



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

Please note the change to our color key, as we work to improve digital accessibility and readability for our documents.

Date	Event	Time
Friday, January 2	Dinner and a Movie at Hayner Cultural Center Eat dinner with friends and then watch Paddington at the Hayner Center while enjoying popcorn and soda. Bring \$30 for dinner. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 4.	5:00-9:15pm
Wednesday, January 6	Adventures in Advocacy Learn how to protect yourself from being taken advantage of, by guest speakers Tammie Sharrock and Nicole Eckert. Meet at MCBDD Training Center (Staunton Room).	10:00-11:00am
Wednesday, January 7	Cooking A-Z Learn to cook a delicious meal after shopping, picking out ingredients & returning to MCBDD to follow a simple recipe using the microwave. We will make stove top hamburgers and chocolate chip cookies. Take your leftovers and the recipe home to try again later. Bring \$20 for ingredients. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 4.	4:30-7:00pm
Wednesday, January 7	Open Gym Pickup Basketball Come play basketball with friends in the MCBDD gym.	7:00-8:30pm
Thursday, January 8	Magic vs. Mercer Co. HOME Basketball Game (Division 5 Coach Alex)	6:30pm
Friday, January 9	Game Night Join us to play a variety of online and board games at MCBDD.	5:00-6:00pm
Friday, January 9	Bingo Night Come play a fun game of Bingo with friends and win prizes at MCBDD.	6:00-7:00pm
Friday, January 9	Karaoke Night Join us for a fun night of singing and being with your friends at MCBDD.	7:00-8:00pm
Friday, January 9	Night to Shine "Boutique" (at Troy Christian Church, 1440 E State Route 55, Troy) Pick out dresses & accessories for the big event on Feb. 13. To attend Night to Shine, you must register for Night to Shine with Troy Christian Church. Registration begins on January 5 at www.troycc.org .	2:00-6:30pm
Saturday, January 10	Night to Shine "Boutique" (at Troy Christian Church, 1440 E State Route 55, Troy) Pick out dresses & accessories for the big event on Feb. 13. To attend Night to Shine, you must register for Night to Shine with Troy Christian Church. Registration begins on January 5 at www.troycc.org .	10:00am-2:00pm
Monday, January 12	Moms' Night Out Get to know other moms/mom figures who are traveling a similar path in a low-key, relaxing setting. Bring money for dinner! We will meet at The Social, 987 E. Ash St., Piqua.	6:00-8:00pm
Tuesday, January 13	Aktion Club We will meet at First Place Food Pantry (1100 Wayne St., Troy) and do a service project.	10:00-11:00am
Tuesday, January 13	Bocce Ball & Corn Hole Have fun with friends and play bocce ball and corn hole in the MCBDD gym.	5:45-7:00pm
Thursday, January 15	Magic vs. Darke Co. HOME Basketball Game (Division 3)	6:30pm
Friday, January 16	Game Night Join us to play a variety of online and board games at MCBDD.	5:00-6:00pm
Friday, January 16	Bingo Night Come play a fun game of Bingo with friends and win prizes at MCBDD.	6:00-7:00pm
Friday, January 16	Karaoke Night Join us for a fun night of singing and being with your friends at MCBDD.	7:00-8:00pm
Tuesday, January 20	Bocce Ball & Corn Hole Have fun with friends and play bocce ball and corn hole in the MCBDD gym.	5:45-7:00pm
Wednesday, January 21	Adventures in Advocacy Learn about supported decision-making from Attorney Derek Graham. Meet at St. Patrick Soup Kitchen (25 N. Mulberry St., Troy). <i>*This event is for informational purposes and is not an endorsement of the speaker's legal services.</i>	10:00-11:00am

Wednesday, January 21	Cooking A-Z Learn to cook a delicious meal after shopping, picking out ingredient & returning to MCBDD to follow a simple recipe using the microwave. We will make sloppy joes and apple crumb pie. Take your leftovers and the recipe home to try again later. Bring \$20 for ingredients. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 4.	4:30-7:00pm
Wednesday, January 21	Open Gym Pickup Basketball Come play basketball with friends in the MCBDD gym.	7:00-8:30pm
Friday, January 23	Game Night Join us to play a variety of online and board games at MCBDD.	5:00-6:00pm
Friday, January 23	Bingo Night Come play a fun game of Bingo with friends and win prizes at MCBDD.	6:00-7:00pm
Friday, January 23	Karaoke Night Join us for a fun night of singing and being with your friends at MCBDD.	7:00-8:00pm
Monday, January 26	Magic vs. Preble Co. HOME Basketball Game (Division 3 & Division 5 Coach Renee)	6:15 & 7:30pm
Tuesday, January 27	Bocce Ball & Corn Hole Have fun with friends and play bocce ball and corn hole in the MCBDD gym.	5:45-7:00pm
Wednesday, January 28	Cooking A-Z Learn to cook a delicious meal after shopping, picking out ingredients & returning to MCBDD to follow a simple recipe using the microwave. We will make macaroni casserole and Chinese New Year cookies. Take your leftovers and the recipe home to try again later. Bring \$20 for ingredients. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 4.	4:30-7:00pm
Wednesday, January 28	Open Gym Pickup Basketball Come play basketball with friends in the MCBDD gym.	7:00-8:30pm
Monday, February 2	Special Olympics Sign-Up Night (Volleyball)	4:30pm
Monday, February 2	Special Olympics Sign-Up Night (Bocce Ball)	5:30pm
Monday, February 2	Special Olympics Sign-Up Night (Bowling)	6:30pm
Monday, February 2	Special Olympics Sign-Up Night (Powerlifting)	7:30pm

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 1 staff to 4 people served. Activities taking place at MCBDD may have a ratio of 1 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.