



# 2017 Summer Camp Resource Guide

## Adoption-related Camp Resources

### **Camp to Belong Northwest**

**June 25-June 30, 2017 and August 13-18, 2017**

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

**July 16-20, 2017**

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. Visit [www.holtinternational.org](http://www.holtinternational.org) for more information.

### **Holt International: Day Camp**

**July 19, 2017**

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](http://www.holtinternational.org) 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 [park.info@oregon.gov](mailto:park.info@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 21-23, 2017**

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.



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## Other Suggested Camp Resources

### 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).

### 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 Safety Guide

A camp safety guide for parents: Questions to ask before sending your child to camp. Visit the Camp Safety Guide website at [www.campsafetyguide.com](http://www.campsafetyguide.com) for more information.

### Camp Yakety Yak, Social Skills Camp:

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

### Leach Botanical Garden Summer Day Camps

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/2017-art-nature-summer-camp/> for more information.

### 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.

### Metro Parent Summer Camps & Learning Guide

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

### Oregon Live | Argus Summer Camp Guide

Summer camps and family fun. Visit <http://shopping.oregonlive.com/SS/Page.aspx?secid=162160&pagenum=1&starg=&facing=false&> (Oregon Special Sections page) for more information.

### 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 overcome 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).

## Low-cost summertime camps and activities for your Portland-area child

<http://211info.org/blog-home/2015/4/20/portland-area-summer-activities>

Is the warmer spring time temperatures telling you something? At 211info, we're getting the message that summer is almost here! With the flirtatious weather offering small promises of glorious days of sun and blue skies, comes the call of the outdoors for kids and adults alike. While we'd all like to head outdoors and stay there the whole day, unfortunately parents still need to go to work on the weekdays at least. But Northwest summers should NOT be wasted. Seriously, someone's got to enjoy it for the rest of us—and, why not let that be our children?



Fact is, the Portland Metro Area has an amazing abundance of outdoor and adventure-packed programs to keep all kids entertained. And before you argue that it's summer school or complete brain mushiness come September, consider this 211info-curated list of educational, yet fun and low cost summertime resources.

### Outdoors

**OMSI: For the young scientist in the field,** <http://www.oms.edu/camps-and-classes>

The Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) is a sure bet year-round for hands-on discovery through its state-of-the-art planetarium and numerous interactive exhibits. The summer though, sees the museum kick into high gear, taking the exploration of the region's geology, ecosystems and astral aspects into the outdoors—where they can be experienced best. During week-long excursions designed for kids in grades 3-12, expert staff and chaperones expose participants to unique wildlife and geological features as they, for example, walk among ancient Redwood giants, observe mountain habitats en route to Canadian glaciers, or travel through time among prehistoric fossils.

All programs are age-specific, making sure not only that participants are with their peers, but that learning material and concepts are age-appropriate too. Browse OMSI's vast selection of day camp, rafting, and backpacking programs to discover what adventures await your child this summer. Program fees include transportation from Portland, meals, and lodging unless otherwise specified in the program description. Visit the Summer program's FAQ's for more details.

Financial aid is available for qualifying families. Submit a financial aid application and registration form accompanied by a \$75 deposit per camp. All applications must be submitted at least one month prior to start of camp.

**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.

All are welcome on AWL's open enrollment trips, because time in the outdoors presents benefits for everyone. The nonprofit distinguishes itself by making their trips accessible to non-traditional participants including those with



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disabilities and homeless or at-risk youth through a staff of not only outdoor recreation professionals, but experts in engineering, teaching, occupational and physical therapy, physiology, and health care too.

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 ([www.zengerfarm.org/youth-education](http://www.zengerfarm.org/youth-education)) in Southeast Portland gives young Farm Camp (<https://www.zengerfarm.org/summer>) participants a glimpse into the rewards of responsible environmental stewardship as they see what their hard work produces.

Getting hands in the dirt is the key to learning valuable lessons at this urban farm. On one hand, camp participants tend to vegetables and farm animals, and harvest produce. On the other, campers engage in cooking challenges and craft with plant materials. Add scavenger hunts and daydreaming with dragonflies to the itinerary, and an appreciation of nature's bounty through one's own hard work is unlocked.

Summer Farm camp is now enrolling for participants entering grades K-12. Camp runs from June 19-August 25. 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).

### In the community

#### At the park

Portland's green spaces are superb in both their quantity and quality. A visit to one of Portland's many community parks to relax or play is a wonderful way to spend a leisurely day. At your neighborhood park, in addition to the normal suspects like basketball, swimming, and tennis, did you know you could learn a language, fingerpaint or sing and dance? Area Parks & Recreation departments offer a range of day programs and workshops throughout the summer (fees vary). Find a park and a program in:

- ◆ 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>)

Or, for a weekend family activity, walk, roll, or pedal between several Portland parks during Sunday Parkways ([www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/58929](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/58929)). These events get Portlanders out onto city streets to mingle while



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winding their way through various neighborhoods. Stops along the route at neighborhood parks showcase neighborhood businesses, restaurants, and artisans.

### **At the library**

Portland area libraries offer so much more than just fodder for your little bookworm, (though being libraries foremost, there is a HUGE selection to keep any speed reader happy all summer long). 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>)
- ♦ Willsonville (<http://www.wilsonville.lib.or.us/31/Kids>)

While there this summer, 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, 211info is a short call away. Dial 2-1-1 to connect with thousands of resources across Oregon and Southwest Washington today.