

# Special Camps

## Summer 2020



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Dear Special Camps Family,

Thank you for being a part of our Special Camps family. Whether you are a camper, a parent/guardian, or one of our many volunteers, you are a valued member of our family and we are so grateful for your dedication to this ministry. Exciting things are happening to ensure the future of Special Camps, and we want to share them with you and ask for your help.

Special Camps was established in 1975 under the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church, and then became a program of Camp Sumatanga in 2013. Our camping programs grew and flourished during those years. Today, with the support of over 100 volunteer counselors, nurses, program organizers, and directors, we serve approximately 150 campers.

[In 2018, a small group of camp leaders began to pray about our future. Among our concerns was whether we were structured to continue to grow and prosper. After a great deal more prayer and consideration, the group decided to establish an independent nonprofit to ensure a more secure future for special needs camping programs. In March 2019, Special Camps became a 501\(c\)3 as the ESG Foundation, Inc., found on social media as the Special Camps Foundation. The name ESG was chosen to honor our roots and those who had a great impact on our ministry – Euler, Stephens, Gattis. Barbara Euler, Larry Stephens, and Judy Gattis are just three of the many individuals who sculpted Special Camps through the years and made it what it is today. We are honored the foundation bears their names.](#)

We made the decision to establish a 501(c)3 to ensure the sustainability and healthy growth of our camping programs and ministry. Our vision is to bring joy and enrichment to the lives of special needs individuals. We

need your help and support to fulfill this vision. We need campers, we need volunteers, we need prayer warriors, and we need financial contributions.

Registration will open in March for camper slots and volunteer positions for our summer programs. Please join us for one of our sessions. Please also consider supporting us financially. Among other things, donations help pay for camp programs, room and board for our volunteers, and financial aid for any camper who cannot afford registration costs. Donations can be made on our website [www.specialcamps.com](http://www.specialcamps.com) or by sending a check to ESG Foundation, P.O. Box 4542, Huntsville, AL 35815.

Please consider donating your time, skills, and/or resources for the love of our special campers who look forward to Camp the whole year, and for those we hope to welcome for the first time. We covet your prayers for this ministry.

Many blessings,

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