



Community Connections Newsletter

Activities and opportunities to help you gain friendships, grow independence and be included in your community!

Learn & Serve

Bring Payment Activities

Free Activities

Special Olympics Activities

Announcements

We're excited to expand our recreational offerings with fun activities like Pickleball and Cornhole, with more sports—such as **Disc Golf**—coming soon!

Special Olympics Golf will also begin the second week of July, with practices taking place at Stillwater Golf Course in Bradford, Ohio. The tee time is 9:00am. We're also looking for golf partners! If you're interested please contact Patrick Kilbane at 937-310-3260.

Looking ahead, the **annual Synergy Conference** will be held at Kalahari Resort in Sandusky, Ohio, October 1-3. This event is designed to create connection, collaboration, innovation, and growth among individuals with developmental disabilities. If you're interested in attending, please reach out to your Service and Support Administrator (SSA).

Date	Event	Time
Friday, May 2	Front Street Art Gallery Come eat food and visit studios, galleries and shops in Dayton. Car leaves at 4:30pm and returns around 9:00pm. Limit 4.	4:30-9:00PM
Monday, May 5	Great Escape Game Dayton Try your luck in an escape room with friends. Bring \$60 for the ticket and dinner. Car leaves at 4:30pm and returns around 9:30pm. Limit 4.	4:30-9:30PM
Tuesday, May 6	Karaoke Night Join us and sing songs with your friends at MCBDD.	4:30-6:00PM
Wednesday, May 7	30 Minute Walking Club Enjoy a 30 minute walk at Hobart Urban Nature Preserve. Bring your water bottle. Car leaves at 4:30pm and returns around 5:30pm. Limit 4.	4:30-5:30PM
Friday, May 9	Studio 14 Art - Painting Ceramics Items Unleash your creativity and paint a piece of pottery. Bring \$25-\$50 for the pottery piece. Car leaves at 4:45pm and dinner will occur after. Limit 4.	4:45-8:45PM
Saturday, May 10	Hug The Earth Festival at Lost Creek Reserve Enjoy the festival and food trucks . Bring at least \$40 for food and purchases. Car leaves at 11:30am and returns around 3:30pm. Limit 4.	11:30AM-3:30PM
Tuesday, May 13	Aktion Club Meeting Come take a tour of the Lincoln Community Center located at 110 Ash St. and see what all the excitement is about.	10:00-11:00AM
Tuesday, May 13	60 Minute Walking Club Enjoy a 60 minute walk at John A. Wannemacher Nature Reserve. Bring your water bottle. Car leaves at 4:30pm and returns around 6:00pm. Limit 4.	4:30-6:00PM
Saturday, May 17	Special Olympics Regional Tournament Powerlifting and Volleyball	7:30AM-4:00PM
Saturday, May 17	Volleyball Regional Tournament at Home	10:30AM-2:30PM
Monday, May 19	Cooking A-Z (Sloppy Joes and Corn on the Cob) Learn to cook a delicious meal after shopping, picking out ingredients, then returning to MCBDD to follow a simple recipe using the microwave. Take your leftovers and the recipe home to try again later. Bring \$30 and your own to-go containers. Limit 4.	5:45-8:45PM
Monday, May 19	Pickleball Fun Come and enjoy open play with friends at Duke Park. Bring your water bottles.	4:30-5:45PM
Tuesday, May 20	30 Minute Walking Club Enjoy a 30 minute walk at Robinson Reserve. Bring your water bottles. Limit 4.	4:30-5:30PM
Tuesday, May 20	Home Volleyball Game VS Madison County	6:00-7:30PM
Wednesday, May 21	Ohio Tech Ambassadors Regional Tech Summit replaces our Monthly Advocacy meeting. It will be held at MCBDD in Staunton.	This 9:30AM-12:30PM

Wednesday, May 21	Corn Hole Come play a game of corn hole with friends at MCBDD.	4:30-5:30PM
Wednesday, May 21	Home Volleyball Game VS Clark County	6:00-7:30pm
Tuesday, May 27	60 Minute Walking Club Enjoy a 60 minute walk at Lost Creek. Bring your water bottles. Car leaves at 4:30pm and returns around 6:00pm. Limit 4.	4:30-6:00PM
Wednesday, May 28	Open Gym Basketball Come play basketball with friends in the MCBDD Gym. Limit 10.	4:30-5:30PM
Friday, May 30	Cooking A-Z (Meatballs and Parsley Potatoes) Learn to cook a delicious meal after shopping, picking out ingredients, then returning to MCBDD to follow a simple recipe using the microwave. Take your leftovers and the recipe home to try again later. Bring \$30 and your own to-go containers. Limit 4	4:30-7:00PM
Friday, May 30	Indiana Fever Game on Ion Come watch and cheer on the Indiana Fever with friends at MCBDD. Bring your own snacks or one to share.	7:00-9:45PM
Monday, June 16	Special Olympics Sign Up Night - Softball	6:00-7:00PM
Monday, June 16	Special Olympics Sign Up Night - Golf	7:00-8:00PM

A Note About Supervision Levels In Our Activities

To ensure that everyone can fully participate and benefit from Community Connections activities, it's important to note that participants need to be able to complete certain tasks independently. This may include being alone in the community for brief periods of time (i.e. staff need to assist someone else with finding the restroom or making a purchase at concessions), following instructions, managing personal funds and belongings, interacting with others, seeking help when needed, using the restroom, navigating through public spaces, purchasing items with minimal assistance in the community, and ordering and eating food at local businesses. If the participant requires additional support with these tasks, please have a caregiver or provider accompany them. This will help ensure they have the best experience possible. Community activities typically take place with a ratio of one staff to four individuals people served. Activities taking place at MCBDD may have a ratio of one staff to 15 people served.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact Patrick Kilbane.

How to Register for Activities:

1 - Contact us at
cc@miamicountydd.org (PREFERRED) or 937-440-3014 and leave a message. Only contact once. Do not email AND call as it slows down our processing time.

2 - Wait for an email or call confirming your activities.

You **MUST** call to cancel if you cannot make it to a "Bring Payment," limited registration activity that you are confirmed to attend. We often have a waiting list for events and activities. Too many no-call/no-show activities risks your ability to register for future events.

MCBDD Code of Conduct

Participation in MCBDD's Community Connections and Special Olympics activities are a privilege, not a right. Those who participate in any activity are expected to follow our Code of Conduct (below), aimed at ensuring a safe, healthy and enjoyable environment for all.

- I will exhibit agency core values of Respect, Integrity, Teamwork and Accountability while engaging in MCBDD programs.
- I will respect the dignity of all.
- I will act in ways that bring respect to me, MCBDD staff, volunteers and my peers.
- I will practice good sportsmanship.
- I will not use bad language.
- I will not swear or insult other people.
- I will not fight with anyone.
- I will not attempt to intimidate, manipulate, harass or fight with others.
- I will not make inappropriate or unwanted physical, verbal or sexual advances toward others.
- I will not misuse or attempt to damage MCBDD property or equipment.
- I will display appropriate behaviors at all times.
- I will not have a firearm, knife or other dangerous object on my person.
- I will report any illegal or unethical behavior observed during a program to MCBDD staff.
- I will hold myself accountable for my actions.
- I will not willfully interfere with, disrupt or prevent the orderly conduct of any supervised program being conducted by MCBDD staff or volunteers.
- I will obey all laws and MCBDD and Special Olympics rules.

Those who fail to follow the Code of Conduct while attending a MCBDD event will be subject to disciplinary action, which could include: verbal warning, written warning, immediate ejection and/or suspension based on the severity of the offense.