

# Summer Camp 2022 Overview



**Summer Camp 2022** was an exciting six weeks! We were thrilled to welcome new and returning families back to camp for full day programming and a new location at New Holland Community Pool & Park. Here are some highlights from Summer Camp 2022:

- Programming included trips to a therapeutic riding center, music therapy, fitness program, music & entertainment, a ventriloquist, magician, petting zoo, reptiles, arts & crafts, games, carnival inflatables and of course, a splash in the pool!
- AAAOK (Aaron's Acres Acts of Kindness) partnered with local organizations to complete several different community service projects and events, including, a car wash, packing meals, a lemonade stand, sorting and organizing books and clothing, and more!
- 150+ individuals served through programming
- 70+ community visitors including the Aaron's Acres Dream Makers, Ambassadors and Angels
- 130+ volunteer photographers



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"Aaron's Acres has been a great blessing to our family. Katie has been attending Aaron's Acres for about five years. From her first camp experience, through all the school year programs, and up to this summer she has been excited to attend events. Although we always appreciated Aaron's Acres, it was not until living through the pandemic did we realize how vital this program is for her. The inability to attend camp left her with too much unstructured time. This led to many extreme behavior problems, which involved tantrums, broken furniture, and increased self injurious behaviors. We saw a remarkable difference this summer, because she was able to attend Aaron's Acres. The structure and activities provided through camp helped decrease her anxieties and increased her ability to self regulate. Through the lens of Autism this has been a perfect summer. We have seen very little tantrums, significantly less self injurious behaviors, and no more broken furniture. Thank you for your love, support, and care for Katie. Aaron's Acres has made a positive life changing impact on our whole family."

- Debra M.



"My son, Reece, has been participating with the Aaron's Acres programs for the past 6 years. He is now 18 years old and, over the years, I have seen incredible growth and development of his social and communication skills, as a result of his involvement."

I am relieved and reassured, knowing that my son is happy, thriving and enjoying his experiences with Aaron's Acres while I appreciate the hours of respite which the programming provides to parents and caregivers. It's truly been a blessing to be involved with this phenomenal organization."

- Peggy Jo W.