



For Individuals with Disabilities & Typical Peers Ages 3 +

- S. T.A.R. Summer Camp meets the requirements of Extended School Year Services.
- Award winning camp is staffed by intervention specialists, movement specialists and interns.
- Last camp had over 270+ participants.
- Low teacher-camper ratios allow each participant to be immersed in quality individual programming.
- Typical peers serve as role models.
- The camp is hosted by the City of Independence at Elmwood Park.

Registration Opens: January 15, 2025

Ages 3-5 8:30 am—11:30 am - Liberty Playground Facility

Ages 6-12 9:00 am—2:00 pm - Independence Old Recreation Center

Ages 13+ 8:30 am—1:30 pm Kiwanis Pavilion

**Camp Includes:**

- **Camp Dates: July 7 - 18, 2025**
- **Transition Camp July 21- 25, 2025** for those age 16+
- Direct Instruction in Social Skills
- Math / Reading Intervention (Preschool / 6-12 yrs)
- Data collected for ESY services, reported to parents and school district

**Camp Costs\*:**

- \$375 per week
- \$100 for completion of ESY documentation and reports
- \$100 typical peers ages 3-12

\* All funding for camp needs to be secured no later than June 1, 2025  
 \* Additional costs may apply if individual assistance is needed  
 \* Copy of IEP, 504 Plan and Behavior Plan (BIP) required with registration  
 \* ESY participants must provide updated IEP indicating ESY services, goals and objectives

**IEP Required with application.**

Application forms can be found at:

[www.starcampsummer.org](http://www.starcampsummer.org)

Registration deadline is June 1, 2025.

An inclusive camp...

**S.T.A.R.**



**Activities such as...**

- ✓ Crafts
- ✓ Inflatables
- ✓ Playground
- ✓ Sports Games
- ✓ Cardio Drum Circle
- ✓ Yoga
- ✓ Board Games
- ✓ D.J.
- ✓ Walkers Club
- ✓ Library
- ✓ Physical Education/ Movement
- ✓ Swimming
- ✓ Social Skills Intervention Integrated Throughout the Day
- ✓ Academic Intervention for IEP Goals perfect for extended school year options
- ✓ Professionally staffed by Certified Intervention Specialists
- ✓ Adapted P.E. Movement



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**Thank You City of Independence!**

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**Two Weeks: July 7-18, 2025**

Independence Old Recreation Bldg.  
6200 Elmwood Ave.



Effective social skills are critical to emotional and cognitive development. Social skills deficiency are one of the central features of those with autism spectrum disorders and other

disabilities. Making and fostering relationships is difficult and challenging when individuals lack these skills. It has been found that when children do not have good friendship skills, the negative effects are long lasting and affect cognitive social and emotional development.

However, typically developing children acquire social skills such as: problem solving, conflict resolution, respecting the ideas of others, cooperation and team work without direct instruction. Positive social interactions promote a sense of well being, healthy relationships and a sense of belonging. S.T.A.R. Summer Camp's goal is for children with disabilities to generalize social skills taught and practiced at camp into their daily life. The summer camp will also provide academic support as identified through the camper's Individual Education Plan.

## S.T.A.R. Summer Camp 2025

Two Weeks: July 7-18, 2025 (ages 3+)

If necessary, all camp experiences and teacher/student staffing will be adjusted and developed according to age population and severity of disability.

Staffed with Special Education Teachers experienced in Autism and other disabilities. Low student-teacher ratios.

Cost per camper is \$375.00\* per week. Non-refundable fee is due with application no later than June 1, 2025.

Lunch, snacks, drinks and transportation to be provided by parent/guardian.

The Camp Director will review all applications.  
Not all applicants will be admitted.



### S.T.A.R. Summer Camp Location

City of Independence  
Old Recreation Building  
6200 Elmwood Ave.

