

# CONNECTING YOU TO PLAY: JOOAY

## Jooay App Monthly Newsletter

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### ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Jooay newsletter! Jooay is a free mobile and web app (<https://jooay.com/>) 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's help children get more involved in leisure together!

### ACTIVITIES

#### 1. Recreational Respite

Recreational Respite's professionals work one to one with children, youth, adults and older adults who have a disability, struggle with mental health, or face social isolation. Recreational Respite offers unique virtual programs in the form of small group activities, one-on-one programs and BUILD-IT workshops.

**Register here:**  
**[Recreational Respite](#)**



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## 2. Block 8 Academy

Block 8 Academy offers Pro D day camps for children 5 - 12 years of age, as well as Winter, Spring and Summer Break camps. They also have a variety of online programs available, including voice tech and show choir classes for children ages 10 and above. Kids have also enjoyed private tours at museums and art galleries, both the Noon's Creek and Mossom Creek Fish Hatcheries, as well as trips to Rocky Point Park, and swimming and bowling in the community.



**Register here:**

**[Block 8 Academy](#)**

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## 3. Learning Disabilities Society

The LDS offers the RISE Summer Camps which are customized and creative week-long summer camps focused on helping kids with learning differences development new skills through fun, hands-on camp programs. Available in both East and North Vancouver. Each day will include fun indoor and outdoor activities to build on the summer camp themes and encourage teamwork, personal health and safety, social skills, outdoor exploration, and games.



**Register here:**

**[Learning Disabilities Society](#)**

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## 4. Autism Connections Fredericton

ACF offers an engaging week full of activities, crafts, games, outings and more. They provide opportunities to learn social skills and enrichment activities with the individual assistance needed to meet the unique needs of our campers. This organization has a unique summer camp for children on the Autism spectrum with a one-on-one camper counselor ratio. Camp begins the first week of July and runs into August.



**Register here:**

**[Autism Connections Fredericton](#)**

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## 5. ParaSport and Recreation PEI

ParaSport and Recreation PEI is the provincial sport governing body for Paralympic sport and parasport on Prince Edward Island. This organization offers many programs such as PEI membership funding programs, school award program, Bridging The Gap 'Getting Physically Active', and Equipment Loan program (Basketball wheelchairs, Boccia sets, Goalballs and eye shades, etc), many team sports.



**Check here:**

**[ParaSport and Recreation PEI](#)**

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## 6. Centre for Autism Services Alberta

The Centre offers programs for children, teens, and young adults with autism, and their families. Their services and programs for teens include development programs, sports and recreation, art, summer camps, social programs, and skills development, including pre-employment programs. The teen program has sports activities like Active for Life, Teen Basketball, Taekwondo. The art program is led by instructors from the Nina Haggerty Centre for the Arts, developing skills in drawing, painting, ceramics, digital media, and animation.



**Register here:**

**[Centre for Autism Services Alberta](#)**

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## 7. Inclusive Playgrounds Around Canada

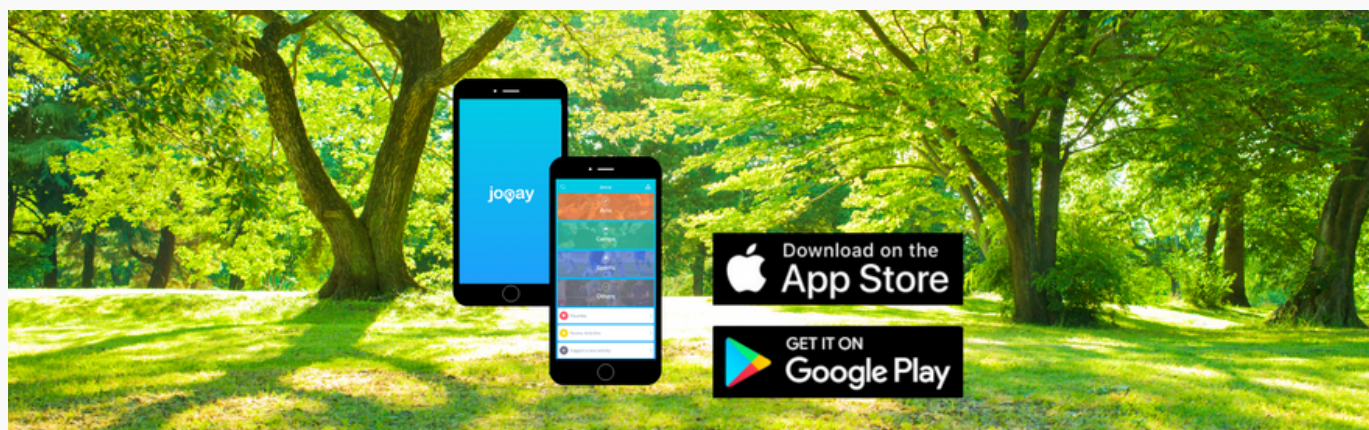
Check out this website which features 10 inclusive playgrounds in Canada where kids with disabilities will love to play. At these Canadian playparks, kids with mobility, sensory and sight challenges can get active and have fun no matter what their abilities and challenges are! Every kid loves to play, and these inclusive play parks across the country make sure that physical differences never get in the way of fun.



**Register here:**

**[Inclusive Playgrounds Around Canada](#)**

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# JOOAY APP UPDATES

**BE SURE TO DOWNLOAD OUR UPGRADED ANDROID  
VERSION OF THE JOOAY APP!**

**FIND IT TODAY ON THE PLAY STORE & DISCOVER  
OUR NEW FEATURES.**

**BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE 'ONLINE' ACTIVITIES  
TAB!**

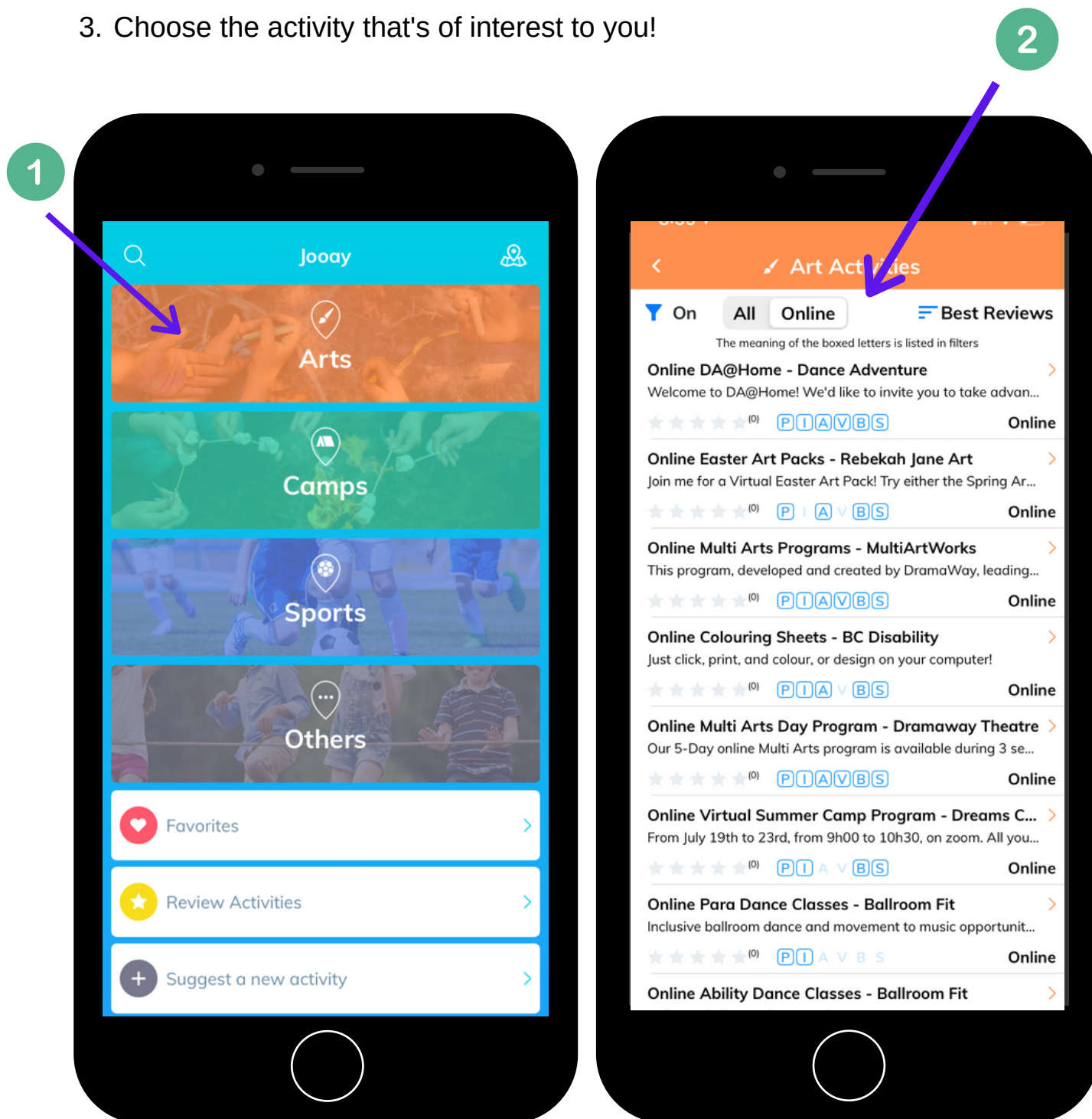


## HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF THE JOOAY APP?

### Tip #1: SEARCHING FOR ONLINE ACTIVITIES

When viewing an activity in the Jooay app ...

1. Select an option among the activity' categories
2. Select the 'Online' Tab to have access to virtual activities
3. Choose the activity that's of interest to you!



## THE UPGRADED ANDROID VERSION OF THE JOOAY APP

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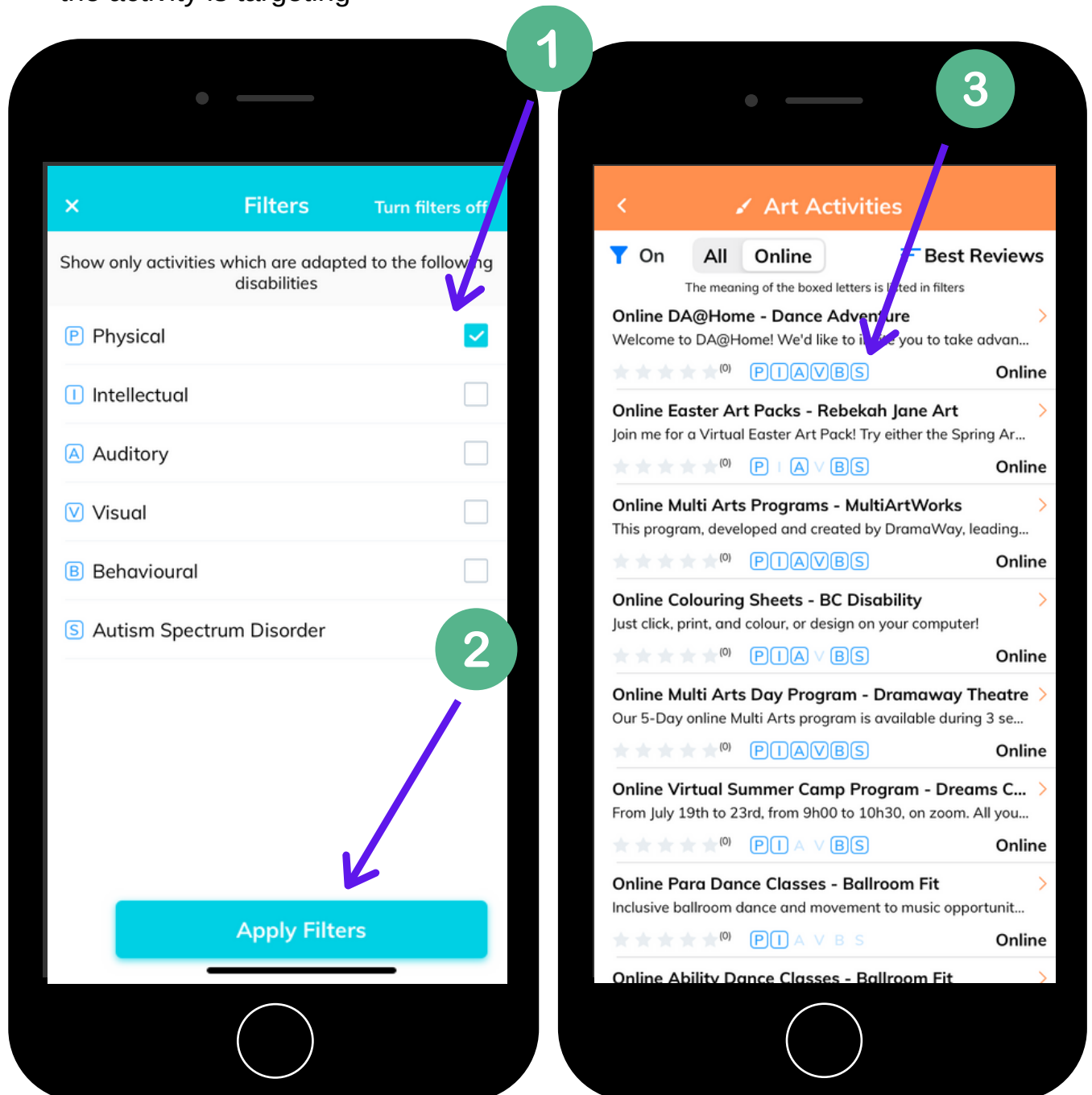
#### Tip #2: SEARCHING FOR THE TYPE OF SPECIAL NEED

When viewing an activity in the Jooay app ...

1. Select the filter of your choice
2. Click on "Apply Filters"

OR

3. When viewing activities, see the Letters which indicate the type of disability the activity is targeting





## DeafBlind Awareness Week

Come celebrate Helen Keller DeafBlind Awareness Week from  
**June 26th to July 2nd!**

The Hellen Keller National Center for DeafBlind Youths and Adults  
is focusing this year of diversity and inclusion.

**Read more about it [here](#)!**



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