

Exceed Expectations

Valley Children's Adaptive Sports Program provides free recreational and athletic experiences for those with disabilities. The only one of its kind in Central California, the program is designed for individuals with physical impairments and conditions ranging from cerebral palsy to spinal cord injuries. Disabled youth up to age 21 are especially encouraged to attend. Volunteers of any age, disabled or able-bodied, are needed to assist with events, mentoring and coaching.

Our region's abundant mountains, lakes, rivers, trails, athletic facilities and more make amazing destination hotspots for recreational and competitive activities. Whether water skiing or rock climbing, participants enjoy a fun experience while boosting their health, confidence and independence.

Through hard work and determination, the children learn it is possible to participate in athletics, exceed expectations and achieve their dreams.

Enhance Support

The program enables people with similar physical disabilities, as well as parents of children with special needs, to come together and socially interact. This provides increased opportunity for participants and family members to make new friends and expand their support system.

Make It Possible

Our adaptive sports program that originally began with a water ski event has since grown into today's formal hospital program that offers a variety of clinics. We need your assistance, including donations of funds, equipment and expertise to maintain and grow these invaluable services for youth throughout the Valley.



There's a misconception that people with a physical disability can't be active or competitive. We work with each individual to show them what's possible.
— Dr. Jennifer Crocker
Medical Director, Valley Children's Pediatric Rehabilitation Center



Help Build A Self-Sustaining Program



Dr. Jennifer Crocker, medical director, Valley Children's pediatric rehabilitation center, leads Valley Children's Adaptive Sports Program. Dr. Crocker is board certified in physical medicine and rehabilitation by the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Her special interests include adaptive sports and spinal cord injuries.

Since arriving at Valley Children's in 2008, she has inspired great interest in adaptive sports throughout Central California. Her long-term goal is to build a self-sustaining program that offers both recreational and competitive adaptive sports.



Current Programs

Team Sports:

- Basketball
- Sled Hockey
- Tennis

Event Programs:

- Camping
- Kayaking
- Paddle Boarding

- Rock Climbing
- Scuba Diving

- Track and Field
- Water Skiing



Participation in adaptive sports provides a sense of independence for these kids. They start to realize that with hard work, they can achieve much more than they thought.

– Brent Poppen
U.S. Paralympic Athlete, Quad Rugby and Tennis

Rock climbing is an accomplishment. These kids are inspiring – they do things that even some able-bodied people think they can't do.

– Marie Garriner
General Manager, MetalMark Climbing & Fitness, Fresno



The Adaptive Sports Program has changed my life by helping me do things I never dreamed I would be able to do... and helped with my recovery by building coordination and muscle strength.

– Seth Faulconer, 15
Prather, Valley Children's Patient

Valley Children's Adaptive Sports has helped me realize I'm not the only one. It has changed my perspective on my disability. I like being able to be myself and around people just like me.

– Tatiana Placencia, 17
Dinuba, Valley Children's Patient

I'm different since I've had this program in my life, family support and friends. I wouldn't be who I am today. I like me.

– Ally Woodyatt, 12
Exeter, Valley Children's Patient

For More Information on Valley Children's Adaptive Sports Program

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To Make A Donation Online

Go to donate.valleychildrens.org/donate to access the online donation portal on Valley Children's website.

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(Please note that your contribution is for Adaptive Sports on the memo line of the check.)
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