

Resources by Disability

This page points to resources that relate to specific diagnoses and types of need.

Accessibility

[National Center on Accessibility](#)

- The National Center on Accessibility (NCA) is a program of Indiana University's Department of Recreation and Park Administration in cooperation with the U.S. National Park Service, Office on Accessibility.

[TrailExplorer](#)

- TrailExplorer - a database for locating trails. Trail Explorer benefits all users, but is particularly helpful for individuals who may have specific trail needs, such as individuals with disabilities.

[National Park Service](#)

Attention Deficit Disorder/Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADD/ADHD)

[Behavior Management for ADD/ADHD](#)

- 12 key points to guide leaders in dealing with children with ADD/ADHD.

[Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder \(CHADD\)](#)

- CHADD is a national organization that provides a support network for parents, continuing education about attention deficits, and resources to help children with attention deficits in educational settings.

Autism

[Autism Society of America](#)

- The mission of the Autism Society of America is to promote lifelong access and opportunities for persons within the autism spectrum and their families, to be fully included, participating members of their communities through advocacy, public awareness

Cerebral Palsy

<http://ucp.org/>

- UCP educates, advocates and provides support services to ensure a life without limits for people with a spectrum of disabilities. UCP works to advance the independence, productivity and full citizenship of people with disabilities through an affiliate network that has helped millions.

Developmental Disabilities

[Long Island Developmental Disabilities Service Office](#)

Diabetes

[American Diabetes Association](#)

- Our Mission: To prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes.

Down Syndrome

[National Down Syndrome Association](#)

- The mission of the National Down Syndrome Society is to be the national advocate for the value, acceptance and inclusion of people with Down syndrome..

Hearing Impairment

[American Sign Language Browser](#)

- From Michigan State University's ASL Browser web site, an online American Sign Language (ASL) browser where you can look up video of thousands of ASL signs and learn interesting things about them.

[Space Camp for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Students](#)

- Interested in Space Camp? You Definitely can! U.S. Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama and Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf have teamed up to provide the world's most unique space and aviation experiences for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Learning Disabilities

[The International Dyslexia Association \(IDA\)](#)

- The IDA is an international, non-profit, scientific and educational organization dedicated to the study and treatment of dyslexia.

[Learning Disabilities Online](#)

- LD Online is an interactive guide to learning disabilities for parents, teachers, and children. LD OnLine is the official site of The Coordinated Campaign for Learning Disabilities. LD Online provides articles on a wide range of topics.

[Learning Disabilities Association \(LDA\)](#)

- LDA has 50 state affiliates and over 775 local chapters and is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all individuals with learning disabilities and their families, to alleviating the restricting effects of learning disabilities.

[National Center for Learning Disabilities \(NCLD\)](#)

- The NCLD provides information, services, and programs for children and adults with learning disabilities, their families, educators, and other professionals. The NCLD Web site provides a database of state resources, educational programs, etc.

[Council for Learning Disabilities \(CLD\)](#)

- The CLD is an international organization that promotes strategies for research and practice through collaboration and advocacy.

Mental Retardation

[The Champions Program: Achieving Self-Sufficiency](#)

- The special-needs curriculum teaches youth with mental disabilities/challenges the life skills they need to achieve self-sufficiency.

[The Arc](#)

- Association for Retarded Citizens of the United States is the country's largest voluntary organization committed to the welfare of all children and adults with mental retardation and their families.

Stuttering

[National Stuttering Association](#)

- If you are a stutterer, a parent of a child or teen who stutters, or a speech-language pathologist, teacher or other professional who works with people who stutter you will want to take advantage of these helpful opportunities and benefits.

Tics and Tourette Syndrome

[Tourette Syndrome Association, Inc.](#)

- The Tourette Syndrome Association is the only national organization dedicated to providing up-to-date, accurate information about Tourette Syndrome.

Visual Impairment

[Bookshare](#)

- Boy Scout Handbook and merit badge pamphlets are accessible by online library through a partnership with BookShare.

[National Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped](#)

- A free national library program of Braille and recorded materials for blind and physically handicapped persons is administered by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), Library of Congress.

[Space Camp for Interested Visually Impaired Students](#)

- Space Camp is a week long camp that takes place at the US Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. The word "camp" truly understates the EXPERIENCE of Space Camp. Students live in a simulated space station called Habitat 1.

Publications For The Visually Impaired

- [Boys' Life Magazine in Braille](#), Library of Congress for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Washington, DC, 800.424.8567 or Volunteer Service for the Blind, Philadelphia, PA, 215.627.0600
- [Recordings the Boy Scout Handbook and various merit badge pamphlets](#). Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic, Princeton, NJ, 800.221.4792
- [Boy Scout Handbook in Braille](#). The Lighthouse of Houston, Houston, TX, 713.527.9561
- [Boy Scout Handbook and other Scout literature in large print and Braille](#). American Printing House for the Blind, Louisville, KY, 800.223.1839

General Resources:

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Following are some general resources relating to Scouting and special needs. For information relating to specific needs and disabilities select the Resources by Disability menu option under Additional Resources.

Handouts and Flyers from the Denver Special Needs Team

[Special Needs and Scouting](#)

[Sample Flyer](#)

[A Scout Named Joe](#)

[ADD-ADHD Tips](#)

[Advancement FAQs](#)

[Communications Strategies](#)

[Disabilities Awareness MB](#)

[Disability is a Natural Characteristic](#)

[What To Do If You Are A Leader](#)

[Guide to Working With Scouts With Special Needs and Disabilities](#)

- This is the first document from BSA you should look at regarding special needs.

[Scouting for Youth with Disabilities Manual](#)

- While somewhat dated, this useful manual addresses special needs for all the Scouting programs. It replaces a series of publications that addressed specific disabilities such as blindness, mental retardation and emotional disabilities.

[Guide to Advancement](#)

- This manual, revised in 2013, gives the current BSA policies for advancement.

Hard-copy BSA Publications About Special Needs

- [A Scoutmaster's Guide to Working with Scouts with Disabilities #33056A](#)
- [Understanding Cub Scouts with Disabilities #33839](#)
- These are available through the Scout Shop, but call first (303.477.4830) to see what they have in stock. They can also be ordered through:

BSA National Distribution Center
2109 Westinghouse Blvd.
PO Box 7143
Charlotte, NC 28241-7143
800.323.0732

[Disability is Natural](#)

- This organization promotes a people first approach to disabilities and discussion of disabilities .

[Definitions of Types of Disabilities](#)

- A list and description of common disabilities quoted and adapted from the BSA Publication [A Scoutmaster's Guide to Working with Scouts with Disabilities](#).

[A Memorandum from the Child with Behavior Disorders](#)

- Very good reading to help understand Scouts with behavior disorders.

[Sourcebook Online](#)

- Using the search engine you can obtain the addresses, websites, and contacts for many national associations, organizations, and government agencies from the online source book sponsored by the Mental Health Net.

[Internet Resources for Special Children \(IRSC\)](#)

- The IRSC web site is dedicated to communicating information relating to the needs of children with disabilities on a global basis.

[National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities \(NICHCY\)](#)

- An information and referral center that provides free information on disabilities and related issues for families, educators, and other professionals.

[ADA Home Page](#)

- U.S. Department of Justice Americans with Disabilities Act. View and download the entire ADA as well as a multitude of documents and publications regarding the ADA. There is a lot of useful information on this site. Note while the ADA does not legally apply to BSA which is a nonprofit volunteer organization, the BSA's policies are similar to the ADA.

disAbility.gov

- Helpful information for those with disabilities from the US government.

[National Organization on Disability \(NOD\)](#)

- The National Organization on Disability promotes the full and equal participation of America's 54 million men, women and children with disabilities in all aspects of life.

[Anecdotes Regarding Actual Special Needs Scouting Experiences](#)

Some heartwarming anecdotes about Scouting and special needs kids.

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For the college bound:

- [Financial Aid](#)
- [Resources for College Students with Special Needs](#)

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