

what is ability camp

Our mission at Ability Tree is to come alongside families impacted by disability by providing R.E.S.T. — Recreation, Education, Support, and Training. Ability Camp is just one way we do that! It's a faith-based sleep-away camp designed for adults with disabilities. Our hope is that camp offers a haven where individuals can experience joy, belonging, and spiritual growth. Campers build life-long friendships with peers and counselors, while experiencing the fun of activities like archery, rock climbing, swimming, art, and so much more.



Currently, Ability Camp sites are rented in two states, with 3 available weeks for 105 total campers.

pennsylvania

Refreshing Mountain Retreat & Adventure Center 455 Camp Rd Stevens, PA 17578

oklahoma

New Life Ranch Frontier Cove 5582 New Life Ranch Rd Adair, OK 74330



for campers

Only 22% of people with disabilities participate in recreational activities, compared to 59% of people without disabilities. About 50% of individuals with disabilities participate in community activities less frequently than they'd like because of lack of accessibility and social stigma. Ability Camp provides them with a safe space to engage in recreation and community.



for caregivers

The role of a parent or caregiver is often 24/7 and for life. Over 50% of family caregivers of individuals with disabilities report high levels of stress and emotional strain.* Providing opportunities for respite is crucial for the well-being of the entire family. (*National Alliance for Caregiving)



IS THIS AN OVERNIGHT CAMP?

Yes, Ability Camp is an overnight camp for adults ages 18+ with special needs

WHO CAM COME? IS THIS FOR ONLY CERTAIN DISABILIITES?

We serve a variety of physical and intellectual disabilities. If, due to the needs of the camper, we are unable to accommodate them, the staff will inform the family during the registration process.

WHERE WILL THE (MAPERS SLEEP?

Campers will sleep in airconditioned cabins with other campers and at least 2 counselors, who have been screened with national background checks and who are trained to assist the campers.

IS THERE A NURSE ON SITE?

Yes! There is a nurse on site for all camps. They are responsible for administering medication, providing medical care, and communicating necessary medical information with parents/guardians.

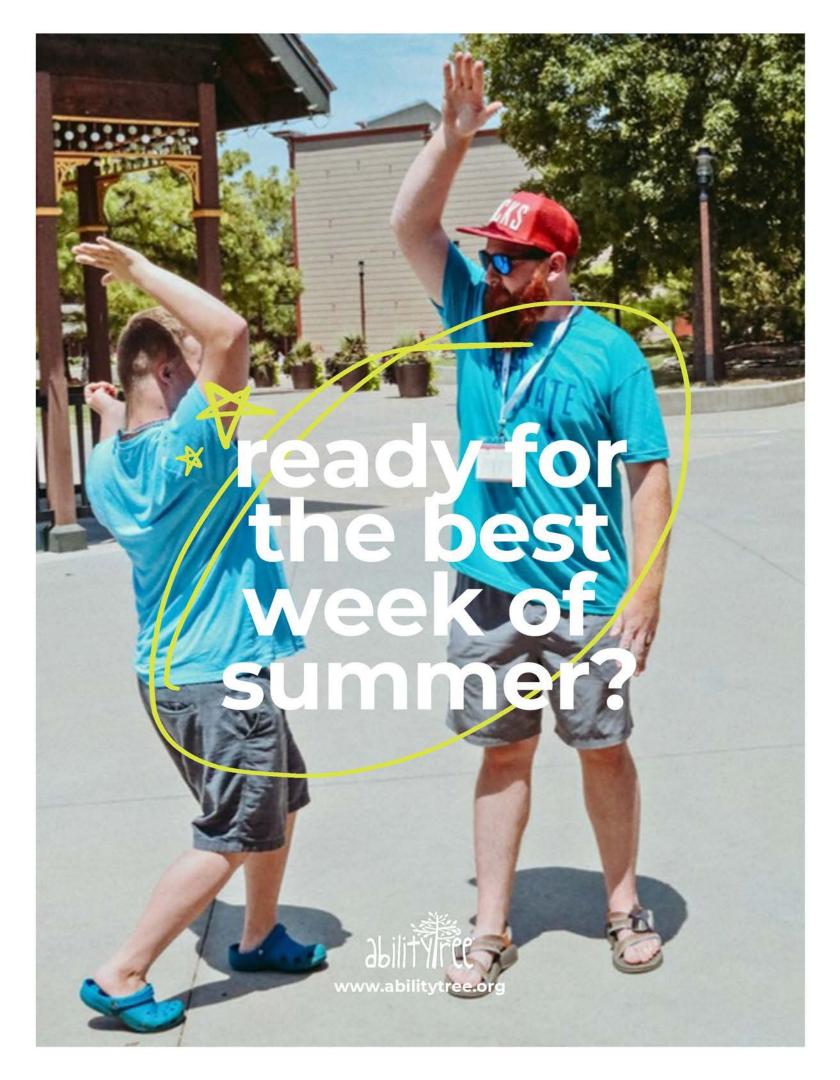
WHAT KIND OF ACTIVITIES DO YOU HAVE?

Some activities include swimming, fishing, theme parties, games, talent show, campfires + s'mores, and more!

HOW DO I REGISTER A CAMPER?

Use the link on abilitytree.org/ability camp to register for the camp closest to you! Once you register, our staff will contact you to set up a virtual meeting to meet you and your camper







Pennsylvania ability camp

In 2010, Ability Tree hosted its first Ability Camp at Refreshing Mountain Retreat & Adventure Center in Stevens, PA. Since then, we've annually rented space there. In 2024, we expanded to two weeks of PA camp due to high demand.

During the week of camp, you can expect to have a blast! It is a week full of fun from the theme party to the talent show featuring our very own campers. Each day all staff and campers join together in spirit-filled morning and evening chapel services that include worship and interactive messages.

camp facilities & amenities

- air conditioned lodges and cabins with bedding and towels provided
- 3 hot meals a day in a dining hall
- · sports courts/fields and indoor gym
- pool and water play park
- outdoor activities including: archery, rock climbing wall, and giant swing
- air conditioned meeting rooms for activities
- cafe with sandwiches and treats for purchase
- ability tree store with merchandise for purchase



Oklahoma ability camp

in 2019, Ability Tree hosted its first Ability Camp at New Life Ranch in Adair, OK. Since then, we've annually rented space there.

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camp facilities & amenities

- air conditioned lodges and cabins
- 3 hot meals a day in a dining hall
- sports courts/fields and indoor gym
- pool and waterslides
- · outdoor activities including: archery, go karts, and more
- air conditioned meeting rooms for activities
- store open daily with treats for purchase
- ability tree store with merchandise for purchase





2026 Pennsylvania ability camp



Dates of camp

Session 1: July 6-10

Sesson 2: July 10-14

Session 3: August 24-28



Cost of camp \$800 earlybird for registration when you March 1, 2026!



Registration deadline

June 1 for sessions 1&2 July 15 for session 3





2026 Oklahoma ability camp





Dates of camp

August 3-7



Cost of camp \$400 \$50 discount for earlybird registration when you register before March 1, 2026!



Registration deadline

July 15, 2026



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