

# USD 232 SPED Connections

February 2023

## Choosing Summer Camps for Kids with Disabilities

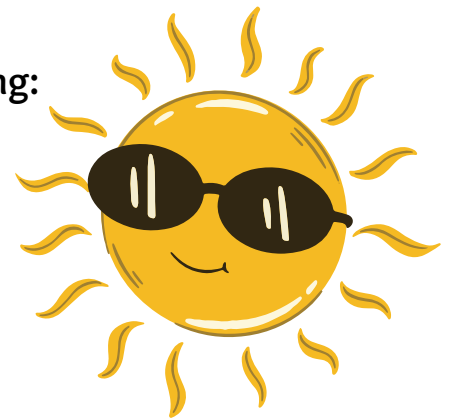
**It is never too early to begin thinking about summer activities for kids to stay involved.**

The summer camp experience can benefit a child with special needs and parents alike, but both are likely to feel anxious ahead of time. Check out this great article on helping parents begin their search for summer camps.

### Choosing Summer Camp for Kids with Disabilities

The article focuses on the following:

1. Setting Objectives
2. Doing Your Homework
3. Knowing What to Ask
4. Communicating
5. Preparing Your Child and Staff



### Did you know?

The Kansas City Metro has multiple summer camps for all children. Examples of camps tailored for children with special needs are listed below.

#### Summer Camps from Children's Mercy

#### SOAR Summer Day Camp



### SPED Events

- USD 232 Planning Successful Transitions for Special Education - Feb. 28
- Kansas Youth Leadership Forum Seeking High School Students with Disabilities
- 2023 Blue Valley Special Needs Resource Fair - Feb. 9

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### Parent Tips

Along with planning summer camps, check out your local community for day activities around the KC metro area.

Kidscape and the Johnson County Museum has Sensory Mondays for children with sensory needs.

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Shawnee Parks and Recreation also has adaptive recreation programs.

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## Awareness Highlight

### Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week & Rock Your Scar Campaign

February 7 -14



Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week takes place every year from February 7 to 14. Congenital heart defect, or congenital heart disease, is a heart condition that is the leading cause of death for both men and women in the United States. February also recognizes the Rock Your Scar social media photo contest, which empowers teens, tweens and others living with CHD and is one of the only national CHD awareness campaigns. "I know for my son, it means so much to see other teens and young adults, especially guys, embracing their CHD."

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2023 Rock Your Scar Campaign