

# Roanoke Area Care Connection for Children



## Camp and Activities Guide

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**Care Connection for Children**, sponsored by the Virginia Department of Health, is a statewide network of regional programs that provides healthcare coordination, community support, and resources to children with special healthcare needs.

The team-based approach pulls together care coordinators, medical personnel, educators, and family members to determine how children with special healthcare needs can reach their maximum potential.

Care Coordinators can:

- Find a pediatrician, specialist or other healthcare provider
- Explore health insurance and payment options not covered by your insurance
- Identify resources in the community
- Connect with other families experiencing similar challenges
- Help you plan for your child's future

Educational Consultant can:

- Assist with special education concerns
- Attend an Individual Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plan meeting
- Help you to plan for your child's future

To be eligible for Care Connection Services, your child must:

- Live in Virginia
- Be under the age of 21
- Have a diagnosed physical disorder that is expected to last longer than 12 months

If your child has a special healthcare need, please contact our office at:

Roanoke Care Connection for Children  
1615 Franklin Road, SW  
Roanoke, VA 24016  
Phone: Toll Free: 1-866-906-2999 or 540-985-8470  
Fax: 540-224-4433

## Summer Camp



### The benefits of summer camp

The benefits of camp for kids with special needs are often the same as for any child:

- increased confidence and independence
- activity and exercise
- the opportunity to interact with other kids, develop friendships, and build relationships
- positive role modeling by adults
- a chance for parents to have a much-needed break

Find more information about this article @ KidsHealth <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/finding-camp-special-needs.html>

### The cost of camp

Finding scholarships and other sources of financial assistance for camp can become an issue. These tips and resources might be useful:

- Start soon looking for funding and saving money
- Some camps offer scholarships, but you must apply early
- Contact churches, Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, Salvation Army and other organizations in your community
- Some families are eligible for Individual Family Support Program (IFSP) funding, go to this link <http://dbhds.virginia.gov/developmental-services/ifsp> or Virginia Department for Behavioral Health and Developmental Services @ <http://dbhds.virginia.gov/>

## Camps

<p><b><u>Apple Ridge Farms</u></b></p> <p>Office Location:            541 Luck Avenue SW, Suite 304            Roanoke, VA 24016            540-982-1322            Camp Phone: 540-929-4062            Website: <a href="http://www.appleridge.org">www.appleridge.org</a>            Children's Programs:  <a href="http://appleridge.org/blog/?page_id=94">http://appleridge.org/blog/?page_id=94</a></p>	<p>Offers an Academic Summer Camp, Reading Adventure Programs, Aspire, an Environmental Education Center, Outdoor Adventures and more located in Copper Hill, VA. Camp focus: Roanoke inner-city youth ages 6 – 16. No fee for this summer camp. Please contact Apple Ridge Farms for eligibility.</p>
<p><b><u>Blue Ridge Autism and Achievement Center (BRACC)</u></b></p> <p>BRAAC-Roanoke            312 Whitwell Drive / Roanoke, VA 24019            Contact: 540-366-7399, 540-777-1218            Phone: 540-366-7399            Website: <a href="http://www.braacroanoke.org">www.braacroanoke.org</a></p> <p>BRAAC-Lynchburg            150 Linden Ave / Lynchburg, VA 24503            Contact: 434-525-4790</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.braacroanoke.org">www.braacroanoke.org</a></p> <p><b>Roanoke &amp; Lynchburg Summer BRACC Programs:</b>  <a href="http://braacroanoke.org/our-programs/summer-programs">http://braacroanoke.org/our-programs/summer-programs</a></p>	<p>BRAAC hosts a summer program for children with autism, learning disabilities and children without unique learning challenges. Special emphasis is placed on social play and development, communication skills and social skill development, while targeting certain learning goals. Please go to their website for application, schedules and program information.</p>
<p><b><u>Boys and Girls Clubs of America</u></b></p> <p>Boys and Girls Clubs of Southwest Virginia:  <a href="http://bgcswva.org/">http://bgcswva.org/</a></p> <p>Summer Camp  <a href="http://bgcswva.org/programs-membership/summer-camp/">http://bgcswva.org/programs-membership/summer-camp/</a></p>	<p>Boys &amp; Girls Clubs of Southwest Virginia is committed to the positive development of quality after school and summer programming for all youth residing in the region. You can also find a club in your area by zip code.</p>

<p><u><a href="#">Boy Scouts of America</a></u></p> <p>Phone: 540-265-0656  Website: <a href="http://www.scouting.org/">http://www.scouting.org/</a></p> <p>Find scouting in your area:  <a href="https://beascout.scouting.org/BeAScoutMap.aspx">https://beascout.scouting.org/BeAScoutMap.aspx</a></p>	<p>The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation’s largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. The BSA provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness.</p>
<p><u><a href="#">Camp Alta Mons</a></u></p> <p>Alta Mons  2842 Crockett Springs Road  Shawsville, VA 24162  Phone: 540-268-2409  Website: <a href="http://www.altamons.org">www.altamons.org</a></p> <p>Camp applications, brochure and scholarship information at:  <a href="http://www.altamons.org/camps.html">http://www.altamons.org/camps.html</a></p>	<p>Camp Alta Mons is a camp located in Shawsville, VA, offering week, half week, or day long camping experiences for youth from kindergarten through 12th grade. They also have a Family Camp in October and December Winter Camp.</p>
<p><u><a href="#">Camp Baker</a></u></p> <p>7600 Beach Road  Chesterfield, Virginia 23838  Phone: (804) 748-4789  Website:  <a href="https://www.richmondarc.org/services/developmental-services/camp-baker-services/">https://www.richmondarc.org/services/developmental-services/camp-baker-services/</a></p>	<p>Camp Baker, located in Chesterfield, VA, offers a variety of support services for families living with children with developmental disabilities such as: Summer Camp – Day and Overnight and Respite Care Services.</p>
<p><u><a href="#">Camp Bethel</a></u></p> <p>328 Bethel Road  Fincastle, VA 24090  Phone: 540-992-2940  Website: <a href="https://www.campbethelvirginia.org/">https://www.campbethelvirginia.org/</a>  Camp applications, registration, camperships and dates:  <a href="http://www.campbethelvirginia.org/parentinfo.html">http://www.campbethelvirginia.org/parentinfo.html</a></p>	<p>Camp Bethel is located in Fincastle, VA, offering a camp for rising 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. A Family Day/Summer Open House will be in May, in addition to Parent-Child Camp in June.</p>

<p><u><a href="#">Camp Bruce McCoy</a></u></p> <p>1506 Willow Lawn Dr. Suite 112  Richmond, VA 23230  Phone: Toll-Free 1-800-444-6443 or 804-355-5748  Website: <a href="https://www.biav.net/camp/">https://www.biav.net/camp/</a></p>	<p>Camp Bruce McCoy is summer camp for adults with a brain injury.</p>
<p><u><a href="#">Camp Carysbrook</a></u></p> <p>3500 Camp Cary Road  Riner, VA 24159  Phone: 540-382-1670  Website: <a href="http://campcarysbrook.com/">http://campcarysbrook.com/</a></p> <p>Fees, registration &amp; scholarship information:  <a href="http://campcarysbrook.com/camp-information/activities/">http://campcarysbrook.com/camp-information/activities/</a></p>	<p>Camp Carysbrook located in Riner, VA, offers an overnight camp for girls ages 6 – 16. Some of the activities offered are: horseback riding, rock climbing, swimming, dancing, etc...</p>
<p><u><a href="#">Carilion Camp-Catch-Breath</a></u></p> <p>Phone: 540-985-4041  Email: <a href="mailto:swsouthard@carilionclinic.org">swsouthard@carilionclinic.org</a></p> <p><u><a href="#">Camp Incredible</a></u></p> <p>Phone: 804-874-5864  Website: <a href="http://www.centralvirginiaasthma.org">www.centralvirginiaasthma.org</a></p>	<p>Camp Catch UR Breath is designed for children ages 6-12 that have asthma.</p> <p>Camp Incredible is for children 6 – 12 years that also have asthma.</p>
<p><u><a href="#">Camp Dickenson</a></u></p> <p>801 Camp Dickenson Lane  Fries, VA 24330  (276) 744- 7241  Website: <a href="http://www.campdickenson.com/">http://www.campdickenson.com/</a></p> <p><u><a href="#">Celebration Camp</a></u></p> <p><a href="http://www.campdickenson.com/celebration-special-needs-camp.html">http://www.campdickenson.com/celebration-special-needs-camp.html</a></p>	<p>Camp Dickenson is located in Fries, VA, offering a camp for children and youth K – 12.</p> <p>Celebration Camp designed for mild to moderate developmentally challenged youth and adult’s grades 7-12, and ages 18 &amp; Up.</p>



<p><u><a href="#">Camp Easter Seals UCP</a></u></p> <p>900 Camp Easter Seals Rd  New Castle, VA 24127  540-777-7325  Phone: (800) 662-7119  Website: <a href="http://www.easterseals.com/NCVA/our-programs/camping-recreation/camp-easter-seals-ucp.html">http://www.easterseals.com/NCVA/our-programs/camping-recreation/camp-easter-seals-ucp.html</a></p>	<p>Camp Easter Seals UCP is an overnight camp in New Castle, VA. For children and adults that have disabilities, offering weekend respites, summer camps and family camps.</p>
<p><u><a href="#">Camp Holiday Trails</a></u></p> <p>400 Camp Holiday Trails Lane  Charlottesville, VA 22903  (434) 977-3781  Website: <a href="http://www.campholidaytrails.org/">http://www.campholidaytrails.org/</a></p>	<p>Camp Holiday Trails located in Charlottesville, VA. Offers a camp for children and youth with special health care needs.</p>
<p><u><a href="#">Camp Loud and Clear</a></u></p> <p>Holiday Lake 4-H Education Center  1267 4-H Camp Road  Appomattox, VA 24522  Phone: (434) 248-5444</p> <p>Website:  <a href="https://www.holidaylake4h.com/camploud.php">https://www.holidaylake4h.com/camploud.php</a></p>	<p>Overnight summer camp for Children &amp; Youth that are Deaf and Hard of Hearing ages 8 – 13, located in Appomattox, VA.</p>

<p><u><a href="#">Camp Too Sweet</a></u></p> <p>Phone: (540)-224-4360 or 1-(800)-767-4745</p> <p>Website: <a href="https://www.carilionclinic.org/camp-too-sweet">https://www.carilionclinic.org/camp-too-sweet</a></p>	<p>Camp Too Sweet is a week-long camp for children (ages 8 to 16) who have Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>For more information about Camp Too Sweet, please call Carilion Clinic Diabetes Management at 540-224-4360 or 800-767-4745.</p>
<p><u><a href="#">Challenger Little League – District 12 and Surrounding Areas</a></u></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.challenger-baseball.org/">http://www.challenger-baseball.org/</a></p>	<p>Little league baseball that provides boys and girls 5 – 18 years of age (or still in school), with an intellectual or physical disabilities, the opportunity experience the rewards of being part of an athletic team.</p>
<p><u><a href="#">Friday Night Friends – Roanoke</a></u></p> <p>Meeting Place: Cave Spring Baptist Family Life Center 4873 Brambleton Ave. Roanoke, VA 24018 <a href="http://www.fnfroanoke.org/">http://www.fnfroanoke.org/</a> or Larry McCulloch at 540-890-1244</p>	<p>Friday Night Friends is a Respite and Recreational program for children with special health care needs. It’s free and no age limit, nurses are available. Sibling care is also available. Friday Night Friends meets the fourth Friday of every month at Cave Spring Baptist Church Family Life Center from 6:30 - 9:00 PM. (Please call in case of a change in schedule).</p>
<p><u><a href="#">Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline</a></u></p> <p>Website: <a href="https://www.girlscouts.org/en/about-girl-scouts/join/council-finder/council-finder-results.html#VA">https://www.girlscouts.org/en/about-girl-scouts/join/council-finder/council-finder-results.html#VA</a></p> <p>Roanoke Summer Camp – Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline Council, Inc. <a href="http://www.gsvsc.org/en/camp/explore-the-camps.html">http://www.gsvsc.org/en/camp/explore-the-camps.html</a></p>	<p><b>THE GSA</b> provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness, also summer camp.</p> <p>Camp locations in the counties of: Roanoke, Bedford and Albemarle</p>

<p><u><a href="#">Healing Strides of Virginia</a></u></p> <p>672 Naff Rd.  P.O. Box 456  Boones Mill, VA 24065  Phone: 540-334-5825  Website: <a href="http://www.healingstridesofva.org/">http://www.healingstridesofva.org/</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:info@healingstridesofvirginia.org">info@healingstridesofvirginia.org</a></p>	<p>Healing Strides of Virginia is located in Boones Mill, VA. Offering equine assisted activities and therapies, therapeutic riding, hippotherapy, mental health support through equine assisted learning and psychotherapy, mentoring and summer opportunities.</p> <p>Healing Strides partners with Carilion Children’s Hospital for our Hippotherapy program. At this time, Healing Strides is only working with pediatric patients.</p>
<p><u><a href="#">iCan Bike – Roanoke (No update at this time)</a></u></p> <p><a href="http://icanshine.org/ican-bike-roanoke-va/">http://icanshine.org/ican-bike-roanoke-va/</a>  Phone: 540-529-2721  Email: <a href="mailto:icanshineroanoke@gmail.com">icanshineroanoke@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>iCan Bike provides people with disabilities the opportunity through training, the ability to ride two-wheel bikes independently.</p>
<p><u><a href="#">Katie’s Place Community Day Program - Roanoke</a></u></p> <p>1009 1st Street SW  Roanoke, VA 24016  540-947-2777</p> <p><u><a href="#">Katie’s Place Community Day Program – Lynchburg</a></u></p> <p>Scruggs Cottage – HumanKind Campus  150 Linden Ave.  Lynchburg, VA 24503  434.525.4790 ext. 218  Website: <a href="http://katiesplacedaysupport.org/">http://katiesplacedaysupport.org/</a></p>	<p>Katie’s Place – A day support program providing opportunities to develop social skills, community gardening, relationship skill building, volunteering in the community, arts and crafts.</p>

<p><u><a href="#">Muscular Dystrophy Association MDA – in Virginia</a></u></p> <p>Carilion Clinic Pediatrics  Carilion Community Medical Building  102 Highland Avenue  Suite 104  Roanoke, VA 24013  Phone: (540) 985-8303</p> <p>Carilion Clinic Of Roanoke - Adults  3 Riverside Circle  3rd Floor  Roanoke, VA 24016  Phone: (540) 224-5170</p>	<p>Finding help and support at MDA Care Centers @ <a href="https://www.mda.org/services">https://www.mda.org/services</a></p> <p>Camp information not available at this time. Please contact office for dates.</p>
<p><u><a href="#">Roanoke City Parks and Recreation</a></u></p> <p>Website: <a href="https://www.playroanoke.com/summer-camps/">https://www.playroanoke.com/summer-camps/</a></p>	<p>All-day and half-day summer camps between June and August each year.</p>
<p><u><a href="#">Roanoke County Summer Camp - ACE</a></u></p> <p>Contact: <a href="#">ACE Director Kari Decker</a> at (540) 777-6357</p> <p>Website for information and registration @ <a href="https://www.roanokecountyparks.com/290/ACE-Summer-Camp">https://www.roanokecountyparks.com/290/ACE-Summer-Camp</a></p>	<p>Summer camp designed for children ages 5-21 years old that have severe or profound developmental disabilities. Activities include: arts, crafts, games, music, movements, swimming, and field trips.</p>
<p><u><a href="#">Roanoke County Parks and Recreation</a></u></p> <p>Website: <a href="https://www.roanokecountyparks.com/293/Summer-Camps">https://www.roanokecountyparks.com/293/Summer-Camps</a></p> <p>Summer Programs: <a href="https://www.roanokecountyparks.com/1">https://www.roanokecountyparks.com/1</a></p> <p><u><a href="#">Roanoke County - Splash Programs</a></u></p> <p>Website: <a href="https://www.roanokecountyparks.com/101/Splash">https://www.roanokecountyparks.com/101/Splash</a></p>	<p>Various camps and programs available.</p>

<p><u><a href="#">Roanoke Valley 4-H Camp</a></u></p> <p>775 Hermitage Rd. Wirtz, VA 24184 Phone: (540) 772-7524 Website: <a href="http://skelton4hcenter.org/4-h-summer-camp/">http://skelton4hcenter.org/4-h-summer-camp/</a></p> <p>Also find out more about 4-H Camp in your area, contact your local Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent at the above link:</p>	<p>Clubs are for youth between the ages of 9 and 19 and adhere to parliamentary procedures for officer election and administration. Many clubs focus on a particular topic, like archery or dog obedience, but they can also be neighborhood clubs where members work on individual projects and mainly have location in common.</p>
<p><u><a href="#">Special Olympics</a></u></p> <p>1100 South Main St. Suite B Blacksburg, VA 24060 Phone: (540)951-2918 Website: <a href="http://specialolympicsva.org/who-we-are/find-special-olympics-near-you/southwest-region/area-8">http://specialolympicsva.org/who-we-are/find-special-olympics-near-you/southwest-region/area-8</a></p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:swoffice@specialolympicsva.org">swoffice@specialolympicsva.org</a></p>	<p>Provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of sports for children and adults that have intellectual disabilities.</p>
<p><u><a href="#">Taubman Museum of Art - Summer Camps</a></u></p> <p>110 Salem Ave. SE Roanoke, VA 24011 Phone: 540-342-5760 Website: <a href="http://www.taubmanmuseum.org/programs/summer-camps">http://www.taubmanmuseum.org/programs/summer-camps</a></p>	<p>Expand your child's art skills at the Taubman Summer Camps.</p>
<p><u><a href="#">Unbridled Change</a></u></p> <p>PO Box 157 Boones Mill VA, 24065 Phone: (540) 334-2171 Website: <a href="https://unbridledchange.org/">https://unbridledchange.org/</a></p>	<p>Unbridled Change is an equine therapy program providing equine therapy services. Mission: "to provide quality mental health therapy in partnership with the healing power of our horses. We do that by focusing on our clients and our horses." <i>Unbridled Change</i></p>

<p><u><a href="#">Summer Meals for Kids and Teen – United States Department of Agriculture</a></u></p> <p>Website: <a href="https://www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks">https://www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks</a></p>	<p>Nutritious free meals are available for children and teens, 18 and younger at many locations throughout the summer while school is out of session. Places are posted on link closer to when schools let out for summer.</p> <p>Site information for 2018 will start becoming available in early May. New sites will be added throughout the summer. Please check back often for updated information.</p>
<p><u><a href="#">Victory Junction</a></u></p> <p>Phone: (336) 498-9055</p> <p>Website: <a href="https://victoryjunction.org/">https://victoryjunction.org/</a></p>	<p>Victory Junction offers a camp for children that have various special health care needs at no cost to the family. It's located in Randleman, North Carolina.</p> <p>Family camps are also available.</p>
<p><u><a href="#">Virginia Western Kids College Camp</a></u></p> <p><a href="https://virginiawestern.augusoft.net/index.cfm?method=templates.CustomTemplatePreview&amp;ContentID=152">https://virginiawestern.augusoft.net/index.cfm?method=templates.CustomTemplatePreview&amp;ContentID=152</a></p>	

<p><u><a href="#">YMCA of Virginia's Blue Ridge</a></u></p> <p>Camps and locations website:  <a href="http://ymcavbr.org/summercamp">http://ymcavbr.org/summercamp</a></p>	<p>The YMCA of the Roanoke Valley offers many opportunities for children and families. Summer camps, some offer summer feeding programs, swimming, sports, play and education. Ask about scholarships.</p>
<p><u><a href="#">Zoo Camp at Mill Mountain</a></u></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.mmzoo.org/">http://www.mmzoo.org/</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.mmzoo.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Mill-Mountain-Zoo-Summer-Camp-2018.pdf">http://www.mmzoo.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Mill-Mountain-Zoo-Summer-Camp-2018.pdf</a></p>	<p>Each 3 day camp is designed to encourage a child's respect and enthusiasm for the natural world through hands - on fun and educational activities.</p>

### More Sites to Find Camps and Activities

[American Camp Association](#)

<https://www.acacamps.org/campers-families>

[Camp Channel](#)

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

[CampPage Guide to Summer Camps](#)

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

[Very Special Camps](#)

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

[Virginia – Things to Do](#)

<https://www.virginia.org/ThingsToDo>

[Virginia State Parks](#)

<http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/>

[Virginia Family Camping Statewide](#)

<http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/camping>

[Virginia Museums](#)

<https://www.virginia.org/directory/museums/>

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Thanks!