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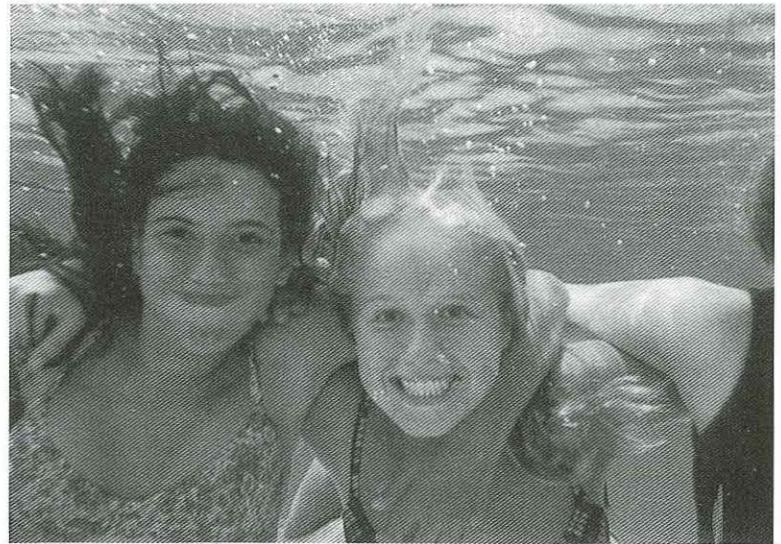
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Summer is almost here. The question arises: What to do with the kids? USF summer camps appeal to a wide range of children's interests, talents and needs. Below are just a few of the many USF summer programs available for children in the community.

The **National Youth Sports Program**, now in its 25th year, is USF's oldest summer day camp. Sponsored by the National Collegiate Athletic Association and federal government grants, it is designed for economically disadvantaged youth aged 10-16 and emphasizes sports instruction and skills development. Each summer as many as 400 kids are brought to the Tampa campus to run, swim, play tennis and learn about self-determination and good sportsmanship.

The Tampa campus' **Center for Mathematical Services** has programs



Kim Stikney, left, and Katy Stoddard enjoy a cool "dip" at the Oceanography Camp for Girls at USF St. Petersburg.

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in math, engineering, biomedical science and computers for gifted middle and high school students from the surrounding counties. The six-week summer session costs \$45 and gives students the opportunity to earn credit. Last summer, 175 students attended the program.

The St. Petersburg campus hosts the **Oceanography Camp for Girls**, a cooperative educational partnership between the Pinellas County School System and USF's department of Marine Science. This hands-on science experience gives girls the opportunity to apply classroom knowledge to the tangible marine environment through data collection, field trips and laboratory experiments. A unique one-on-one mentoring approach with female professors and graduate students encourages young women to pursue careers in science. During the past three summers, 84 girls participated in the program.

Summerplay is a youth arts program, held on the Tampa campus and sponsored by the USF

School of Continuing Education. Designed for children aged 8-17, it offers a wide range of creative experiences in the visual and performing arts. The first session is a four-week theatre project. Children write, direct and act in their own play and design the sets and costumes too, culminating in the creation of a living newspaper. A second, two-week session is also available in visual arts, videography, dance or photography. This year, Spanish and entrepreneurial skills will also be taught.

USF Sarasota's **Camp Can-Do** is a summer camp for the developmentally disabled. Established in 1992, the camp is designed for children, adolescents and adults with mental retardation or other developmental and related disabilities and their siblings. Program activities emphasize age-appropriate leisure and recreational skills. Children aged 6 and over who have independent living skills are eligible to participate. Campers have opportunities to participate in arts and crafts, cooperative games, canoeing, swimming, cook-outs, archery, fishing and aerobic exercise.

USF's School of Music offers three one-week sessions on the Tampa campus for young musicians. **Summer Jazz Camp** is a comprehensive jazz experience for students in grades nine through 12 including jazz ensemble performance, jazz improvisation, workshops, masterclasses and individualized study. **Summer String Academy** gives students in grades eight through 12 the opportunity to participate in both large

and chamber string orchestras, chamber music, recreational activities, performance classes, technique and practice seminars and listening tours of the masterworks. **Children's Choir Songfest** helps children in grades two through 8 (unchanged voices only) develop their vocal skills in small and large group rehearsals and attend classes in musicanship.

By Lynn Rothman

Below is a list of additional USF summer camps. Telephone numbers (813 area code) are listed for details, dates and fees.

SWIMMING LESSONS

"Learn to Swim Program" for ages 3 and up, Gina Schultz 974-2971.

ART and MUSIC

Centre Studio's "Camp Creations," art camp for ages 7-13, Mark Fehl 974-5208. Piano Camp for Young Artists, 974-5792. Preschool Musical Discoveries Camp for children 4 and 5, 974-5792.

SPORTS

Girls Volleyball Camp for grades 6-11, Perri Hankins 974-4130. Select Baseball Camp, co-ed, ages 7-17 and Basketball Camp for boys 6-13, Bobby Paschal 974-3105. Fast Pitch Softball Camp, Ken Eriksen 974-4111. Junior Co-Ed Golf Camp, for ages 7-17, Susan Holt, 974-3341. Soccer Camp, ages 12-17, Logan Fleck, 974-3698

REACHING OUT TO CANCER KIDS

R.O.C.K. Camp is open to all children with cancer, ages 6-18, throughout the state, at no cost, Judy Moore, 253-0541

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A happy camper in a wheelchair inspires can-do attitude at "Camp Can-Do" in Sarasota.