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DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION OF NORTHEAST INDIANA

Zoo Outing



We had a total of 58 people show up for the zoo outing! Our DSANI families enjoyed the beautiful Fort Wayne Children's Zoo including rides and then socialized during a picnic lunch in the park!

mark your calendar

Self Advocate Bowling

Bowling every Tuesday at 7:00 pm at Wayne Recreation and every Wednesday at 6:30 pm at Westwood Lanes.

July 8, 2006

Black Pines Animal Park
Watch for more details.

July 17-21, 2006

Swim Lessons
Contact Karen Boyle for more information.

July 21-23, 2006

THE 34th NDSC National Convention Marriott Marquis, Atlanta Georgia
Don't miss this chance to attend the nation's largest convention for people with Down syndrome, their families, friends and the professionals who work with them! Contact NDSC at www.ndsccenter.org.

August 7-11, 2006

2nd Red Cedar Camp for People with Down Syndrome

DSANI is once again partnering with

AWS and Camp Red Cedar to offer a one week camp specifically designed for people with Down syndrome, ages 6 and up. Contact Red Cedar at 637-3608 for more information.

August 12, 2006

Join us for a trip to the Botanical Conservatory.

August 22-26, 2006

9th World Down Syndrome Congress Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

The NDSS is co-sponsoring this conference instead of conducting a U.S. national conference in 2006. The world congress is held every three years to provide leading edge, broad based information providing a balanced perspective on current issues of concern for people with Down syndrome, their families, the professionals who work with them and researchers. www.wdsc2006.com.

October 7, 2006

DSANI Buddy Walk

10am at Foster Park, Old Mill Road.

Registration at 9:30 am, walk begins at 10 am. Call DSANI at 471-9964

October 21, 2006

Halloween Bowling Party

Watch for more details soon on this annual fun event

Saturday, October 28, 2006

"Afraid to Look Down" IPFW

Told with unflinching honesty and humor, "Afraid to Look Down" is a play that explores the journey actor/playwright Cullen Douglas took in becoming a first-time father to his oldest son Gabriel-born with Down syndrome. www.afraidtolookdown.com.

Wednesday, November 22, 2006

Auburn Moose Lodge Fundraiser

3rd annual event to benefit DSANI. Contact DSANI at 471-9964.

December 9, 2006

DSANI Holiday Party

Join us for the annual DSANI Holiday Party complete with a visit from Santa.



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"The Down Syndrome Association of Northeast Indiana exists as an advocacy organization to enhance the lives of individuals with Down syndrome, provide information and support to families and professionals, and promote awareness and acceptance of individuals with Down syndrome within our community."

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DSANI is an affiliate organization of the National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS) and the National Down Syndrome Congress (NDSC).

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Red Cedar Camp Parent Volunteers

Once again this year DSANI and Red Cedar have joined together to offer a day camp specifically for individuals with Down syndrome but we need your help to make the week a success. We are looking for volunteers to assist each day at camp.

We need at least one and preferably 2 volunteers for each day. Volunteers are needed every day during the week of August 7-11 from 8 AM to 3:30 PM. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Julie at julietut@verizon.net or 260-436-8213 as soon as possible.



Helping Challenged Children Has Grants for Kids

HCCI is a small Indiana organization that will assist children with disabilities 0-18yrs, with no other source of funding, to purchase things that will help enhance their lives. Examples of things that have been funded include: wheelchair lift, ear molds, an adaptive tricycle, a Kiwi bath chair, financial assistance for leg braces, a wheeled shower chair, wheelchair tie-downs, hearing aid device and sponsorship of special Olympians. HCCI provides gifts of up to \$750 for an item or to put toward a larger item. For more information and an application form go to: www.helpingchallengedchildren.org or contact Barry Englert at btenglert@ameritech.net.

LDC Golf Outing

The dates for the Craig Neal-Grant Delagrangé Celebrity Golf Classic are August 27-28 at Autumn Ridge Country Club. Support the programs of the Learning & Development Center by attending this fundraiser event. For more details contact Kimberly McCoy at LDC -426-3424.



Self-Advocate News

The Self-Advocate group meets each Monday night at Georgetown Bowl for a Bowling & fun. Join us at 6:30 PM and stay after bowling for ice cream with your friends!

Our pilot PALS (peer support group) program was a big success and will continue in the fall with the 5 north side young adults. If anyone is interested in a 2nd group on the south/southwest side of town please call Frank Mikulski - 484-3191 or Pat Nuffer - 483-1241.



Challenger Friends Summer Fun 2006

Dear Challenger Friends,

Here is a listing of summer events. Come to as few or as many as you like

MOVIE NIGHT: Coventry 13 Theaters every MONDAY. Meet at 7:00 PM. We usually decide when we get there what to see. Parents/Caregivers are welcome. \$1.50. If you have a specific question about the time or the movie you can call Cindy Landmeier at 422-6406 during the day.

BOWLING: We will have bowling at 2 sites North Bowling is at Wayne Recreation Center, 3810 Lake Ave, (near Coliseum Blvd) on TUESDAY at 6:30 PM. South Bowling is at Westwood Lanes on W. Jefferson on WEDNESDAY also at 6:30 PM. We usually bowl 2 games. Just pay at the desk and say you are with Challenger Bowlers.

MINIATURE GOLF: BACK NINE, 9116 Lima Road (past SAMMS Club) at 7:00 PM every THURSDAY. Golf is \$3.50. We need a couple of parents to stay each time. After golf, it's Ritter's

Ice Cream at Dupont and Lima Rd. Golf takes about 1 hr 15 min.

3 RIVERS FESTIVAL FIREWORKS: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, at the corner of Barr and Madison St. (near old Central High School) is having an Ice Cream Social with brats and hot dogs. Sunday, July 16. Come around 7:00 or so. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, mosquito spray and appetite. It's a great place to see the fireworks, there is plenty of parking (free) away from the downtown crowds, and the school playground/athletic field is completely fenced.

As before parents should provide transportation to and from events. We always need some parents to stay as there won't be a specific person in charge to count heads or be responsible for supervising activities. Please feel free to bring a friend. If anyone has any other suggestions, please send them to challengerfriends@hotmail.com and we will forward them on to the group

Hoping to see lots of you this summer!!!

People with Developmental Disabilities Needed for Self-Advocacy Workshops

Applicants are being recruited for a new project, entitled Building Leadership Series. The project's intent is to provide a series of three 2-day workshops over a three month period for adults with developmental disabilities. The series will take place in Bloomington at the Convention Center with overnight accommodations at the Marriot Courtyard, which adjoins the Convention Center. The dates are September 27-28, October 18-19, and November 8-9, 2006. The intent is educating participants on issues affecting day to day life and developing self advocacy and leadership skills. All the workshops include activities, role playing, videos, and discussions. The project

will fund twenty participants. This funding includes meals, overnights, attendant care as needed and a \$60.00 attendance stipend per workshop to offset lost wages, totaling \$180.00 for the series. Support staff, where needed, will receive a per diem, meals and overnight accommodation. Participants are asked commit to the entire series of three workshops, a total of six days, and have the necessary staff/family support to attend and/or cover business (work and/or appointments) while they are away. Each participant will be interviewed before and after the series.

The topics for the series include: Person Centered Planning: What

does it mean for me and what is a good plan? Choice: What choices am I really making? What are my rights and responsibilities? Self-determination/self-advocacy: I hear these words, what do they mean for me?

Please call Jennie Todd (812-855-6508) with questions and/or referrals. Once referred, interested participants will receive an application packet. We hope to have participants enrolled by June 15. - sponsored by The Center on Aging (CAC), Indiana Institute on Disability and Community (IIDC) in cooperation with Governor's Council for People with Disabilities (GCPD) and Indiana Protection and Advocacy (IPAS).

Golden Access Pass

Golden Access Pass Gives Families of Children with Permanent Disabilities Free Access to U.S. Parks, Monuments, Historical sites, Recreation Areas, and National Wildlife Refuges.

The Federal Government offers citizens who are blind or permanently disabled (deafness qualifies) a free pass to national parks, monuments, historical sites, recreation areas and

national wildlife refuges that charge an entrance fee.

The Gold Access Passport is a lifetime entrance pass providing admission to the pass holder and everyone in a private vehicle (if the park offers a per vehicle entrance fee.) The passport also gives a 50% discount of fees charge for facilities and services such as camping, swimming, parking, boating and tours. It also works for sites managed by the

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Forest Service the Bureau of Land Management, and the Army Corps of Engineers.

The pass must be obtained in person with proof (such as an audiogram) of the disability. The card is available at most national parks, federal recreation areas and Army Corps campgrounds. For more information, www.us-parks.com/golden_access_passport.html.