# CONNECTING YOU TO PLAY: JOOAY

## Jooay App Monthly Newsletter

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## ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our NEW Jooay newsletter! Jooay is a free mobile and web app (<u>https://jooay.com/</u>) that helps children with disabilities and their families locate leisure opportunities that are close to where they live; accessible and inclusive; suit their needs and abilities; match their preferences; and can help them develop and participate in society.

Stay tuned for monthly updates on adapted leisure events and opportunities, as well as updates related to the Jooay App and our community. Let us help you and your family get involved in leisure!

## ACTIVITIES

## **1. Autism Connections Fredericton**

Autism Connections is committed to working with individuals on the autism spectrum in the Fredericton area. Learn more about Camp Marvel and the wide variety of other programs offered!

#### **Register here:**

https://autismconnectionsfredericton.com/programs



## 2. Recreational Respite

Recreational Respite offers unique virtual programs in the form of small group activities, one-on-one programs and BUILD-IT workshops. They release a new calendar of recreational group programs and BUILD-IT workshops each month!

#### **Register here:**

https://www.recrespite.com/virtual-services/

## 3. Easter Seals British Columbia/Yukon

Check out the unique Camp @ Home experience offered by Easter Seals, open to ages 6 and older! Each week has a different theme, plus you'll receive camper kits with supplies for all of the activities. Other camp experiences including in person outdoor adventure camps and family camps are also offered.

#### **Register here:**

https://www.eastersealsbcy.ca/summer-camps/







## 4. Melissa's Sunshine Camp

Each year more activities are added for family support and recreational programming. These activities include Friday bowling league, day activity services, weekend camps and more!

#### **Register here:**

https://campsoleildemelissa.weebly.com/servicedactiviteacute-de-jour--day-activity-serviice.html



#### 5. Centre for Autism Services Alberta

Autism Services Alberta offers a teen camp for youth ages 13-17 with weekly themes ranging from photography to urban adventure to computer science! A variety of other arts, sports and social skills programs are also offered for teens, children 5 and under or 6-12 years old!

#### **Register here:**

https://centreforautism.ab.ca/programs/





## 6. Montreal Children's Theatre

Check out the Starlight program by MCT, a music and theatre class for youth and young adults with autism or social challenges. Led by a drama therapist, this program encourages students to express their imagination and learn about group dynamics. MCT is also offering a unique camp experience full of drama, theatre and games for children ages 5-16 years old. Let's have fun this summer!

#### **Register here:**

https://montrealchildrenstheatre.ca/courses/

### 7. Canucks Autism Network

Canucks Autism Network is offering a wide variety of inclusive programming this summer! Check out their summer day camps, weekly programs and online activities. Virtual activities include fitness, movies, meetups and more - all while meeting new friends!

#### **Register here:**

https://www.canucksautism.ca/programs/







## **JOOAY APP UPDATES**

## HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF THE JOOAY APP?

## Tip #1: Adding an activity to Favourites

When viewing an activity in the Jooay app ...

- 1. Click the 3 dots in the top right corner
- 2. Click 'Add to favourites'
- 3. Go to Favourites.

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4. View this activity in your Favourites list!



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## JOOAY APP UPDATES

## Tip #2: Searching for online activities

- 1. Open the Jooay App
- 2. Go to Search Q
- 3. Type 'Online'
- 4. View all of the online activities available on the Jooay App!





## JOOAY COMMUNITY

## **Engagement on the Disability Inclusion Action Plan**

The Government of Canada is engaging Canadians on how to improve the lives of Canadians with disabilities. Your feedback will support the development of the Disability Inclusion Action Plan, which will focus on:

- reducing poverty among persons with disabilities in Canada;
- getting more persons with disabilities into good quality jobs;
- helping meet the Accessible Canada Act goal of a barrier-free Canada by 2040;
- making it easier for persons with disabilities to access federal programs and services; and
- fostering a culture of inclusion.

## Participate by completing the online survey <u>here</u> by August 31, 2021!



If you have any suggestions for our newsletter please let us know! contact: jooay@childhooddisability.ca



