

Fresh air, new friends, crafts, and of course campfire skits: Even medically-fragile kids can be happy campers at summer camps designed for their specific needs.

PHS encourages families to consider summer camp for their kids. Counselors, staff members, cooks, guides, therapists, and 24-hour on-call health care professionals bring unique training, expertise, and enthusiasm for working with medically-fragile kids. Most of all, kids learn they're not at all alone.

Check out these summer camps for medically-fragile kids in the Twin Cities and surrounding areas.

If you don't see a camp that fits the need of you or your child and you are a PHS patient, please contact Social Worker Monica Handlos at 651-789-9215 or email her [mlhandlos@pediatrichomeservice.com](mailto:mlhandlos@pediatrichomeservice.com). You may also contact United Way First Call for Help for additional camps at 651-291-0211 or 1-800-543-7709.

- **Asthma Camp** for kids ages 7 to 16 with asthma. More info at: [www.lungusa.org/associations/states/minnesota/news/the-asthma-camp-experience.html](http://www.lungusa.org/associations/states/minnesota/news/the-asthma-camp-experience.html).

**Camp SuperKids** in Loretto (just west of Minneapolis)

July 11-16, 2011

Applications due: May 20, 2011

- **AuSM Summer Camps** for children and young adults with autism. Camp brochures are mailed to current AuSM members, and only current AuSM members are eligible for camp. More info at: <http://ausm.org/camps/index.asp>.

Sessions include:

**Camp Hand in Hand** near Brainerd

June 18-23 for boys 9 to 16

July 3-8 for boys 14 to 21

July 31-Aug 5 for boys 9 to 11 and girls 9 to 21

**Wahode Day Camps** in Eagan

Week 1: June 27-July 1 for ages 8 to 14

Week 2: July 18-22 for ages 6 to 12

Week 3: Aug 9-12 for ages 8 to 14

**Camp Discovery**, for ages 10 to 21 with Asperger's Syndrome, near Maple Lake

June 25-July 1 for ages 10 to 21

July 3-8 for boys 10 to 21

Discovery Extreme Adventure: July 8-11 for ages 10 to 21

- **Camp Needle Point** for children ages 5 to 16 with diabetes. More info at: [www.diabetes.org/living-with-diabetes/parents-and-kids/ada-camps/camps/2011/ada-camp-needlepoint-session-1-2011.html](http://www.diabetes.org/living-with-diabetes/parents-and-kids/ada-camps/camps/2011/ada-camp-needlepoint-session-1-2011.html).

Sessions at Camp St. Croix in Hudson, Wis., include:

August 15-19 (day camp) for ages 5 to 9

August 14-20

August 21-27

Registration is now open.

## Summer camps for medically-fragile kids

- **Camp Odayin** for children with heart disease. More info at: [www.campodayin.com](http://www.campodayin.com).

**Residential Camp** July 18-22 for ages 14 to 15, July 25-29 for ages 16 to 17, August 8-12 for ages 8 to 11, August 15-19 ages 11 to 13

**Day Camp** August 1-5 for ages 6 to 7

**Family Camp** October 21-23

Applications are available now and due in early May. Family Camp applications are available in August and due early October.

- **Kamp Kace** for school-age children in all stages of cancer treatment. More info at: [www.kampkace.org](http://www.kampkace.org).

June 26–July 1

- **Camp M.A.S.H** Make. Arthritis. Stop. Hurting. This camp is for children ages 9 to 17 who have arthritis or a related illness. Camp is located at the Easter Seal Center for Camping and Recreation, one mile north of the Wisconsin Dells. More info at: [www.arthritis.org/media/chapters/wis/camp\\_mash\\_broch\\_11\\_web.pdf](http://www.arthritis.org/media/chapters/wis/camp_mash_broch_11_web.pdf).

August 6- 11

Registration is now open.

Reserve your child spot with a \$25.00 deposit by May 1st.

- **Courage Center** has many camp sessions for many interests. It also offers camps for independent and active adults ages 18 and family camps. More info at: [www.couragecamps.org](http://www.couragecamps.org).

**Literacy:** June 19-24, ages 12-18, for campers who are struggling readers

**For Campers with physical disabilities or visual impairments:**

**Youth session:** July 18-23, ages 7-12

**Teen session:** July 18-23, ages 13-17

**For campers with communication disorders:** July 31-Aug 6, ages 7 to 14

**Leadership for teens with physical disabilities or sensory impairments:** July 31-Aug 6, ages 13 to 17

**Hemophilia:** July 10-16

This session is co-sponsored by the Hemophilia Foundation of Minnesota and Dakotas. It is geared for children who have hemophilia and other related bleeding disorders.

**Oncology/Blood Disorder session:** July 25-29, ages 7 to 17

This session is co-sponsored by Children's Hospitals and Clinics-Minneapolis and The Miracles of Mitch Foundation. It is geared for children who have or had leukemia or other blood disorders, brain tumors and other forms of cancer.

Application deadline is May 20.