October 2026

Community Connections Newsletter

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

As a courtesy, we want to share that Challenger Baseball League in Englewood is currently taking registrations for their fall season for ages 5 and up. For more information or to sign up, visit EnglewoodLittleLeague.com.

Learn & Serve | **Bring Payment Activities** | **Free Activities** | **Special Olympics Activities**

Date	Event	Time
Thursday, October 1	**Bingo Night at MCBDD** Come play a fun game of Bingo with friends and win prizes in the MCBDD Training Center (park by Gym).	4:30-6:30PM
Friday, October 2	**Dinner & Movie** Join friends for dinner in downtown Troy and a free movie showing "The Patriot" at the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center. Movie begins at 7pm. Bring $30 for dinner. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 4.	4:30-9:00PM
Monday, October 5	**Bocce Ball Expo** Bocce is an Italian target game where athletes roll larger balls as close as possible to a smaller target ball called a pallina (or pallino). Try it out, learn how to play, socialize with new friends!	4:30-5:30PM
Monday, October 5	**Dads' Night Out @ Fricker's in Troy** Get to know other dad figures who are traveling a similar path in a low-key, relaxing setting.	6:30-8:30PM
Monday, October 5	**Cooking A to Z: (Microwave)** Learn to cook a delicious meal after shopping, picking out ingredients & returning to MCBDD to follow a simple recipe using the microwave to make Italian Macaroni Casserole and Chinese New Year Cookies. Take your leftovers and the recipe home to try again later. Bring $25 for ingredients. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 4.	5:30-8:00PM
Tuesday, October 6	**Aktion Club** We will perform clean up community service work at Lost Creek Reserve in preparation for their Fall Farm Fest. Meet at Lost Creek Reserve (2385 State Rte 41, Troy). Meet at the Heritage Hall parking lot.	10:00-11:00AM
Tuesday, October 6	**Special Olympics Sign-Up Night (Basketball)**	6:00-7:00PM
Tuesday, October 6	**Special Olympics Sign-Up Night (Swim)**	7:00-8:00PM
Tuesday, October 6	**Special Olympics Sign-Up Night (Cheerleading)**	8:00-8:30PM
Wednesday, October 7	**Game Night for All** Join us to play a variety of online and board games at MCBDD. Within this event, a weekly UNO club has formed, so if you love UNO, join the fun!	5:00-6:00PM
Wednesday, October 7	**Basketball for All Open Gym** Open for all to attend. Community Connections Facilitators watch and determine skill level of Special Olympics athletes for placement on appropriate basketball team for the 2026-27 season.	6:00-8:00PM
Thursday, October 8	**Karaoke Night** Join us for a fun night of singing and socializing at MCBDD.	4:30-6:30PM
Friday, October 9	**Bowling Fun and Dinner** $2.50 a game at Coral Bowling Lanes in St. Paris. Bring at least $30 for dinner and bowling. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 4	4:30-8:30PM
Tuesday, October 13	**Dollar Tree Craft Series** We will get creative with weekly craft nights focused on fun crafts. We will start with a trip to the Dollar Tree, where everyone will shop for supplies. We will return to MCBDD and create seasonal decor. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 4.	4:30-7:00PM
Wednesday, October 14	**Game Night for All** Join us to play a variety of online and board games at MCBDD. Within this event, a weekly UNO club has formed, so if you love UNO, join the fun!	5:00-6:00PM

Wednesday, October 14	**Basketball for All Open Gym** Open for all to attend. Community Connections Facilitators watch and determine skill level of Special Olympics athletes for placement on appropriate basketball team for the 2026-27 season.	6:00-8:00PM
Thursday, October 15	**Bingo Night at MCBDD** Come play a fun game of Bingo with friends and win prizes in the MCBDD Training Center (park by Gym).	4:30-6:30PM
Friday, October 16	**Gaming Adventures in Englewood** Whether you are interested in console gaming, arcade machines, card games, board games or table-top games come join us for fun! $15 for unlimited game play plus bring at least $30 for food. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 4.	4:30-8:00PM
Monday, October 19	**Bocce Ball Expo** Bocce is an Italian target game where athletes roll larger balls as close as possible to a smaller target ball called a pallina (or pallino). Try it out, learn how to play, socialize with new friends!	4:30-5:30PM
Monday, October 19	**Cooking A to Z: (Stove Top & Oven)** Learn to cook a delicious meal after shopping, picking out ingredients & returning to MCBDD to follow a simple recipe using the stove top and oven to make Sloopy Joes and Apple Crumb Pie. Take your leftovers and the recipe home to try again later. Bring $25 for ingredients. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 4.	5:30-8:00PM
Tuesday, October 20	**Dollar Tree Craft Series** We will get creative with weekly craft nights focused on fun crafts. We will start with a trip to the Dollar Tree, where everyone will shop for supplies. We will return to MCBDD and create seasonal decor. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 4.	4:30-7:00PM
Wednesday, October 21	**Adventures in Advocacy** We will hear from guest speaker Laura Bruns from the Miami County Board of Elections, talking about Speaking Up for What You Think Is Important. Meet at MCBDD Training Center (Staunton Room).	10:00-11:00AM
Wednesday, October 21	**Adult Coloring Fun** Enjoy this calming craft event where you fill in detailed patterns on coloring pages using colored pencils or markers. We will also listen to relaxing music and enjoy friendly conversation!	5:00-6:00PM
Wednesday, October 21	**Basketball for All Open Gym** Open for all to attend. Community Connections Facilitators watch and determine skill level of Special Olympics athletes for placement on appropriate basketball team for the 2026-27 season.	6:00-8:00PM
Thursday, October 22	**Karaoke Night** Join us for a fun night of singing and socializing at MCBDD.	4:30-6:30PM
Friday, October 23	**Halloween Dance** Come out dressed in your best costume and dance with friends to a fun DJ. Light snacks will be provided.	5:30-7:30PM
Monday, October 26	**Adaptive Swim Lessons** Through a partnership with the Miami County YMCA, we have arranged for specialized swim lessons to learn skills and water safety. REGISTRATION REQUIRED and we are awaiting pricing from the Y. Must have at least 6 participants to move program forward.	4:00-6:00PM
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Tuesday, October 27	**Adaptive Swim Lessons** Through a partnership with the Miami County YMCA, we have arranged for specialized swim lessons to learn skills and water safety. REGISTRATION REQUIRED and we are awaiting pricing from the Y. Must have at least 6 participants to move program forward.	4:00-6:00PM
Wednesday, October 28	**Adaptive Swim Lessons** Through a partnership with the Miami County YMCA, we have arranged for specialized swim lessons to learn skills and water safety. REGISTRATION REQUIRED and we are awaiting pricing from the Y. Must have at least 6 participants to move program forward.	4:00-6:00PM
Wednesday, October 28	**Basketball for All Open Gym** Open for all to attend. Community Connections Facilitators watch and determine skill level of Special Olympics athletes for placement on appropriate basketball team for the 2026-27 season.	6:00-8:00PM
Thursday, October 29	**Adaptive Swim Lessons** Through a partnership with the Miami County YMCA, we have arranged for specialized swim lessons to learn skills and water safety. REGISTRATION REQUIRED and we are awaiting pricing from the Y. Must have at least 6 participants to move program forward.	4:00-6:00PM

Friday, October 30	**Bowling Fun and Dinner** $2.50 a game at Coral Bowling Lanes in St. Paris. Bring at least $30 for dinner and bowling. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 4	4:30-8:30PM

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 must 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, contact Patrick Kilbane.

How to Register for Activities:

1 - **Contact us at**
cc@miamicountydd.org
(PREFERRED) or 937-332-1182 (NOTE NEW NUMBER) 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.