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A list of programs open to the
Houston community

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Name of program: Camp Smiles

Short Description of program: Camp Smiles is a week-long overnight camp for children with cerebral palsy. Each day at camp, kids get to participate in AWESOME outdoor camp activities like zip-lining, fishing, canoeing, paintball, swimming and many more activities that have all been adapted to fit the needs of each camper. Camp Smiles will be hosted at Camp For All, an adapted camp facility in Burton, TX on July 1st-6th this summer.

Who it's for: Children with cerebral palsy or other similar neurological disorder.

Ages: 6-14

Location: Camp For All

Cost: \$250, scholarships available!

How to sign up: Apply online: www.eastersealshouston.org/Programs/camps.html

E-mail or call Mackenzie Richard, Camp Coordinator, at

MRichard@eastersealshouston.org or 713.838.9050 ext. 309 for more information.

Name of program: Camp Buckaroo

Short Description of program: Camp Buckaroo is a day-camp for children ages 6-14 with disabilities and their siblings to attend together! Each day has a different theme like "Out in the Wild!" or "A day at the beach!" and all sports, music, crafts, and games are geared towards the theme for the day. We offer 5 sessions of Camp Buckaroo during the summer, campers can pick the location and time that best fits their schedule!

Who it's for: Children with any type of disability and their siblings

Ages: 6-14

Location: 5 different church locations throughout the Houston area

Cost: \$150 per week, scholarships available!

How to sign up: Apply online: www.eastersealshouston.org/Programs/camps.html

E-mail or call Mackenzie Richard, Camp Coordinator, at

MRichard@eastersealshouston.org or 713.838.9050 ext. 309 for more information.

Name of program: LEGO Group

Short Description of program: LEGO-based Therapy is a skill-building approach that focuses on social interaction and the development of age-appropriate peer relationships. By working together toward a task, such as building a specific Lego set, participants are able to experience collaboration, conflict resolution, negotiation, shared goals, joint accomplishment, social communication and mutual respect.

Who it's for: Children with autism spectrum disorder and related delays; children must be able to communicate with peers and play safely with Legos.

Ages: 5-middle school

Location: The Stewart Center at The Westview School, 1830 Kersten Drive, Houston, TX 77043

Cost: \$80 per hour session and \$25 to cover the cost of materials

How to sign up: Call 713-973-1842 or send an email to info@stewartcenterhouston.org

Name of program: Social Groups

Short Description of program: Social Groups are informed by the Social Thinking ® curriculum and focus on collaborative play, shared space, cooperation and negotiation, emotional management and executive functioning. Groups involve discussion, role playing and engaging in social activities such as conversation, playing games and perspective taking.

Who it's for: This group is for children in kindergarten through middle school who have minimal challenging behavior and have expressive language for conversing with others.

Ages: Kindergarten-Middle School

Location: The Stewart Center at The Westview School, 1830 Kersten Drive, Houston, TX 77043

Cost: \$80 per hour session

How to sign up: Call 713-973-1842 or send an email to info@stewartcenterhouston.org

Name of program: The Journey School of Houston Seed Summer Camp

Short Description of program: The summer camp program combines social, creative, engaging, and physical activities used to develop social and emotional competence. The camp encompasses four core skills: self-awareness, building friendships, responsibility, and discovering one's own role in the community. It is a four-week program led by our full-time staff.

Who it's for: Bright students needing a wraparound environment to support social and emotional skills

Ages: 4-14

Location: The Journey School of Houston, 2025 W. 11 St, Houston, TX 77008

Date: June 4-29

Cost: \$625/per week

How to sign up: Call 713-269-0757 or send an email to info@journeyschoolofhouston.org

Name of program: Musical Mashup at the HUB Houston

Short description of program: Music, movement, drama, laughter, costumes, and creativity combine in this day camp! Join Mrs. Krause and Ms. Cay at The HUB to create and perform an original show based on your favorite songs and characters!

Who it's for: The neurodiverse community

Location: The HUB Houston – 4209 Galway Lane, Houston

Dates: Week #1 - June 18-21 (Performance June 21, 1:00); Week #2 - June 25-28 (Performance June 28, 1:00)

Cost: \$220 per week, materials included

How to sign up: Please contact Karen to schedule a time to visit The HUB and register for this camp. 346-701-1714

Name of program: Camp Acorn at The Parish School

Short Description of program: The Parish School's 4-week summer language program offers classroom-based language therapy for children between the ages of 2 and 12 who have communication delays and/or learning differences, and average to above average abilities. We offer small class sizes with a maximum of 10 children in a class and eight children or less in our youngest levels. Our adult-to-child ratio is also very low.

Language intervention to address receptive language, expressive language, and/or pragmatic language is provided by speech-language pathologists and teaching staff in a classroom setting. Both language and academic goals are targeted within the natural day-to-day classroom activities. The curriculum, teaching strategies and expectations are age and individually appropriate, as well as socially and culturally appropriate. Our highly-qualified staff helps motivate children to learn, explore, communicate and experience acceptance and encouragement at all times. Sibling Day Camp and Afternoon Enrichment programs also available.

Who it's for: Children who have communication delays and learning differences

Ages: 2-12

Location: The Parish School, 11001 Hammerly Blvd., Houston, TX 77043

Cost: \$2,100 for the month of June for Language Program; \$1,000 for the month of June for Sibling Day Camp program; \$600 for the month of June for Afternoon Enrichment program

How to sign up: Call 713-467-4696 or send an email to Stefanie Heintz, Director of Camp Acorn at sheintz@parishschool.org

Full Info: www.parishschool.org/campacorn

Name of program: Adventure Play Camp

Short Description of program: Adventure Play at Camp Acorn is a unique opportunity for children ages 6-12 to engage in self-directed outdoor play and construct their own playground with the support of trained playworkers. Children create anything they can imagine using materials others may cast aside as trash, like tires, wood pallets, discarded electronics and scrap lumber. In the process they learn about community, collaboration and the creative process.

During self-directed play, children:

- Are in charge of their own time. They can figure out what is important to them and what is worth compromising in a shared space.
- Have the opportunity to make mistakes and learn from them. Play is, by nature, process oriented, not product.
- Can work from their strengths, but are more motivated to tackle their challenges. Play is very motivating, even when certain aspects of it are difficult.
- Have the freedom to try new things without the timeline and structure of a classroom. Incredible things are learned in a classroom, but information can become personal and applied through play.
- Learn about community. When adults step back, children need one another, and individual strengths become important to others.

Afternoon Enrichment program also available.

Who it's for: Open to all children

Ages: 6-12

Location: The Parish School, 11001 Hammerly Blvd., Houston, TX 77043

Cost: \$1,500 for the month of June

How to sign up: Call 713-467-4696 or send an email to Stefanie Heintz, Director of Camp Acorn at sheintz@parishschool.org

Full Info: www.parishschool.org/campacorn (select the Adventure Play tab on the Camp Acorn page)

Name of program: Camp Social Superheroes

Short Description of program: Camp Social Superheroes is a six-day, overnight camp at [Camp for All](#) in Burton, TX, where children ages 8-12 learn and practice Social Thinking®. Campers attend a daily social group that focuses on social learning concepts necessary for success.

Counselors and speech-language pathologists help campers accomplish goals during fun camp activities like swimming, canoeing, horseback riding, eating meals together, hanging out in cabins, campfire activities, and so much more!

This is an incredible opportunity for campers to make friends and gain real life experience exploring social learning., children need one another, and individual strengths become important to others.

Who it's for: Children who have social cognitive difficulties

Ages: 8-12

Location: Camp Social Superheroes is held at Camp for All but is offered through The Parish School

Cost: \$1,500 for the week (July 8-13)

How to sign up: Call 713-467-4696 or send an email to Renee Attaway, Director of Camp Social Superheroes at rattaway@parishschool.org

Full Info: <http://www.parishschool.org/camp-social>

Name of program: Camp Connect

Short Description of program: The Parish School's Camp Connect is a 5-day overnight camp held at [Camp Aranzazu](#) for 12- to 16-year-olds who struggle with social skills. From the founder of [Camp Social Superheroes](#), Camp Connect continues to embrace the Social Thinking® methodology. Campers learn to connect with others, adapt to social environments and solve social problems, while enjoying a camp experience with team challenges, rock walls, fun activities and more. Goals are customized for each camper. Counselors have a background in speech-language pathology and special education, and provide direct therapy within small groups (5:1 student ratio).

Who it's for: Teenagers who have social cognitive difficulties

Ages: 12-16

Location: Camp Connect is held at Camp Aranzazu but is offered through The Parish School

Cost: \$1,350 (July 25-29)

How to sign up: Call 713-467-4696 or send an email to Renee Attaway, Director of Camp Connect at rattaway@parishschool.org

Full Info: <http://www.parishschool.org/campconnect>

Name of program: Kaufman-Apraxia Bootcamp

Short Description of program: Kaufman-Apraxia Boot Camp is a speech-language based group therapy program designed to increase speech formulation, automaticity, language content and structure for children (up to age 6) who have apraxia of speech or phonological processing disorder. These children benefit greatly from frequent and intensive speech-language therapy. K-ABC's treatment approach and goals were developed and adapted from the [Kaufman Speech to Language Protocol](#).

Who it's for: Children who have Apraxia of Speech

Ages: Up to age 6

Location: The Carruth Center at The Parish School, 11001 Hammerly Blvd., Houston, TX 77043

Cost: \$3,300 (3-week program held Mon-Thurs, 9:00-11:30 a.m.)

How to sign up: While our current session is full, we have **started a waitlist** for families interested in an additional Kaufman-Apraxia Boot Camp, in hopes of opening another session this summer. Call [713-935-9088](tel:713-935-9088) or email tkopycinski@carruthcenter.org

Full Info: <http://www.carruthcenter.org/groups/kaufman-apraxia-boot-camp/>

Name of program: Caroline School Summer Program

Short Description of program: The Caroline School is a school that offers an 8-week camp-style summer program. During this program we focus on the physical, social, and cognitive skills required to be both an independent individual and interactive community member. Our campers follow a relaxed schedule, which engages their bodies and brains in creative exploration at their own pace. A few activities consist of arts & crafts, DIY sensory experiments, water play, adapted obstacle courses, and music therapy.

Who it's for: Children and Teens with multiple disabilities who would benefit from participating in camp-style activities during the summer in a small group format. Many of our campers have seizures, mobility challenges, and g-buttons for eating, but all of them have the desire to share joy and play!

Ages: 3years-18years

Location: The Caroline School, 4888 Loop Central Drive, Houston, TX 77081

Cost: \$300/week (7 weeks available)

How to sign up: Call 713-838-9050 x362 or send an email to Tabitha Hernandez at thernandez@eastersealshouston.org

Additional information:

- You may pick and choose the weeks you'd like to participate.
- Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm; Before care (8am-9am, \$75) and After care (3pm-5pm, \$100) available.
- Parents provide meals and transportation.
- Due to licensing constraints and transportation challenges, please note that we do not offer summer field trips.

Name of program: Brain Training

Short Description of program: Brain Training groups address executive functioning skills such as time management, planning, organization, working memory, task initiation, emotional control, and response inhibition. We work on up to three of these skills at a time through various games and activities.

Who it's for: These groups require that students be able to participate in group discussion and role play and have minimal challenging behavior.

Ages: 6-12

Location: Including Kids, 18401 Timber Forest Dr, Humble, TX 77346

Cost: \$30 per week

How to sign up: Call 281-852-0501 or email outreach@includingkids.org

Other information: Groups meet Mondays 4:30-5:30pm.

Name of program: Social Skills

Short Description of program: Groups address skills such as playing board games, complimenting, greeting peers, perspective taking, body language, bullying, emotional regulation and conversation skills.

Who it's for: These groups require that students be able to participate in group discussion and role play and have minimal challenging behavior.

Ages: 6-12

Location: Including Kids, 18401 Timber Forest Dr, Humble, TX 77346

Cost: \$30 per week

How to sign up: Call 281-852-0501 or email outreach@includingkids.org

Other information: Groups meet Tuesdays 4:30-5:30pm.

Name of program: Play Club

Short Description of program: This group targets various play skills such as attending to and interacting appropriately with peers, taking turns, imitating peers and pretend play skills.

Who it's for: Children attending these groups should be able to tolerate separation from their caregivers, engage in at least minimal appropriate play skills, share space appropriately, have some mode of established communication and minimal challenging behavior.

Ages: 4-6

Location: Including Kids, 18401 Timber Forest Dr, Humble, TX 77346

Cost: \$30 per week

How to sign up: Call 281-852-0501 or email outreach@includingkids.org

Other information: Groups meet Tuesdays 4:30-5:30pm.

Name of program: Teen Social Club

Short Description of program: This group is a role play and discussion-based group for teens. Topics include navigating the social scene in middle/high school, making and maintaining friendships, boy/girl relationships, having conversations, etc.

Who it's for: These groups require that students be able to participate in group discussion and role play and have minimal challenging behavior.

Ages: 12-17

Location: Including Kids, 18401 Timber Forest Dr, Humble, TX 77346

Cost: \$20 per week

How to sign up: Call 281-852-0501 or email outreach@includingkids.org

Other information: Groups meet Tuesdays 4:45-5:45pm.

Name of program: Tutoring

Short Description of program: One-to-one academic tutoring in your chosen area(s): math, reading, writing, etc. You choose the amount of time spent on each subject.

Who it's for: This program requires students to be able to attend to one-on-one instruction for at least 15 minutes at a time and have minimal challenging behavior.

Ages: 5+

Location: Including Kids, 18401 Timber Forest Dr, Humble, TX 77346

Cost: \$35 per hour

How to sign up: Call 281-852-0501 or email outreach@includingkids.org

Other information: Tutoring sessions are available Monday – Thursday 4:00 pm –5:00 pm (1 hour) or 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm (2 hours) only.

Name of program: Sibling Club

Short Description of program: This group provides siblings with a group of peers who “get it.” Facilitators assist the children in sharing feelings and experiences in an encouraging and positive format. The children are able to bond with other children who understand both the ups and downs of having a sibling with special needs.

Who it's for: Typically developing siblings of kids with special needs with minimal challenging behavior.

Ages: 5-14

Location: Including Kids, 18401 Timber Forest Dr, Humble, TX 77346

Cost: \$10 per week

How to sign up: Call 281-852-0501 or email outreach@includingkids.org

Other information: Groups meet Mondays 4:30-5:30pm.

Name of program: Endermen Crew Camp

Short Description of program: The Endermen Crew is a weekly program for children from June 11 to August 17 (closed July 2-6 for holiday). Each day at camp, kids will have morning academics to prevent summer regression while still having fun in the afternoons! There will be weekly field trips as well as art, music, drama and social understanding training.

Who it's for: Children on grade level academically with anxiety, ADHD, ASD or other social issues.

Ages: 5 -10

Location: Sugar Land location TBD or Focus Academy, 2408 Timberloch Place D-1, The Woodlands

Cost: \$525 per week

How to sign up: Call (281) 240-0663 to schedule free screening and tour.

Name of program: Fortnite Crew Camp

Short Description of program: The Fortnite Crew is a weekly program for children and young adults from June 11 to August 17 (closed July 2-6 for holiday). Each day at camp, teens will have morning academics to prevent summer regression while still having fun in the afternoons! There will be weekly field trips as well as art, music, drama and social understanding training.

Who it's for: Children on grade level academically with anxiety, ADHD, ASD or other social issues.

Ages: 11 - 20

Location: Sugar Land location TBD or Focus Academy, 2408 Timberloch Place D-1, The Woodlands

Cost: \$500 per week

How to sign up: Call (281) 240-0663 to schedule free screening and tour.

Skill Builders

Skill Builders is an academic remediation program focused on addressing the most common areas of difficulty for students with learning differences: reading, writing, spelling, math and handwriting/keyboarding. Our goal is to help students find the joy in learning through direct, systematic instruction in a safe, supportive environment with peers who share similar needs. Students will learn to celebrate their areas of strength while gaining skills and strategies to support their areas of weakness. Students will return to their schools with a renewed sense of confidence and a stronger understanding of themselves as a learner.

Ages: Pre-K 4 – 5th grade (as of Spring 2018)

Location: The Joy School, One Chelsea Boulevard, Houston, TX 77006

Dates: June 4th – 29th, Monday – Friday 8:30-3:00

Cost: \$1975 (there is a non-refundable \$130 application fee)

How to sign up: Apply and learn more at www.thejoyschool.org/summer

Social Skills 101

Social Skills 101 is designed to give children an opportunity to learn and develop appropriate social skills in a small group setting. Students will work on initiating conversations, keeping conversations going, social problem solving, turn taking, game playing, perspective taking, body language, self-monitoring and much more. Each week, we will discuss the “hidden rules” and expectations associated with various social settings (book stores, restaurants, museums, etc).

Ages: 1st – 5th grade (as of Spring 2018)

Location: The Joy School, One Chelsea Boulevard, Houston, TX 77006

Dates: June 5th – 28th, Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:15-5:15

Cost: \$575 (there is a non-refundable \$130 application fee)

How to sign up: Apply and learn more at www.thejoyschool.org/summer

Book Club

First rule of book club is—have fun reading a new book in just two weeks! The book will be chosen based on the interests and reading levels of the readers in the club. You’ll chat about the book and create hands-on mini projects. Daily reading goals help make sure you don’t fall behind. Use of Bookshare and audiobooks are encouraged when used properly to build reading fluency. Cups of tea and snacks for reading energy make this class even better!

Ages: 5th-8th grade (as of Spring 2018)

Location: The Joy School, One Chelsea Boulevard, Houston, TX 77006

Dates: June 4th-15th, Monday-Friday 8:00-9:30

Cost: \$250 (there is a non-refundable \$130 application fee)

How to sign up: Apply and learn more at www.thejoyschool.org/summer

Creative Writing

Unleash your inner writer! In this workshop, you’ll become more confident in your writing, give and receive constructive criticism, and practice narrative writing and poetry. Students in this class will grow creatively while enhancing academic writing skills.

Ages: 5th-8th grade (as of Spring 2018)

Location: The Joy School, One Chelsea Boulevard, Houston, TX 77006

Dates: June 4th-15th, Monday-Friday 9:30-12:00

Cost: \$460 (there is a non-refundable \$130 application fee)

How to sign up: Apply and learn more at www.thejoyschool.org/summer

Mastering Math

Math is tough for a lot of students, but this program helps you become more confident in your math skills. Fractions, decimals, multiplying, and dividing don’t have to be scary!

Ages: 5th-8th grade (as of Spring 2018)

Location: The Joy School, One Chelsea Boulevard, Houston, TX 77006

Dates: June 18th-29th, Monday-Friday 1:00-3:00

Cost: \$350 (there is a non-refundable \$130 application fee)

How to sign up: Apply and learn more at www.thejoyschool.org/summer

Comic Book Creators

Whether you are into superheroes, romance, or fashion this class is your chance to create your very own comic book about a subject you love! You'll learn about the history, design and plot points that go into making comic books, all while building your own. Whether your characters are getting ready for New York Fashion week or saving the world, this class is sure to be filled with adventure!

Ages: 5th-8th grade (as of Spring 2018)

Location: The Joy School, One Chelsea Boulevard, Houston, TX 77006

Dates: June 4th-15th, Monday-Friday 1:00-3:00

Cost: \$350 (there is a non-refundable \$130 application fee)

How to sign up: Apply and learn more at www.thejoyschool.org/summer

Ancient Civilizations

Ever wonder what life was like in different eras in different parts of the world? Explore ancient Egypt, Rome, feudal Japan, Medieval times! In this class, you'll discover each region's clothes, food, laws, weapons and warfare, how they struggled to survive and how they thrived as a society in their own time. Build your own pyramid diorama, make a working aqueduct like the Romans, the opportunities are endless!

Ages: 5th-8th grade (as of Spring 2018)

Location: The Joy School, One Chelsea Boulevard, Houston, TX 77006

Dates: June 18th-29th, Monday-Friday 8:00-10:00

Cost: \$350 (there is a non-refundable \$130 application fee)

How to sign up: Apply and learn more at www.thejoyschool.org/summer

Build Your Own Theme Park

Design and build your own theme park! Work as a team to research and choose what type of theme park you'll create, what attractions to put in your park and how to get people to visit. Each student will build one ride to contribute to the park and will design a theme park shop!

Ages: 5th-8th grade (as of Spring 2018)

Location: The Joy School, One Chelsea Boulevard, Houston, TX 77006

Dates: June 18th-29th, Monday-Friday 10:00-12:00

Cost: \$350 (there is a non-refundable \$130 application fee)

How to sign up: Apply and learn more at www.thejoyschool.org/summer