

WHAT WE DO

- Programs serving children and young adults in central Pennsylvania since 1998
- Provide year-round programs
- Focus on improving socialization and communication skills
- Foster extensive partnerships in the community with non-profit organizations



OUR MISSION

Aaron's Acres provides individuals with special needs ages 5-21 year-round therapeutically based age-appropriate recreational programs directed by specially trained and certified staff in a supportive environment that enhances socialization and communication skills. Emotional, educational, and recreational support is offered for the entire family.



OUR UNIQUE APPROACH

- Professional staff with 1:1 or 1:2 staff-to-child ratio
- Every child is accepted regardless of disability or ability to pay
- Our participants ages 13 to 21 give back by performing community service

OUR VISION

To provide all children and young adults with special needs opportunities to participate in the most innovative and unique social and recreational programs in an atmosphere of acceptance that embraces the child and family.



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**Socialization and
recreation programs
for children and young
adults with developmental
disabilities**

STAFF & BUDDIES

Dedicated Supervisory Staff

- Special education teachers
- Undergraduate students in these fields may obtain course credit for their experience
- Nurse is present at all programs to address any medical needs

Buddy Program

- Volunteers are comprised of high school students
- Buddies may earn service hours for this experience
- Buddies learn and gain perspective impacting their entire lives
- Many past buddies choose careers based on their Aaron's Acres' experience



PROGRAMS

Year Round, Summer Camp, and Acts of Kindness

Year-Round Programs

- Friday nights:
Community activities
for ages 13 to 21
- Saturday early evenings:
Recreational activities
for ages 5 to 12



Summer Camp

- Activities include:
 - Visits with therapeutically trained dogs
 - Therapeutic horseback riding
 - Music therapy
 - Games
 - Crafts
- Programs are designed to foster friendship, social development, and age-appropriate behavior



Acts of Kindness Program

- Adolescents with developmental disabilities participate in community service projects including:
 - Playing bingo with residents in nursing homes
 - Cleaning nature park trails
 - Sorting clothing at a homeless shelter
- Everyone benefits:
 - Teens feel a sense of purpose and joy in giving and learn possible future job skills
 - Parents experience pride in seeing their teenagers serve others
 - Organizations realize how our teenagers can serve in the community, rather than simply receive services



FAMILY SUPPORT

- Pampering sessions
- Educational programs:
 - Child advocacy within the school system
 - Adolescence and puberty
 - Transitioning from school to work
- Opportunities to connect with others and create a support system