Summer camps provide children with the chance to develop character, learn valuable life skills, make new friends and discover new interests. Summer is a time for fun and experiencing new adventures. The camps listed are just a sample of what is offered for children with disabilities. Also, check with your local recreation department for activities such as Challenger baseball, softball leagues, swimming activities or lessons, and art camps run by the city.

Some safety tips: Be sure and use sunscreen when out during the day and use an insect repellant if outside at early evening or night. Drink water or sports drinks if in the heat for long periods of time.

CAMP LIST 2008

Camp Dream Street
A summer camp which provides residential camping experience for physically challenged children. Typical diagnoses are cerebral palsy, spina bifida, spinal cord injury, and amputation.
Contact: (601) 856-2329
Location: Henry S. Jacobs Camp in Utica, MS
Dates: May 27 - 31
Ages: 8-14
Cost: None

MDA
A summer camp for children with Muscular Dystrophy
Contact: Rachel George at (601) 936-6862
Dates: June 8-13
Ages: 6-21
Cost: None (Must be registered as a MDA member)

Camp Barnabas
Weekly sessions, according to specific disability
Contact: (417) 476-2565
Location: Purdy, MO
Dates: weekly sessions from June 1- August 14
Ages: 7-17
Cost: Yes (scholarships available)

Camp ASCCA
Easter Seals Camp with weekly sessions, according to specific disabilities
Contact: (256)-825-9226
Location: Jackson’s Gap, AL
Dates: weekly sessions from May 27 – August 15
Ages: 6 and Up
Cost: Yes (scholarships available; varies according to income)

*Camp Kiwanis
A summer camp for children with arthritis
Contact: Dennis Oliver at (228)-832-6786
Location: Perkinson Jr. College Campus, Wiggins, MS
Date: June 11 - 13 Ages: 4-16
Cost: $10 (scholarships available)

*Magic of Clay Workshop-MS Craftsman Guild
A workshop with local potters and artists for all individuals with disabilities.
Contact: Julia Daily at (601)-981-0019
Location: MS Agricultural Museum - Lakeland Drive, Jackson, MS
Date: June 30 from 9:00 am-12:00 noon
Ages: 4 and up
Cost: none

What you should know

Traumatic Brain Injury & Dysfunction
- About 65% of our annual admissions are children with TBI.
- The average age of our children with TBI is 9-10 years old.
- The average length of stay is well under 20 days.
- Recommendations for school classification vary with recovery.
- Some children require equipment at discharge- 43%

SERVICES OFFERED BY CRS
Medical Physician • Nursing • Occupational Therapists • Physical Therapists • Social Worker • Speech Therapy • The Education Department • Recreation Therapy/Child Life
More than 4,000 children ages 14 and under are treated in emergency rooms in for injuries involving fireworks each year. Most of these injuries occur in the few weeks before and after the Fourth of July.

Fireworks are a fun tradition for the Fourth of July, but make sure your family enjoys them in a safe way by following these helpful tips:

- The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to watch them at a community event where professionals handle them.
- Only adults should use fireworks.
- Actively supervise children around fireworks.
- Teach children what to do if their clothing catches on fire. (Fireworks, including sparklers, can cause serious burns as well as blast injuries that can permanently impair vision and hearing. Make sure children know how to “stop, drop, and roll” and call 911 in an emergency.

Precautions for adults using fireworks:
- Light fireworks only on a smooth, flat surface. Aim them away from buildings, dry leaves, and people. Fireworks should not be used during drought conditions.
- Do not try to relight fireworks that malfunction.
- Do not carry fireworks in your pockets or hold them close to your face.
- Keep a bucket of water, garden hose, or fire extinguisher close by when using fireworks.

Pediatric orthopedists take care of many congenital and developmental problems of the young skeleton such as clubfoot, scoliosis, and dislocated hips as well as acute and chronic injuries to bones, joints, and muscles. In addition, they are experts in the care of various neuromuscular disorders such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, and muscular dystrophy. They specialize in all aspects of spinal care for children covering the full spectrum of problems including congenital and acquired scoliosis, injury, infection, and tumors.

Pediatric orthopedic surgeons are experts in treating disorders of growth and development of the skeleton, muscles, and joints in children. Thus they are able to effectively interpret, diagnose, and treat skeletal abnormalities in children and adolescents.

The Department of Orthopedic Surgery and Rehabilitation at University of Mississippi Medical Center maintains a three-fold purpose:

1. Exercise excellent patient care through prevention, treatment and rehabilitation
2. Teach graduate and postgraduate students
3. Conduct clinical and laboratory research

The goal of the patient care program is to carry out the highest quality holistic patient care that is coupled with the persons well being and not limited to just the specific disease condition or symptoms that manifest. While maintaining high quality patient care, the Department continues to pursue excellence in the treatment of the whole patient through the intervention of compassionate care. Once a patient is diagnosed, treatment may include counseling, a simple cast, medication, surgery, or other types of therapy, depending on the condition. Rehabilitation can include physical therapy and/or occupational therapy, helping the patient restore normal movement and increase bone/muscle strength. Speech therapy is available for consultation and treatment patients found to have memory, cognitive or swallowing deficits. Children’s Rehabilitation Service provides comprehensive multidisciplinary evaluation and treatment for children and adolescents with physical, developmental or chronic medical disabilities.