

# Sharing Our Strategies: Making Summer Plans for 2022

Summer camps and program fill up quickly, especially now with limited group sizes and staff shortages. So don't delay! Take a look at the [Recreation Council's 2022 Summer Opportunities Guide](#) for tons of summer fun ideas and activities. Qualified individuals with developmental disabilities can even apply for a [Recreation Council voucher](#) to assist with the fee if needed.



## **Here are a few of the overnight camps now accepting registrations:**

[Sunnyhill Adventures](#) Specialized Weeklong Overnight Camp (all ages, all disabilities) – June 19-August 19, 2022. \$750 for 1:5 group ratio. Waitlist for 1:1 campers at this time.

[Camp Barnabas](#) Specialized Weeklong Overnight Camp (ages and disabilities grouped by weeks, sibling weeks available), June 5-August 12, \$1,500 per week.

[Wonderland Camp](#) Specialized Weeklong Overnight Camp (ages 6-65+, all disabilities) – May 22-August 5, \$950 per week. Plus – Spring weekend camps March 25-27 & April 1-3 at \$275, and VIRTUAL DANCE PARTIES \$10 each Feb. 11, Mar. 26, Apr. 29

## **There are also several day camps accepting registrations:**

[Variety's Adventure Camp](#) Specialized Summer Youth Day camp (ages 4-20) **FREE** ~ Registration is open until Monday, February 7, 2022.

[Harbor Unlimited](#) Specialized Family Day Camp Retreat (all ages & all disabilities), May 28-31, 2022, \$150 for one person, *then a sliding scale* for each additional caregiver/family member.

[LifeBridge Partnership](#) Specialized Summer Youth Day Camp, August 15-19, 2022, Cost: \$125. Locations in St. Louis County and St. Charles. St. Louis City residents qualify for a full 9 weeks of camp held at Paraquad in St. Louis from June – August for *only* \$100.

[Camp Circle Star](#) Specialized Summer Youth Day Camp, June 13-17 • June 20-24 • June 27-July 1 • July 5-8 • July 11-15 • July 18-22 • July 25-29 • August 1-5 • August 8-12. Contact: Renee Eickmeier (314) 402-4032. COST: \$350 + \$50 transportation per week.

There are MANY MORE camps with open registration or they will be accepting applications very soon, so make sure to visit the Recreation Council's website for a full list!

You can also search for other inclusive youth summer camps at [Fun 4 STL Kids](#) or [BluePrint 4 Summer](#).

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## Finding Summer Caregivers & In-Home Providers

- [Care.com](#)
- Special Ed School staff or paraprofessionals looking for summer work – ask to post something in schools/newsletters
- Contact nursing students at local hospitals or schools of nursing or child development majors at nearby colleges.
- Go to your local college departments, such as special education, psychology, social work, Occupational Therapy, etc. and put up a flyer about needing respite or summer childcare.
- Network with contacts in the community such as family, friends, church members, etc. to get ideas on potential caregivers.
- Always do your research when hiring a provider. Investigate if they are licensed and able to do the job. Interview them and do a visit where the care will be provided. Always ask for and check references.
- Communicate with the provider often and always be on the lookout for any warning signs your child might exhibit that might indicate that things are not working out.



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