkward social skills, verbal or non-verbal learning disabilities (NVLD), and/or mild social or emotional concerns. Some of our campers may also have Tourette's syndrome, O.C.D., and/or mild mood issues. Summit Travel works with teens, ages 15-19, who have similar issues. The Weekender program offers school year week-ends designed to foster peer relationships and enhance social skills.

## Teamwork Wins, Ltd

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Teamwork Wins Ltd. teaches children effective, lifelong skills to interact with others and to become free thinking and self-directed individuals. Teamwork Wins Ltd. unites parents, schools, pediatricians, athletic coaches, and our community, focusing on meeting the needs of children with Invisible Challenges. Adults are taught how to work and/or interact with these children, with more compassion and understanding, while allowing the children to be who they are.

## Tempo! Music Therapy

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Discover music programs that enrich lives! After 8 years in business and collective experience of over 70 years, Tempo! Music Therapy has earned the reputation of being a leader in music therapy. New music therapy groups, a community chorus, and additional services for young adults starting this spring! New summer creative arts therapy camps to begin in June! Locations in West Chester, Lionville and King of Prussia.

## Tutor Doctor

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Our programs provide affordable "One-on-One" tutoring in your home, offering much better value and results than other learning centers that generally offer a "One-to-Four" teacher-student ratio. Your child shouldn't have to wait to learn, and our "One-on-One" sessions guarantee them the personalized attention they need and deserve. We also feel that convenience is important. Therefore, we eliminate the inconvenience of you having to come to us, and instead, we come to you. We have certified teachers to help your children with all subjects and their special needs. We offer a **free in home** consultation to discuss the necessary steps to help your child succeed.

## **Upper Main Line YMCA Abilities Center**

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www.umly.org

The Ability Center directly supports a variety of programs that enable children and adults to experience social, recreational and educational opportunities that they never imagined possible. Our goal is to offer opportunities in sports, arts and humanities and social activities in an all-inclusive environment that focuses on the spirit, mind and body of everyone. Some of the programs we offer include: respite care, aquatic classes, nature & science classes, inclusive camps and family events/ outings.

## **The Wanna Play Program ESY/Social Skills Camp**

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Phone 610-853-2898  
Fax 610-853-0837  
www.wannaplayprogram.com

This six week summer program offers theme-based learning that includes academic goals specific to child's IEP. Sensory-based gross motor activities for sensory regulation and social skill building activities based in play are incorporated into the day for a well-rounded and positive learning experience.

# RESOURCES

## Cabot Creamery Cooperative

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We are a cooperative of Vermont dairy farmers, and our all-natural cheddar cheeses are sold in local supermarkets.

## Center for Autism Research at CHOP

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www.research.chop.edu/car

The Center for Autism Research (CAR) at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia seeks to identify the causes of autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and develop effective treatments. CAR conducts research studies for the infants, toddlers, school-aged children and adults. Families receive comprehensive assessment reports and are paid for their time and travel costs.

## Easttown Library & Information Center

Becky Sheridan, Youth Services Librarian  
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The Easttown Library is a community center that advances literacy and the love of reading and learning through a variety of formats for diverse customers of all ages.

## MassMutual Special Care Planning

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The SpecialCare<sup>SM</sup> program, developed exclusively by MassMutual, is an innovative outreach initiative that provides access to information, specialists, and financial products and services that can help improve the quality of life for people with disabilities and other special needs and their families and caregivers. A Special Care Planner works with you and your professional advisors – your banker, accountant or financial planner, lawyer, social workers and health care providers – to review your financial picture and offer options that make sense for your situation.

## **VFES Child Development Services**

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Child Development Services is now offering summer therapeutic groups and clubs for children in preschool through middle school. Our summer programs are an opportunity for children to receive a more intensive therapy experience or to practice their skills in a small group setting with professionals who specialize in working with children of diverse abilities and learning needs.

## **VFES Conferences & Training**

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Valley Forge Educational Services offers educational opportunities to increase the awareness and understanding about children with special needs. Programs on the 2009-2010 calendar include a Parent Resource Workshop Series and conferences and workshops specifically designed to provide training opportunities for educators and professionals.

## **West Chester Public Library**

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West Chester Public Library serves the greater West Chester community with materials, programs, and information for all ages. Special programs include children's story times and Summer Reading Club, and teen programs and Teen Advisory Board.

VENDOR	PROGRAM TYPES				AGE GROUPS			
	DAY	OVERNIGHT	TRAVEL	PRESCHOOL	ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE	HIGH	
Acting Antics	X			X	X	X	X	
Acting without Boundaries	X				X	X	X	
Art of Friendship Social Skills Camp	X				X	X	X	
Burn Brae Day Camp of Creative Arts	X			X	X	X		
Camp 24 Creative Arts Camp	X			X	X	X		
Camp Atlantic		X					X	
Camp Dunnabeck at Kildonan	X	X			X	X	X	
Camp Friendship	X				X	X		
Camp Geronimo at Spring Brook Farm	X				X			
Camp Joy	X	X			X	X	X	
Camp Lee Mar		X			X	X	X	
Dragonfly Forest		X			X	X	CIT Program	
Extended School Year Program at The Vanguard School	X				X	X	X	
Expressions Day Camp	X			X	X	X	X	
Hill Top Summer Camp & Travel	X		X		X	X	X	
Hope Springs Equestrian Therapy	X			X	X	X	X	
New Jersey Camp Jaycee	X	X			X	X	X	
The Pathway School	X				X	X	X	
Sebastian Riding Association	X				X	X	X	
Social Skills Groups at S.P.A.R.C.	X			X	X	X		
Summer at Crossroads	X				X	Thru 6th grade		
Summer L.I.F.E.	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Summit Camp and Travel		X	X		X	X	X	
Teamwork Wins!, Ltd	X				X	X		
Tempo! Music Therapy	X			X	X	X	X	
Tutor Doctor	X				X	X	X	
Upper Main Line YMCA - Abilities Center	X			X	X			
The Wanna Play Program	X			X	X			