



Community Connections Newsletter

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

Activities Inspire Growth and Success for Jenna

Jenna Newman has participated in Riverside's recreation programs for many years. Within the past 5 years, though, she has become more involved in the Adventures In Advocacy program, aimed at helping people with developmental disabilities determine what they want in life and develop skills to go after their goals. When asked about her involvement in Advocacy events Jenna said, "It made me more independent. I learned to do more stuff myself. It gave me the confidence to get a job now, and I'm driving and doing my own money and all that. I used to have a payee through APSI, and I am working on guardianship. I'm proud of myself."

Jenna says her favorite things to do with Community Connections Team are Dinner and a Movie, Mayhem & Mystery and going to concerts at Hobart and Nutter Center. Jenna now also serves as a mentor for some outings, helping others who might need a hand getting a drink or finding their seat. It gives her a sense of pride to help others learn and grow.

Jenna said if someone was hesitant to sign up for an activity, she would encourage them to sign up and to try something new. It might help them make friends and have fun. Keep up the great work, Jenna! We're so proud of you!



Kids & Youth

Boonshoft Museum of Discovery (for school-age)

Interactive science learning experiences which enriches the lives of children and adults & enhances the quality of life in our community.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 3 KIDS. BRING \$15 FOR ADMISSION PLUS \$10+ FOR LUNCH.

January 12

11am-4pm

Van leaves Riverside at 11am

Craft Time for Kids! (for school-age)

Join us for a fun and easy Valentine's Day craft!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 6 KIDS. PREPAY \$2.

February 13

4-5pm

at Riverside

Developmental StoryTime

Preschool program for children ages 3-5 led by Covington School teacher Laurie Deubner and her assistant Mary Kate Peters.

MEET THERE.

January 9, February 6 & 20

9-10:30am

JR Clark Library

102 E Spring St, Covington

Gaming Adventures (for teens)

Do you like video games? Join us for a fun trip to Gaming Adventures in Englewood, where we will have access to a huge variety of games and gaming systems!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 3 KIDS. BRING \$15 FOR GAMES PLUS MONEY FOR PIZZA AND SNACK BAR.

January 31 & February 21

5:30-8:30pm

Van leaves Riverside at 5:30pm

Open Gym (for school-age)

Stop by the Riverside gym for some fun, planned physical games to burn energy after school!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 5-6 KIDS DEPENDING ON STAFFING.

January 12, 19, 26

February 2, 16, 22, 23

4:30-6pm

SibShops - events (for siblings ages 7-12)

Siblings of kids with disabilities find peer support in a lively, recreational setting.

REGISTER WITH KAREN AT 937-440-3020 OR

KAREN.ARMENTROUT@RIVERSIDEDD.ORG. MEET THERE.

January 12 (Winter Wonderland theme)

5:30-8pm

We Love Birthday Parties 410 N. Elm St., Troy

Snow Tubing (for school-age)

Enjoy 2 hours of tubing in the snow with your friends at Valley's Edge in New Paris, OH!

REGISTRATION AND PREPAY \$16 REQUIRED + BRING \$ FOR DINNER. LIMIT 6 KIDS.

February 15

4-9pm

Van leaves Riverside at 4pm

Returns at 9pm

Teens Level Up Your Game

Have fun playing card, board and video games for teens only.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 3 KIDS.

January 23

February 27

5:30-6:30pm

at Piqua Public Library

Van leaves Riverside at 5:15pm & returns at 6:45pm

Tots Family Storytime with Troy Library (for ages 2-5)

Join others from community for fun interactive time at Riverside with Miss Andrea from the Troy-Miami County Public Library.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 5 KIDS.

January 22

February 26

6-7pm

at Riverside (Training Center at back of building)

Tots StoryJam at Troy Library (for ages 2-5)

Join others for lively time of movement and fun at the Troy-Miami County Public Library!

MEET THERE.

January 27

10-11am

at Troy-Miami County Public Library

419 W. Main St. Troy

Wind-Down Wednesdays (for school-age)

Enjoy a morning of quiet, calm focus in the Children's Department at the Piqua Public Library

MEET THERE.

January 3, 17

February 7, 21

10-11am

at the Piqua Public Library

Learn & Serve

Advocacy: Adventures in Advocacy - AM

We are adding a morning session of our popular Advocacy program to include people who are more available early in the day. Come and learn about speaking up and making informed decisions in YOUR life.

January 24: LifeCourse Tools w/Patrick Kilbane

February 21: Healthy Relationships w/Megan Barhorst

February 23: Miami County Dental Clinic

10-11am

at Riverside (Springcreek Room. Enter Gym doors)

Advocacy: Adventures in Advocacy - PM

At our traditional afternoon time. Come and learn about speaking up and making informed decisions in YOUR life.

January 31: LifeCourse Tools w/Patrick Kilbane

February 28: Healthy Relationships w/Megan Barhorst

3:30-4:30pm

at Riverside (Springcreek Room. Enter Gym doors)

Advocacy: Regional Advocacy Meeting

Each month, we gather with friends from advocacy groups in Auglaize, Champaign, Clark, Darke, Logan, Preble & Shelby counties for a fun training focused on making healthy lifestyle decisions.

LUNCH PROVIDED. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

January 23 - Auglaize County

February 27 - Logan County

11am-1pm

Van leaves Riverside at 10am

and returns at 2pm

Aktion Club - AM

We are adding a morning session of our popular service & leadership club, which is a branch of Kiwanis International. It is a fun way to make friends while developing service and leadership skills!

January 10: 2024 Kickoff Celebration w/Kiwanis Members!

February 7: Kelly Snyder from Troy Rec

10-11am

at Riverside (Springcreek Room. Enter Gym doors)

Aktion Club - PM

At our traditional afternoon time. Join us for a fun way to make friends while developing service and leadership skills!

January 17: 2024 Kickoff Celebration w/Kiwanis Members!

February 14: Kelly Snyder from Troy Rec

3:30-4:30pm

at Riverside (Springcreek Room. Enter Gym doors)

Bell Choir

If you are a seasoned musician or someone who has never played a handbell before, this group is for you!

REGISTER TO JOIN

January 3, 10, 17, 31 (no 1/24)

February 7, 21, 28 (no 2/14)

4:30-5:30pm

at Riverside (Training Center)

Prepay Activities

360 All Stars

Enjoy this show featuring BMX, basketball, breakdancing, acrobatics, drumming and more at the Clark State Performing Arts Center in Springfield, OH. We will stop for dinner on the way at Hickory River Smokehouse in Tipp City.

REGISTRATION & PREPAY \$38 REQUIRED. BRING \$20 FOR DINNER. LIMIT 6 PEOPLE.

February 4

4-10:30pm

Van leaves Riverside at 4pm

Cardio Drumming

Join friends for a fun workout at Complete Fitness in Tipp City!

REGISTRATION & PREPAY \$5 PER CLASS REQUIRED.

MEET THERE. LIMIT 7 PEOPLE.

January 2, 23

February 13, 27

6-7pm

At Complete Fitness, 130 E. Broadway St., Tipp City

Cooking (Adults & Teens)

Join the fun and learn to cook with your friends.

REGISTRATION & PREPAY REQUIRED. JAN 4 LIMIT 8; FEB 1 LIMIT 4.



January 4: Chili Cheese Dog Bake - \$5 Prepay

February 1: Heart-shaped Pizza - \$5 Prepay

5-6:30pm

at Riverside

Popovich Comedy Pet Theater

Pure entertainment featuring a unique blend of comedy and juggling skills of Ukrainian circus performer Gregory Popovich and the extraordinary talents of his performing pets.

REGISTRATION & PREPAY \$29 REQUIRED. LIMIT 6 PEOPLE.

February 18

3pm at the APAC in Troy

Van leaves Riverside at 2pm and returns at 5pm

Scotty McCreery Concert

Enjoy a concert by country superstar Scotty McCreery with special guests Anne Wilson & Greylan James

REGISTRATION & PREPAY \$37 REQUIRED. LIMIT 6 PEOPLE.

January 26

7pm at Hobart Arena in Troy

Van leaves Riverside at 6pm

and returns at 10:30pm

That Arena Rock Show

The ultimate high energy theatrical tribute to "Classic" Rock N' Roll. We will grab dinner before the show at 3 Joe's in Piqua.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. \$18 PREPAY PLUS BRING \$25 DINNER. LIMIT 3 PEOPLE.

February 24

Van leaves Riverside at 3pm

& returns around 10:45pm

Bring Your Money Activities

36 Skate Club

Enjoy roller skating with friends. Bring \$8 for admission/skates, plus money for snacks/drinks.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 6 PEOPLE.

February 16

1-3pm

Van leaves Riverside at 12:30pm

and returns at 3:30pm

Airstream Museum & Factory Tour

Take a peek behind the scenes at the famous RV factory! Tour first; lunch on the way back.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. BRING \$5 FOR TOUR PLUS MONEY FOR LUNCH. LIMIT 6 PEOPLE.

February 14

9am-2pm

Van leaves at 9am

and returns at 2pm

Aullwood Farm Walking Trail

Check out the Troll That Hatched an Egg Exhibit-NOT wheelchair accessible. We will stop for fast food on the way.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. BRING \$12 ADMISSION, \$15 LUNCH. LIMIT 3 PEOPLE.

January 30

12-4pm

Van leaves Riverside at 12pm

and returns at 4pm

Blacklight Bingo

Have fun playing this special bingo game in Greenville, OH

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. BRING \$45 TO PLAY/EAT. LIMIT 3 PEOPLE.

January 26

3:30-10:45pm

Van leaves at 3:30pm

and returns at 10:45pm

Breakfast Chit Chat

Conversation and breakfast with friends at local restaurants.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO ENSURE WE GET ENOUGH SEATS AT THE RESTAURANTS. MEET THERE. LIMIT 12 PEOPLE.

January 2 - Pearson House, West Milton

January 16 - Cracker Barrel, Piqua

February 6 - Bob Evans, Troy

February 13 - Lighthouse Café, Piqua

February 20 - Frisch's, Troy

9:30-11am

Craft Time!

Join us for a fun night of Paint-Your-Own-Pottery at Studio 14!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. BRING \$20-50 DEPENDING ON THE CRAFT YOU CHOOSE. MEET THERE. LIMIT 6 PEOPLE.

January 11

5-7pm

at Studio 14

103 W Market, Troy

Dinner & A Movie

Join the fun with your friends while we dine and watch a movie together -- NOW at different locations!



REGISTRATION REQUIRED. BRING \$40 SPENDING MONEY.

January 9 - Huber Heights (Limit 5)

January 16 - Austin Landing, Dayton (Limit 3)

January 19 - Piqua (Limit 6)

January 23 - Huber Heights (Limit 5)

February 2 - Piqua (Limit 5)

February 6 - Huber Heights (Limit 3)

February 20 - Huber Heights (Limit 6)

Van leaves Riverside at 4:30pm returns approximately at 10pm

Gaming Adventures (for adults)

Do you like video games? Join us for a fun trip to Gaming Adventures in Englewood, where we will have access to a huge variety of games and gaming systems!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. BRING \$15 FOR GAMES PLUS \$ FOR PIZZA/SNACK BAR.

January 17 (Limit 3)

5:30-8:30pm (Leave Riverside at 5:30)

February 7 (Limit 6)

12-2:30pm (Leave Riverside at 12pm)

Lunch & Shopping

Bring money to eat & shop!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. BRING \$15 FOR LUNCH + SPENDING \$. LIMIT 3 PEOPLE.

February 8: Lunch & shopping in Huber Heights

12-3pm

Leave Riverside at 12pm, return at 3pm

Scene 75

Have a blast with your friends at the famous activity center! We will meet & eat dinner first.

REGISTER & MEET THERE (RESTAURANT INFO GIVEN UPON CONFIRMATION.

BRING \$50+ TO EAT & PLAY. LIMIT 6 (LIMIT 3 ON 2/2).

January 5, 11

February 2, 29

4:30-8:30pm

Leave Riverside at 4:30, return at 8:30pm

Thunderbowl Bowling

Have fun at the lanes for an afternoon of bowling in Englewood with friends!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 3 PEOPLE. BRING \$30 TO EAT & PLAY.

January 9

12:30-4:30pm

Leave Riverside at 12:30pm, return at 4:30pm

Trivia Night at Chaffee's Brewhouse

We'll eat before heading over to play trivia at this newer local establishment in Tipp City.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. BRING \$30 FOR FOOD/DRINKS. LIMIT 3 PEOPLE.

February 6

4-8:15pm

Leave Riverside at 4 and return at 8:15pm

Waco Museum Tour

Learn about the history of aviation in Troy at the Waco Air Museum!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. BRING \$8 FOR TOUR AND \$15 FOR LUNCH. LIMIT 8 PEOPLE.

February 26

9:45am-1pm

Van leaves at 9:45am

and returns at 1pm

Free Activities

BINGO

Bring your own snacks and drinks for fun BINGO games with friends!

REGISTER TO ATTEND

January 18

February 8

5:30-7pm

at Riverside (Training Center)

Karaoke

Join us for a fun night of singing, laughing and having fun! Feel free to bring your dinner.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 15 ON 1/9 & 2/15. LIMIT 30 ON 1/25.

January 9, 25

February 15

5:30-7pm

at Riverside (Training Center)

Library for All (previously called "Wednesday With Friends")

Meet at the Troy-Miami County Public Library for a fun adult craft or activity.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. MEET THERE. LIMIT 4.

January 10

February 14

12-1pm

at Troy-Miami County Public Library (419 W. Main St., Troy)

Movie Night

Bring your dinner and join your friends for a great movie!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

January 12: Double Feature/Top Gun & Top Gun: Maverick

February 16: Date Night Movie

5pm

at Riverside (Training Center)

Nature Hike

Join us for leisurely walks learning about nature.
We will walk, sit, listen and observe.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

TRANSPORATION FOR 3 PLUS OPEN FOR MEET THERE.

January 4: Farrington Reserve, Peterson Rd., Piqua

January 30: Brukner Nature Center, Troy

February 27: Hobart Urban Nature Park, Troy

9:30-11am

Leave Riverside at 9:15am, returns 11:15am

Night to Shine (Prom hosted by Troy Christian Church)

Special prom event hosted by Troy Christian Church as part of the Tim Tebow Foundation.

Registration begins Jan. 2 at troycc.org

Boutique will be held 1/12 from 3-7pm at Troy Christian Church

***MUST REGISTER THROUGH TROY CHRISTIAN CHURCH (WWW.TROYCC.ORG) STARTING 1/2**

***February 9**

6-9pm

at Troy Christian Church

Page Turners Book Club for Adults

Meet at the Troy-Miami County Public Library to discuss a book with friends.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. MEET THERE.

January 4

February 1

1-2pm

at Troy-Miami County Public Library (419 W. Main St., Troy)

Super Bowl Watch Party

What better way to enjoy THE game than with friends? Bring unopened chips or 2-liter drink to share and wear your favorite team shirt or jersey!

February 11

6-11pm

at Riverside (Training Center)

The Future Is Now

A 4-part series designed to help caregivers and their family members with a disability make plans for the future by creating a Letter of Intent to help them gain peace of mind for the future.

REGISTER BY CONTACTING NICOLE AT 937-440-3023 OR NICOLE.ADKINS@RIVERSIDEDD.ORG.

February 2, 9, 16, 23

10am-12pm

at Riverside

Troy Fire Station Tour

Get a tour of the brand new Fire Station at 110 Canal St., Troy

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 6 PEOPLE.

February 28

10-11:30am

Leave Riverside at 9:45am and return 11:45am

Troy-Hayner Movie Night

Enjoy a movie at the Hayner with free admission, popcorn & soda!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 3 PEOPLE.

January 5 & February 2

7-9pm

Leave Riverside at 6:45pm and return 9pm

Walking Club

Get some exercise by walking with friends at the Piqua Center

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. TRANSPORTATION FOR 3 PLUS OPEN FOR MEET THERE

January 5, 19 & February 9

12-2pm

Leave Riverside at 12pm and return 2pm

Yoga

Join Yoga Instructor Cori Smith for a session designed for beginners of all abilities!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 12 PEOPLE.

January 12 & February 2

10-11am

at Riverside (Training Center)

Sports Activities

Basketball Home Games

starting at 6pm

January 8, 22, 29

Tournament Jan. 28 - games at 2 & 5pm

February 5, 12, 14 (Spirit Night!)

Come out to cheer on the Magic!



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in a new sport?

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Registration:

**Begins December 18 at 9am
ends December 20 at 5pm**

Based on feedback, we are shortening the sign up window to allow for faster registration confirmations.

- Register by calling 937-310-3260 or cc@riversidedd.org AFTER December 18 at 9am.
- You will receive a call or email once your activities are confirmed.

Registrations will end on
December 20.

How to Register for Community Connections Activities:

- 1 Contact Patrick Kilbane at email cc@riversidedd.org (PREFERRED) or 937-310-3260 and leave a message.
 - 2 Wait for an email or call confirming your activities.
 - 3 For Pre-Pay events:
 - Mail a check (made payable to Riverside Recreation) to Riverside, ATTN: Patrick. You must include the name and date of the event in the memo portion of the check. OR
 - Drop off a check or exact change payment (in an envelope) at Riverside in metal drop box by the front lobby door.
- Call to cancel if you cannot make it to an activity you are registered 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.
 - We cannot provide refunds for events that are pre-pay if you do not show up to the event.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Riverside Code of Conduct

Participation in Riverside'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 Riverside programs.
- I will respect the dignity of all.
- I will act in ways that bring respect to me, Riverside 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 Riverside 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 Riverside 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 Riverside staff or volunteers.
- I will obey all laws and Riverside and Special Olympics rules.

Those who fail to follow the Code of Conduct while attending a Riverside 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.

Thank you for your cooperation!