Tarrant County Area Adapted Recreation Resources for people with IDD

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ADVOCATES FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE, INC. SPECIAL CONNEXIONS PROGRAM

Epworth United Methodist Church/Stephens United Methodist Church, Arlington <u>https://www.advocatesforspecialpeople.org/</u> Incorporates exercise/swimming/dance as part of their activities; home of the Arlington Eagles Special Olympics team for those that have graduated from high school or who are within a few years of graduating. <u>advocates@advocatesforspecialpeople.org</u>

ALLEY CATS ENTERTAINMENT

Arlington 817-784-2965 <u>http://alleycatsbowl.com/</u> Bowling league for kids with and without disabilities. Typically practices on Saturday mornings. <u>info@alleycatsbowl.com</u>

AQUA**S**TARS

Irving, Heritage Aquatic Center 972-721-7311 <u>http://cityofirving.org/2735/AquaStars-for-Special-Needs-Children</u> On a monthly basis, AquaStars provides children with special needs with an opportunity to sidestep crowds and experience the excitement of play in an indoor, 20-yard, temperature-controlled lap pool. Best of all, participants will only pay the standard admission rate of \$1 per visit. The program is designed for ages 18 and younger. AquaStars participants must be accompanied by an adult or guardian.

ARC GREATER MID CITIES

Haltom City 817-834-7700 <u>www.arcnetc.org</u> Arc Greater Mid Cities promotes the human rights of individuals who have intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their life span. Provides a variety of recreational and social activities. <u>info@arcnetc.org</u>

ARC OF NORTH TEXAS

 Richardson- programs offered in Tarrant County
 214.634.9810
 http://www.arcnorthtexas.org/about.html

 The Arc of North Texas advocates on behalf of and in collaboration with people with developmental disabilities and their families to improve their quality of life and to expand opportunities to participate actively in the community. Provides a variety of recreational and social activities.

ARLINGTON- MANSFIELD AREA YMCA SPECIAL FRIENDS

North Arlington Branch, 1005 Skyline Dr., Arlington Barbara Hopson (817) 548-9622 ext. 210 Wellness/social program for individuals in general revenue services served by MHMR Tarrant- T-F 1:00-3:00



ARLINGTON- MANSFIELD AREA YMCA ADAPTED SWIM LESSONS

Cooper Street Branch, 7120 S. Cooper Street, Arlington SNAP swim lessons for kids ages 5+ with autism and private lessons for those with other disabilities Cory Brazeal, Senior Program Director, 817-419-9629 ext. 4300, <u>coryb@amaymca.org</u> or Michele Gwin, Aquatics Coordinator, 817-419-9629 ext. 4601, MicheleG@amaymca.org

ART HOUSE

Southlake- 817-416-4278 and Flower Mound- 972-899-2699 <u>www.studioarthouse.com</u> Extra Special Art – Designed for adults with special needs, ages 18 +, these art classes explore individual expression and abilities while fostering selfesteem, group participation, self-control and individuality.

THE ART STATION

 Ft. Worth
 817-921-2401
 www.theartstation.org

 The Art Station is a nonprofit organization offering individuals and groups art therapy and community programs to children and adults.
 www.theartstation.org

ASI GYMNASTICS

Arlington, Keller Gymmie Kids program- ages 3-18, private lessons or recreational classes with a shadow coach

AWESOME ON THE SPECTRUM

Arlington682-227-6039http://www.meetup.com/Awesome-on-the-Spectrum/Awesome on the Spectrum is a non-profit organization focused on social interaction and sensory activities for kids of all ages with Autism SpectrumDisorder. We meet several times per month for social skills classes, offer outings on a monthly basis, and provide several family-friendly eventsspecial events. Also offer music therapy and art therapy classes by licensed therapists for a fee. admin@awesomeonthespectrum.org

CENTER FOR ASD

Lisa- 817-205-1445

Organization was founded in March of 2009 to assist families affected by Autism, both emotionally and financially. Since this time, has seen over 100 families affected by Autism and that number is rapidly growing - This is not to mention other special needs families who like to join in our events. Provides a variety of activities intended to provide a welcoming and safe environment for those with special needs and their families.

CHEER ACADEMY

Arlington Patty, 817-832-2167 Free special needs cheerleading team for youth and teens.

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http://asigymnastics.com/gymmie-kids

http://www.centerforasd.org/

http://cheeracademy.com/specialneeds

ARLINGTON LIBRARY, BORN TO STAND OUT STORYTIME

Southwest Branch 817-459-6900 This program offers a welcoming atmosphere for children of all ages and abilities. Come explore this "choose-your-own-adventure" type of story time through hands-on, sensory-friendly activities as well as music and movement. Offered the first Monday of the month at 10:30 a.m. Lisa Smant, lisa.smant@arlingtontx.gov or Ashley Wyche, ashley.wyche@arlingtontx.gov

CITY OF FT. WORTH LIBRARY, SENSORY STORY TIME

Summerglen Branch 817-392-5970 http://fortworthtexas.gov/library/worthreading/2016-10-sensory-story-time/ This sensory-rich story time is for all children and especially children with sensory processing disorders. Exploration is encouraged through handson play and movement activities. Kids bring books to life using props, music and carnival-style games. Program for children of all ages. Saturdays, 11:00 a.m.

CITY OF IRVING ADULT THERAPEUTIC DAY PROGRAM

http://cityofirving.org/814/Therapeutic-Recreation-Programs Lively Pointe Youth Center 972-721-8098 Irving Parks and Recreation serves individuals with special needs through an Adult Therapeutic Day Program and Irving Special Olympics. Interested participants and volunteers are welcome to call or email for more information. dhicks@cityofirving.org

CITY OF SOUTHLAKE THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

https://www.experiencesouthlaketexas.com/375/Therapeutic-Recreation Southlake 817-748-8019 Therapeutic Recreation (T.R.) provides recreation and leisure opportunities to persons with physical/mental illnesses or disabling conditions. Provides positive recreation and leisure experiences through a variety of adapted, inclusive and community integration programs. abennett@ci.southlake.tx.us

CLUB 321

Arlington

Club 321 is an adult social club for individuals with Down syndrome and other intellectual disabilities. This is a collaborative project of the Down Syndrome Partnership of North Texas and Green Oaks School. club321friends@hotmail.com

THE CLUBHOUSE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

Bedford

817-285-0885

www.theclubhouse.org/index.html To provide a safe and fun place for teens and young adults with mild to moderate, intellectual/physical challenges an opportunity for education,

socialization, and independence in a recreational atmosphere. director@theclubhouse.org

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https://www.facebook.com/groups/134328306670929/

http://arlingtonlibrary.org/2017/01/28/born-to-stand-out/

COME READ WITH ME

Euless

817-553-7323

www.comereadwithme.us

A nonprofit life-long, year-round learning and therapeutic center for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Provides a variety of recreational pursuits in their programs. <u>gillian.edwards@comereadwithme.us</u>

COPPELL BASEBALL ASSOCIATION CHALLENGER BASEBALL PROGRAM

972-745-8869

The Coppell Baseball Association Challenger Baseball program is for young athletes (7 - 18 years of age) with disabilities.

COPPELL FAMILY YMCA ADAPTED SWIMMING LESSONS AND SPECIAL OLYMPICS PROGRAM

972-393-5121 <u>https://www.ymcadallas.org/locations/coppell_family_ymca/swimming/adapted_swim</u> The YMCA's Adapted Swim program is designed as a private lesson and the Special Olympics Swimming Program is designed to teach competitive swimming skills. Both are for ages 4 and up. To register, please contact Sunshine <u>sgibson@ymcadallas.org</u>.

COPPELL YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION TOP SOCCER PROGRAM

972-304-0886

The CYSA TOP Soccer program is for athletes with disabilities (age 4-19) who want to play soccer. president@coppellyouthsoccer.com

CROSS TIMBERS FAMILY YMCA "BUDDY SPORTS"

Flower Mound972-539-9622https://www.ymcadallas.org/locations/cross-timbers/youth-sports/buddy-sports/Buddy Sports is specialized for children with disabilities and partners them with a buddy. The sports offered in this program are basketball,
baseball, soccer and field hockey. Ages: 5-15 years

DANA'S STUDIO OF DANCE

Keller817-745-3262Special needs Hip Hop dance class for youth.

EMLER SWIM SCHOOL

Fort Worth & Arlington- summer only; other various DFW locations year-round817.552.SWIM (7946)Special needs swimming lessons for kids and adults.arlington@emlerswimschool.com

ENCORE SCHOOL OF DANCE NO BOUNDARIES DANCE 101 - SPECIAL NEEDS DANCE CLASS

Saginaw817-232-9393http://www.encoreschoolofdance.comThe Encore School of Dance provides a dance class for individuals 3 years of age and older who have a disability. Please call studio to inquire about
class specifics. office@encoreschoolofdance.com

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www.danastudio.com

www.iswimemler.com

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FEAT- NORTH TEXAS (FAMILIES FOR EFFECTIVE AUTISM TREATMENT)

Richland Hills 682-626-5000 A non-profit organization operated by volunteer parents of children with autism. Holds two monthly social groups for tweens and teens with autism and a monthly social/support group for adults with Asperger's/ASD. FEAT also offers various Family Fun days throughout the year.

FOOT WORKS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER: JOYFUL MOVEMENT CLASS

Weatherford, TX 76086 678-232-4576

Joyful Movement is designed for our special needs dancers and typically lasts about an hour. In the class they will stretch, work on body movements, and dance to their routines. There are also full year scholarships. Ally Klaudt, allyklaudt@gmail.com

FOSSIL CREEK LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL, CHALLENGER DIVISION

www.fossilcreekbaseball.com

A division of Little League that enables boys and girls ages 4-18 with disabilities to enjoy the game of baseball. Serves Keller, Haltom City, Watauga, Saginaw and NE Fort Worth. fossilcreekbaseball@gmail.com

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

Greenbriar Recreation Center, Fort Worth 817-926-6214

Meets the second Friday of each month from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for ages 14 and up. Supervised activities include: music, dancing, singing, basketball, & games. The program is currently free but a \$15 annual membership for the City of Fort Worth Recreation Center is required. People who need assistance (behavioral, personal or medical) should arrange for an attendant or family member to accompany them. Participants should bring a snack. Please call to make sure program if being offered before attending.

GRAND PRAIRIF FAMILY YMCA

972-642-9632 Offers adapted swim lessons for children and adults with special needs

H2OPE- OFF THE DEEP END AQUATICS, INC.

http://www.offthedeependaguatics.com/H2OPE.html Harris Aquatic Center-HEB, 251 Westpark Way, Euless 682-200-7865 H2OPE is a FREE fun, community outreach water exercise program for children with special needs, ages 3-18.

IFLY INDOOR SKYDIVING

Fort Worth and Hurst locations

All Abilities Night at iFLY is a unique event that makes the dream of flight a reality for those in the special needs community. This program has been custom designed for those with physical and cognitive challenges to create an environment of support and inclusion, while focusing on making what seems impossible, possible.

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https://www.iflyworld.com/programs/all-abilities/

https://www.ymcadallas.org/locations/grand prairie/swim/

http://localautismevents.com/

KID-NETIC GAMES

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Dallas

972-348-1570 Annual weekend athletic event with physical impairments such as amputations, spinal cord injuries, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy, dwarfism, and other orthopedic impairments. randy.foederer@region10.org

KELLER ATA BLACK BELT ACADEMY

Keller 817-337-9493 Offers a special abilities class to children with special needs, adapted to their abilities and conditions.

KELLER UNITED- MIRACLE LEAGUE SOCCER PROGRAM

Keller United is a program created to help children with physical and/or intellectual disabilities improve their soccer skills. Boys and girls ages 5-18. For more information call or email Ed Palluth at ksapresident@verizon.net

KIDS WHO CARE MUSICAL THEATER

Ft. Worth 817-737-5437 Kids Who Care provides inclusive musical theater classes, camps and leadership training for children (4-18) with and without disabilities. andrea@kidswhocare.org

LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Linda Haberthur, 817-569-5459 or Kendra Kerbow, 817-569-4101 Ft. Worth The Ladies Friendship group, hosted by MHMR of Tarrant County, is for women age 18 and older who have intellectual or developmental disabilities and are seeking, friendship, support and fun. Bring your lunch and enjoy discussing real life issues and chatting with friends new and old. Meetings are held once a month.

LIBERTY CHEER ALL STARS

Midlothian 972-775-5323 or 469-285-1186 "Justice" cheerleading team for youth with special needs.

LIFEPOINT

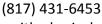
Mansfield

817-473-7125

LifePoint is a day program for all young adults, ages 18-29, with special needs. Provides training in the areas of life skills for daily living, educational and pre-vocational instruction and socialization in a Christian environment. LifePoint provides young adults with the opportunity to explore and participate in a variety of planned activities each day, including recreation. Nancy Ryals, Director, nancy@lifepointinc.org

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www.kellersoccer.org

www.libertvcheerallstars.com

http://www.lifepointinc.org/index.html

www.kellerata.com

www.region10.org/programs/kid-netic-games/overview/

LITTLE MAVS MOVEMENT ACADEMY (LMMA) UNIVERSITY TEXAS ARLINGTON

817-272-0955

214-803-9955

LMMA services are provided during an identified semester. Check the website for current information. The Little Mavs Movement Academy (LMMA) is a free group motor skill intervention program designed to improve motor skills of 4- to 16-year children and adolescents with movement/coordination difficulties. dmclab.uta@gmail.com

LONE STAR BLACK BELT ACADEMY SHOOTING STARS

 Keller
 817-485-9595
 http://www.lonestarblackbeltacademy.com/

 Lone Star Black Belt Academy offers a free karate class for individuals 5 and older who have Down Syndrome. Can also accommodate other

 developmental disabilities.
 lonestarblackbeltacademy@yahoo.com

Men's Friendship Group

Ft. Worth

Brandon Cabral, 817-986-1252 or Russell Bennett, 817-569-4990

A group for men (age 18 and over) with intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD) in search of friendship, support, and fun. Bring a sack lunch and come hang out with new and old friends. Meetings are held once a month and hosted by MHMR of Tarrant County.

METROPLEX ADAPTIVE WATER SPORTS

MAWS is a non-profit, volunteer driven organization dedicated to providing opportunities for persons with all types of disabilities to experience water sports. The emphasis is on water skiing, utilizing specialized 'sit skis' to provide a safe, enjoyable skiing experience, regardless of the level of disability. For More Information call, or email Blaine at <u>blaine@youcanski.org</u>

MIRACLE LEAGUE OF DFW

817-633-6076 <u>http://www.mldfw.org/</u> Baseball Field Location- 1901 W. Randol Mill Rd, Arlington Participate in baseball with assistance from a "Buddy". <u>info@miracleleagueDFW.org</u>

MIRACLE LEAGUE OF IRVING

https://www.ymcadallas.org/locations/irving family ymca/sports/miracle league irving/

Baseball Field Location- Cottonwood Creek Park, 4051 N. Story Rd.Participate in baseball with assistance from a "Buddy". Doug Fox, Irving YMCA Executive Director, <u>dfox@ymcadallas.org</u>, 214-460-6337 or Joe Taylor, Chairman: Irving Y Miracle League Committee, 972-986-6190.

MIRACLE LEAGUE OF PARKER COUNTY

Weatherford817-489-7110Participate in baseball with assistance from a "Buddy". LeAnna Gieger – leanna.gieger@bearcatservices.com or cell, 817-845-8592

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http://youcanski.org/

http://www.uta.edu/littlemavs/

MIRACLE LEAGUE OF SOUTHLAKE

817-946-9136 <u>http://www.miracleleagueofsouthlake.com</u> Baseball Field Location- Texas Rangers Miracle League Field, 450 W. Southlake Blvd., Southlake, TX 76092. <u>info@miracleleagueofsouthlake.com</u>. Participate in baseball with assistance from a "Buddy".

NORTH TEXAS SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANCE PARTNERS

Euless 817-545-9456 <u>www.ntxsnap.org</u> North Texas SNAP is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization serving individuals 17 and older living with intellectual disabilities. SNAP provides a variety of social, recreational, and educational programs for its members.

PREMIERE MARSHALL ARTS

 North Richland Hills
 817-281-4390
 www.pmanrh.com

 Can accommodate children and teens with special needs in their classes. Please call to discuss needs. Kim@pmanrh.com
 www.pmanrh.com

RECMANIA AT HANDLEY-MEADOWBROOK RECREATION CENTER

6201 Beaty St, Fort Worth, TX 76112 Adaptive Recreation Night for ages 18+ with dancing, bingo, arts and crafts, games and more! \$10/year center membership is required and \$1 per person to attend. Held the first Friday of the month from 6:00pm-9:00pm. Please call to make sure program is being held each month.

SING YOUR WAY HOME

 Bedford
 817-716-3510
 www.SingYourWayHome.com

 Adapted music lessons for teens and adults with disabilities and Teen/adult music groups on Monday afternoons.
 Randi@SingYourWayHome.com,

SPECIAL NEEDS GYMNASTICS

Multiple locations in Tarrant CountyDenise Anderson, 806-438-3227www.specialneedsgymnastics.orgSpecial Needs Gymnastics is a year around sport. Offers gymnastics, swimming, cycling, sports class- baseball, soccer, football and basketball.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS- AREA 11, GREATER FORT WORTH

6707 Brentwood Stair Road, Suite 218 Fort Worth	817-332-3433	http://www.sotx.org/about/areas/area11/contact.html
a11@sotx.org		

SPIRIT-XTREME CHEER

Walter or Melissa Meriwether: 817-251-8984

http://spirit-xtreme.com/

Spirit Xtreme Rejoice is a Co-ed Special Needs All Star competitive cheerleading team for athletes ages 14 years and younger with an intellectual and/or physical disability who love to cheer, dance and perform.

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Southlake

STORY STAGE

Ft. Worth

817-989-6399

www.story-stage.com

Story Stage helps kids build skills to tell their story. Learn to read listener's reactions, use tone of voice, see a friend's point of view, and have good conversations at Story Stage. Theater, props, and costumes make it fun. Staging personal stories makes it real.

SUPERKIDS

Richland Youth Association Tim Early, 817-581-9094 Baseball, basketball, soccer and cheerleading. <u>Tim@myrya.com</u>

TCU PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Ft. Worth, TCU Campus

Dr. Phil Esposito, 817-257-6866

Saturday classes are held in the Spring and Fall semesters. Ages 18 and older. Individuals are paired with a TCU Kinesiology student that leads the fun exercise activities. <u>p.esposito@tcu.edu</u>



THERAPEUTIC HORSEBACK RIDING All Star Equestrian Foundation Mansfield, 817-477-1437 <u>allstar892@juno.com</u> www.allstarfoundation.org

Equine Connection Counseling 2 locations: Fort Worth and Cresson 682-334-3784 www.equineconnectioncounseling.com

New Hope Equine Assisted Therapy 6151 FM 1830, Argyle 817-729-5315 <u>skershen.newhope@gmail.com</u> <u>newhopeequine.com</u> Paws for Reflection Ranch 5431 Montgomery Rd, Midlothian 972-775-8966 pawsforreflection@att.net www.pawsforreflectionranch.org

Serendipity Equine Haven of Fort Worth 2416 Canton Drive, Fort Worth, 817-680-5474 <u>contact@serendipityequinehaven.org</u> <u>serendipityfortworth.com</u> Free or Donation-based program

Stable Strides Farm, INC 4400 Withers Ave, Flowermound 940-595-3600 <u>stablestrides@aol.com</u> www.stablestridesfarm.org Stars & Strides Stables 228 Sandpiper Dr., Weatherford 817-929-0020 teresa@starsandstrides.org www.starsandstrides.org

White Bridle Therapy 16274 Chapel Hill Ct, Roanoke 972-740-0900 brook@whitebridle.org whitebridle.org/

Wings of Hope Equitherapy, Burleson, 817-790-8810 wingsofhope@prodigy.net www.wingsofhopehorses.org

Victory Therapy Center (formerly Rocky Top) 10600 Dunham Rd., Roanoke 682-831-1323 <u>lisa@victorytherapy.org</u> www.victorytherapy.org

TOPS SOCCER

Arlington Youth and Adults Shane Williams, 817-229-0629

https://www.facebook.com/pages/Arlington-TOPS-Soccer/152815228081711

UNIVERSITY LITTLE LEAGUE, CHALLENGER DIVISION

Fort Worth

817-368-3061

A division of Little League that enables boys and girls ages 4-18 with disabilities to enjoy the game of baseball.

www.fwull.com

The Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Council of Tarrant County www.IDDCouncil.org

WARRIORS PROGRAM- ALVARADO YOUTH SPORTS ASSOCIATION

Alvarado <u>http://www.aysakids.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2199513</u> Sports association for children with disabilities ages 6 - 18 years old. Offers Baseball, Basketball, Volleyball, Football & Cheerleading. This program will be open to anyone in surrounding areas that are willing to drive to Alvarado for practices and games. Russell Mitchell, aysapublicrelations@gmail.com

"WE HAVE A VOICE"- ADVOCACY THEATER COMPANY

Scott Theatre, Fort Worth Blake Jung, 817-773-4300 Free theater education classes for adults 18 and older. Class meets each Thursday from 6:45 p.m. - 8 p.m. <u>AdvocacyTheater@gmail.com</u>

YOGI KIDS

Flower Mound

214-325-2547

https://www.myyogikids.com/copy-of-classes

Special Needs class held at various times throughout the year. Class is designed to practice yoga and gross motor skills.

U.S. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Access Pass

A free, lifetime pass - available to U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the United States that have been medically determined to have a permanent disability (does not have to be a 100% disability) - that provides admittance to more than 2,000 recreation sites managed by five Federal agencies.

The Access Pass admits pass owner/s and passengers in a non-commercial vehicle at per-vehicle fee areas and pass owner + 3 adults, not to exceed 4 adults, where per-person fees are charged. (Children under 16 are always admitted free.)

For more information please visit: <u>https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/passes.htm</u> and click on the link for "Access Pass"

For additional adapted recreation resources in other Texas counties, visit www.navigatelifetexas.org

