

Lincoln Land Down Syndrome Society

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- August Meeting Aug 11
6-8 pm
- No September Meeting
- Buddy Walk Sept 24
Erin's Pavilion 9-1 pm

Lose The Training Wheels™

This year's Lose The Training Wheels bike camp was a great success. We had 18 campers participate and 16 are now riding on two wheels. Becky Johnson, with the help of an army of volunteers, did a great job as this year's camp director. THANK YOU BECKY!!!



JUST FOR BABIES & TODDLERS:

- Bloomington Trip Jul 25

Special Olympics Update

About a month ago, I had the opportunity to take 10 swimmers to the Illinois Special Olympic State Summer Games. While the focus was leading our team to success in the pool, I was also given the chance to escape dorm life and food to attend an awards dinner. At the dinner, Marcy was presented with The

Outstanding Athlete Award, which recognizes a Special Olympics Illinois athlete whose achievements, dedication and commitment to their team and themselves exemplifies the purpose of Special Olympics. Way to go Marcy (and thanks for the dinner)!



Buddy Walk® 2011

This year's Buddy Walk will be held September 24 at Southwind Park. The chairpersons for the walk will be Julie Ressler and Karen Davis. In the coming weeks we will be having a planning

meeting. Please plan to attend this meeting and give Julie and Karen your full support on this project.



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Bloomington Children's Museum

Laura Horstman has agreed to organize a trip to the Bloomington Children's Museum. While this trip was originally intended for our toddler group, we have a few tickets

remaining (2 adult and 2 children) that any member and family can use. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in these remaining tickets.

This will be an all-day, stress-free trip via train to Bloomington to visit the Children's Museum, this coming Monday, July 25th.

2011 Scholarship Program Review

This is a refresher on the LLDSS scholarship program. Currently, each member may be eligible for \$300 per period. There are two periods per year: January 1-June 30 and July 1-December 31. This amount will be re-evaluated each year. As a reminder, the purpose of the program is to encourage members to participate in extracurricular therapeutic and educational opportunities.

The only criteria for receiving funds from LLDSS for activities are as follows:

- Individuals with Down syndrome will be eligible to receive scholarship funds;
- Activities chosen must be therapeutic and/or educational in nature;
- LLDSS will pay for activities directly to the provider and it is the responsibility of the parent to provide a copy of an invoice for payment (LLDSS cannot pay the child or his or her parents directly in the event they pay for the activity and seek reimbursement);
- One or both parents of scholarship program participants must either

- (i) volunteer to work at a major fundraising event (Buddy Walk, golf outing, etc.), (ii) serve as an officer, committee chairperson or member of the Board of Directors of LLDSS or (iii) attend two (2) regular meetings in each scholarship period; and
- The LLDSS executive committee may determine whether the above criteria are met.

If you have any questions regarding this scholarship program, please contact Jason Schnepf or Deb Bobell.

LLDSS Donation to St. John's Hospital

Ryan Johnson and Jared Owen attended the recent Chair Presentation at St. John's Hospital. This is a chair used in the NICU for new mothers and their newborns. LLDSS donated one of these chairs. A name plate will be added

identifying LLDSS as the donor.

A special thanks to Jared and Ryan for setting down the clicker and their beers for the photo.

