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Camps Sertoma and Susquehanna Offer Summer Fun

The Arc's Camp Sertoma has been a place of acceptance and summer fun for children and adults with intellectual disabilities for more than 50 years. This summer season, campers of all ages learned and grew together during residential and day camps at Camp Sertoma. At sister camp, Camp Susquehanna, school aged campers from Upper Dauphin experienced day camp close to home.

Residential respite camps, held in June and August at Camp Sertoma, gave campers ages six and older the chance to get away from home and enjoy the beauty of Camp Sertoma's natural surroundings. Campers also spent time swimming, dancing, watching movies, and making friends. Residential camps offer flexibility for campers to choose which activities they want to participate in, and what their daily schedule entails.

Day camps, held this year for three weeks in July at Camp Sertoma and Camp Susquehanna, provided a more structured schedule for school age campers. During Sertoma day camp, campers complete rotations including arts and crafts, science and nature, and swimming. Camp Sertoma's weekly themes Ancient Wonders, Natural Wonders, and Modern Wonders helped tie these rotations together and provided learning moments for campers. Special guests such as the Linglestown Fire Company, Hershey Medical Center, therapy dogs, and many others helped day campers learn important lessons about topics such as fire prevention, sun safety, and animal care. At Susquehanna day camp, campers focused on imagination during three weeks dedicated to fairy tales, myths, and legends. Campers completed crafts, played games, watched movies, and went swimming on a typical day. On Fridays, field trips took campers to Little Buffalo Park, Knobels Amusement Resort, and the Whitaker Center.

Summer camps are winding down now, but The Arc's Camp Sertoma will continue to offer year-round respite camps. For more information about all of The Arc's camping opportunities, contact Richard Honeycutt at 717-920-2727.