Vanderbilt Kennedy Summer Programs

The Vanderbilt Kennedy Center offers summer programs for children, adolescents, and young adults with and without disabilities. The Center's summer programs are unique in that they provide model services, support for families, training opportunities for college students preparing for educational or service careers, and opportunities for participants to take part in innovative research. For the most up to date information on these camps, please see vkc.mc.vanderbilt.edu/vkc/services/campsandactivities/

- **ACM Lifting Lives Music Camp**
  for individuals with Williams syndrome ages 16 and up
  ACM Lifting Lives Music Camp is a weeklong residential camp held in Nashville. The camp is designed for youth and adults with experience in and a passion for music. Campers participate in a songwriting workshop, a recording session, a songwriters night, and a live performance at the Grand Ole Opry. The camp also focuses on social skills and independence and has an optional research component.

- **Next Steps at Vanderbilt Summer Institute**
  for rising high school juniors, seniors, and young adults with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities up to age 24
  Next Steps at Vanderbilt Summer Institute is a week-long residential college transition program that provides exposure to postsecondary education. Students are given the opportunity to experience a college campus, to develop greater independence, and to develop a broader understanding of postsecondary program options across the country.

- **SENSE Theatre Camp**
  for youth with and without autism ages 7-18
  SENSE Theatre Camp is a 2-week day camp with the goal of improving the social and emotional functioning and reducing stress in children with autism through the use of behavioral and theatre techniques. Campers with autism are paired with typically developing youth actors who serve as expert models of social interaction as well as co-actors on the stage. The campers’ efforts culminate in two performances at the end of camp. There also is an optional research component.