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2018 Summer Camps and Programs

The Indiana Resource Center for Autism (IRCA) has released their 2018 Summer Camps and Programs listing. This can be found at <http://go.iu.edu/1SLM>. IRCA does not endorse any particular activity or organization on this list, but provides this as a service to the community. Other



Most people would tell you there aren't any mountains in Indiana. But a Hoosier family of a child with special needs might think differently and say that climbing mountains is what they do every day to give their child with special needs a better life.

No family should have to climb those mountains alone. That's why there is About Special Kids or ASK, now in our 31st year of providing a hand of help up that mountain for Hoosier families of children with special needs who use the information, resources, and connections ASK provides to "climb on!" ASK Parent Liaisons, all parents of children with special needs themselves, help families avoid pitfalls, not make mistakes, and navigate through the unknown.

ASK is always there, always at the ready to help Hoosier families "climb on!" for their child with special needs to reach a better life for their child with special needs at the top of that mountain.

And, now, we ask you to **Climb On!** and support ASK in this first exciting round of Brackets for Good. We have been selected as one of the 64 charities in the 2018 Indianapolis Brackets for Good fundraising tournament. Brackets tips off this Friday, March 2 at 8:00 p.m. To prepare to become a team-mate, here are some quick things you can do:

- Learn how Brackets For Good works by watching this 83 second video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RY4E07Hri-4>
- Visit the [Brackets for Good website](#) and complete a donor profile.
- Check out our 45 section video: <https://youtu.be/pU3fwfqD5cw>

We're "game" for the 2018 Brackets for Good competition and much like the spirited and relentless effort that brings Indiana families to ASK for help, we need your help to "climb on" and donate to Brackets for Good for ASK. With your support, ASK can continue to be the climbing partner that Hoosier families can trust and count on in that every day climb up that mountain for their children with special needs.

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options you can research when looking for summer activities include:

YMCA
Parks Programs
Private gyms and recreational facilities
Local Girl Scout councils
Children's Museums

Many of these have programs that have been, or are being, developed for children and/or adults with disabilities. For example, there are martial arts programs available in some communities for individuals with special needs. Some programs have an "inclusion coordinator" or other staff designated to support children and/or adults with disabilities.

Additionally, Special Olympics Indiana might be an option for your family members who have an interest in playing a variety of sports. To find out more about Special Olympics Indiana programs, and/or opportunities to get involved in your area, check out their website at <http://soindiana.org/> or call 800-742-0612.

Parents are advised to investigate the opportunities to determine the appropriateness of each activity for their family member.

Information provided by the IRCA

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ASK - Now Hiring

About Special Kids (ASK) is currently hiring two 20 hour per week Parent Liaisons. These staff positions will support our efforts state wide and will provide information, one-on-one educational training, and support to families of children with special needs. The positions require reflective listening skills, understanding of individuals from diverse cultures, ability to communicate effectively both on the phone and through written email and letters, and a basic understanding of the services and supports available to children with disabilities and their families. The ideal candidate is passionate about advocating and working with other parents to improve outcomes for children with special needs. This position will be 20 hours per week. Other benefits include 9 paid holidays per year and paid time off for sick and vacation time.

Parents of children with special needs (physical disabilities, mental health diagnoses, chronic health conditions, developmental disabilities, etc) are encouraged to apply for this position that will provide parent to parent support. If you are interested in applying for this position, please send a cover letter and resume to Jane Scott, Deputy Director, jane@aboutspecialkids.org or fax to 317-251-7488.

[Parent Liaison Job Description](#)



March is Disability Awareness Month

The 2018 Disability Awareness month campaign theme is "Be Cool. We Are." No matter the differences between people, it is always better to treat others the way you want to be treated, and this is especially true when interacting with friends, co-workers, and other Hoosiers who live with disabilities.

The 2018 Indiana Disability Awareness Month campaign theme – Be Cool. We are. – is all about the importance of being comfortable in your own skin and making the conscious decision to be yourself, because acting different around someone with a disability isn't cool.

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