



# 2018 Summer Camp Resource Guide

## Adoption-related Camp Resources

### Camp to Belong Northwest

June 24-June 29, 2018 and August 12-17, 2018

A summer camp dedicated to reuniting brothers and sisters who are placed in separate foster, adoptive or kinship homes. Visit [www.campbelongoregon.org](http://www.campbelongoregon.org) for more information.

### Chosen International: *Touched by Adoption Teen Camp*

TBD

A camp for teens age 13-19 adopted at any age. Visit [www.choseninternational.org](http://www.choseninternational.org) for more information.

### Heritage Family Camp: *Domestic Adoption Camp*

August 3-6, 2017

A camp for children adopted transculturally through domestic adoption. Additional camps offered for children adopted transculturally from the African Caribbean, Cambodia, China, Philippines, Nepal, Korea, Latin America, and Southeast Asia. Visit [www.heritagecamps.org](http://www.heritagecamps.org) for more information on Heritage Family's Domestic Adoption Camp.

### Holt International: *Adoptee Camp & Family Day Camp*

July 15-19, 2018

A camp for international and/or transracial adoptees, ages 9-17. Campers share their common experiences while exploring issues of adoption, race, and identity development. **July 18, 2018** is a **single-day program** of workshops, activities, and games for adoptees and their parents to help foster new skills to talk about adoption, while having a fun and exciting time at camp. Visit [www.holtinternational.org/camp/](http://www.holtinternational.org/camp/) for more information. Overnight camp, family camp, and day camps are at Camp Angelos in Corbett, OR.

### Royal Family Kids Camps

Dates vary by location

The primary focus of Royal Family Kids Camps is to give foster children ages 6-12 a week of positive memories and royal treatment in a Christian camp environment. Locations in several OR counties. Visit <https://rfk.org/camps/> for more information.

### Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

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

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) offers free camping and day-use parking to Oregon **foster**, **guardian** and **adoptive-foster** parents and their children. Please note this fee waiver is for state parks only. If you have any questions about the program or the ID card, please call 1-800-551-6949, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, or email [special.access@oregon.gov](mailto:special.access@oregon.gov). Families may camp overnight for free in a tent, RV or standard horse camp site for up to 14 nights in a calendar month. Your pass does not apply to yurts, cabins or other special park facilities. The pass does apply to foster parents and children visiting the 26 parks that charge a day-use parking fee. The benefit is valid only when both the pass holder and eligible children are present. For more information, visit <http://www.oregonstateparks.org/index.cfm?do=v.page&id=20>. Adoptive and Guardianship families can contact ORPARC for a copy of the Adoptive or Guardian Family Fee Waiver Program Verification Letter.

### Northwest Adoptive Families Association (NAFA): *Annual Campout*

July 20-22, 2018

A no-host camping weekend brought to you by NAFA. Camp will be held at Nehalem Bay State Park. View the NAFA Event Calendar at <http://www.nwadoptivefamilies.org/> for more information. Visit NAFA's website or [www.reserveamerica.com](http://www.reserveamerica.com) to reserve a camping spot.

### Discover Theater Day Camp

June 18-22, 2018

Discover Theatre is a week-long drama day camp catered to children who have experienced foster care, their siblings and friends, as well as children from families in need. Campers learn songs, a choreographed dance, and scenes from a show that they showcase at the end of the week for their family and friends. They also create their own sets and costumes as well as learn improv games and acting and singing techniques while learning about the arts. Find more info and registration on their website <http://www.discovertheatre.org/>



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## Other Suggested Camp Resources

### Agape Youth Camp

Serving Salem and Eugene and surrounding areas. This camp's mission is to provide hope and stability to families impacted by incarceration. Visit <https://agapeyouthoregon.com/> for more information.

### American Camp Association

Search for a day, overnight or family summer camp from over 3,600 ACA-Accredited camps at [www.acacamps.org](http://www.acacamps.org).

### Autism Society of Oregon

ASO provides a directory of camps state-wide who serve both children with special needs and typically developing children. <http://autismsocietyoregon.org/directory/#1478288212538-852565d8-dca3>

### Camp Rivendale

Camp Rivendale offers both overnight and a summer day camp for at-risk youth and those with physical and/or developmental disabilities or behavioral challenges – ages 6-21. Music, dance, drama, visual arts, sports, and aquatics offered. Visit <http://www.thprd.org/activities/adaptive-and-inclusive-recreation/camp-rivendale>.

### Camp Yakety Yak, Social Skills Camp

Camp Yakety Yak uses published curriculum and specially-designed activities to support social-emotional skills in all classes offered. Visit [www.campyaketyyak.org](http://www.campyaketyyak.org) for more information. Summer camp location: Lake Oswego, OR.

### Central Oregon Kids

A resource for camp ideas and an activities calendar for families in Deschutes county and surrounding areas. Visit <http://centraloregonkids.com/>

### Marylhurst University Summer Day Camps

Marylhurst University offers summer camp opportunities designed to immerse young people in the arts. Visit <https://events.marylhurst.edu/summer-camps/> for more information.

### NW Kids Magazine Summer Camp Guide

[https://issuu.com/nwkidspub/docs/nwk\\_april\\_2018\\_final4issuu/14](https://issuu.com/nwkidspub/docs/nwk_april_2018_final4issuu/14)

### PDX Parent Summer Camps & Learning Guide

Find everything from day camps to overnight camps, from art to drama to nature and equestrian adventures . Visit <http://www.pdxparent.com/portland-summer-camps-guide/> for more information or to download a PDF of the guide.

### Red Tricycle Portland Hot List

Various opportunities throughout the Portland Metro area. View the summer camp guide at <http://redtri.com/camp-guides/portland/>

### Sparks of Hope Healing Camp

A free camp to assist children and teens in overcoming the barriers they face as survivors of abuse. Boys and Girls Summer and Winter Camps for children ages 8 – 17. Visit <http://www.sparksofhope.org/> for more information.

### Very Special Camps

Very Special Camps offers camps and programs for individuals with one or more of a wide range of special needs. Search the catalog by state or need by visiting [www.veryspecialcamps.com](http://www.veryspecialcamps.com)



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## Outdoors in the Portland Metro Area

### OMSI: The Oregon Museum of Science and Industry

<http://www.oms.edu/camps-and-classes>

Because animators, astronauts, and engineers all start somewhere. With over 200 summer camps and classes to choose from, science-fueled adventures await. Explore OMSI's camp catalogue for little learners, grade schoolers, tweens and high schoolers. OMSI offers financial aid for all summer camps and classes so as many kids as possible can spend summer building skills for a successful future.

### Adventures Without Limits: Where will you end up when you overcome your barriers?

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

For adventure-seekers looking for outdoor escapes lasting an afternoon or a weekend, Adventures Without Limits (AWL) is a wonderful option, with a focus on inclusion and a fulfilling time for all, regardless of ability. Able-bodied or disabled, experienced or beginner, AWL's guided kayaking, hiking, and backpacking outings promise beautiful vistas and fun. Sample itineraries include kayaking Sauvie Island waterways, rafting the Sandy River, or backpacking the Cascades Crest Trail.

AWL offers open enrollment outings throughout the summer for beginner to intermediate level participants. Trip fees include all equipment and instruction expenses. Full and partial scholarships are available on all trips for those needing financial assistance. However, there are only so many per trip so call the AWL office soon at 503-359-2568 to receive a scholarship application and to reserve a spot on the trip you want.



### Zenger Farm: Rooted in sustainability education

Maybe your child is not the wandering type, preferring to learn from what his or her hands can teach through sustained and steady toil. Zenger Farm in Southeast Portland gives young Farm Camp participants a glimpse into the rewards of responsible environmental stewardship as they see what their hard work produces. <https://www.zengerfarm.org/summer>

Summer Farm camp is now enrolling for participants entering grades K-12. Need-based scholarships are available. If you have questions, want to apply for a scholarship, or want to be put on the camp email notification list, please contact 503-282-4245 or email Camp Manager Andy McGee at [andy@zengerfarm.org](mailto:andy@zengerfarm.org).

### Leach Botanical Garden Summer Day Camps

June 25-29, 2018

Leach Botanical Garden offers diverse ecosystems and a beautiful setting for summer day campers to explore art, science, and nature. Each weekly session, Art in Nature campers will study a variety of topics. Their observations will inspire a wide range of artistic endeavors including painting, illustration, print-making, weaving and sculpture to name a few. And plenty of time for games! Visit <http://www.leachgarden.org/event/exploring-the-art-in-nature-summer-camp-2> for more information.



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## In the community

### At the Park

Area Parks & Recreation departments offer a range of day programs and workshops throughout the summer (fees vary). Find your local Parks & Rec programs or check out these:

- ◆ Portland <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/>
- ◆ Tualatin Hills <http://www.thprd.org/activities/activities-guide>
- ◆ Hillsboro <https://www.hillsboro-oregon.gov/departments/parks-recreation/i-want-to-/activities-guide>
- ◆ North Clackamas <http://ncprd.com/recreation/classes>
- ◆ Bend <http://www.bendparksandrec.org/>
- ◆ Eugene <https://www.eugene-or.gov/139/Recreation>
- ◆ Pendleton <http://www.pendletonparksandrec.com/>

Some Parks & Rec programs offer Adaptive and Inclusive Recreation (AIR) specifically designed for children with disabilities or special needs. Learn more about Portland's program here: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/39830>

### At the Library

Libraries offer so much more than just fodder for your little bookworm. Come to the library for summer story time, children's learning programs, and a full calendar of kid and family friendly events. Check out the event pages for a library near you in:

- ◆ Multnomah County (<https://multcolib.org/events>)
- ◆ Clackamas County (<http://www.clackamas.us/lib/storytime.html>)
- ◆ Washington County ([http://www.wccls.org/library\\_services/childrens\\_programs](http://www.wccls.org/library_services/childrens_programs))
- ◆ Milwaukie (<http://www.milwaukieoregon.gov/calendar?cat=All&departments=69&neighborhood=All>)
- ◆ Wilsonville (<http://www.wilsonville.lib.or.us/31/Kids>)
- ◆ Statewide: There are currently 223 public library listings in 36 counties in the state of Oregon. Go to <http://www.everylibrary.com/OR-County.html> and choose a county in Oregon to browse the public libraries and book and media services including bookmobiles and book by mail services in Oregon sorted by county.

While at the library, make sure to ask about cultural passes, which give free or reduced admission to some of the area's most interesting cultural spots.

There is so much going on this summer, with these resources simply meant as a starting point. For more summertime options or other social services and healthcare needs, <http://211info.org/> is just a short click or call away. Dial 2-1-1 to connect with thousands of resources across Oregon and Southwest Washington today.

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