

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!

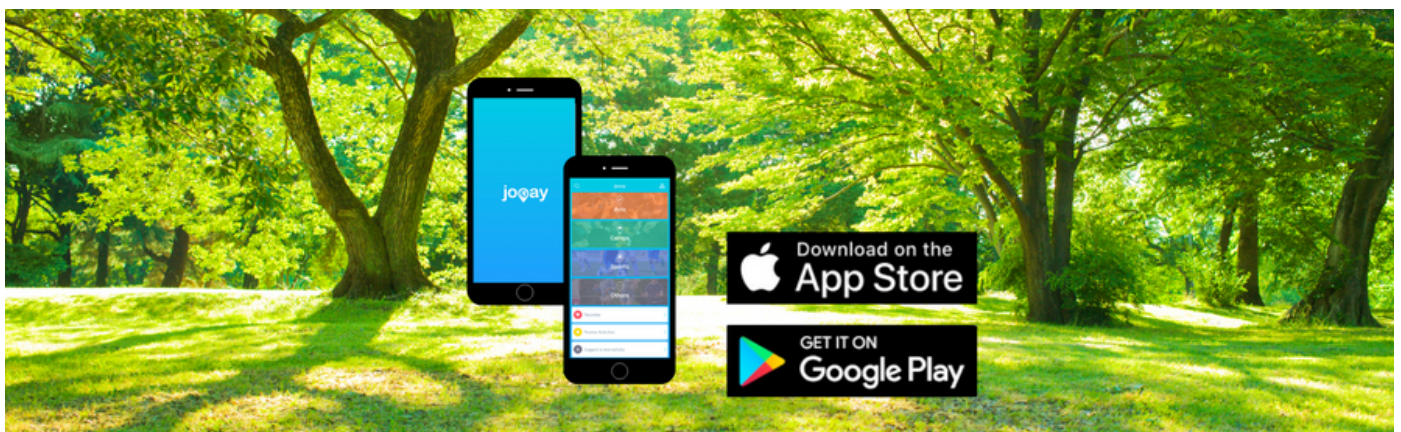
ACTIVITIES

1. Variety Village Ontario

Get ready for an epic summer adventure!

Registration for the spring and summer camps of Variety Village Ontario opened.

Read the report here:
[Variety Village Ontario](#)



2. Natural Playground

Do you know how to create a natural playground at home?

A Natural Playground offers endless opportunities for kids to learn about the environment and nature, all while having a blast!



Let's have fun outside!
check out the top tips here!
Natural Playground

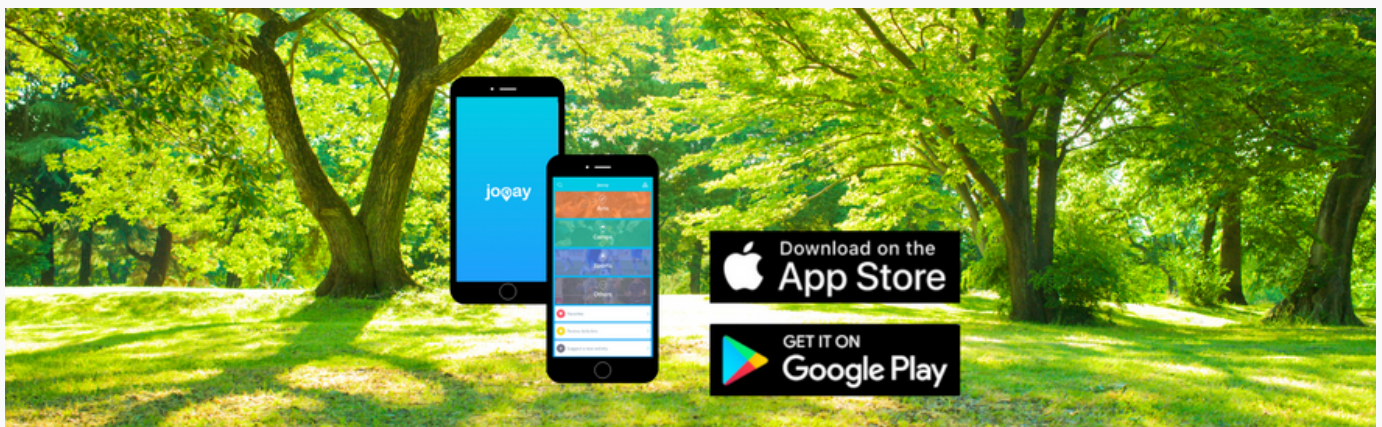
3. Defi Sportif AlterGo

The countdown has officially begun!

For the 40th time from April 21 to 30, the Defi Sportif AlterGo will allow thousands of athletes from 20 countries, regardless of their functional limitations, to push their own personal limits and compete in 9 disciplines.



For more info, please check the **Defi Sportif AlterGo website:**
Defi Sportif AlterGo



4. National CP Awareness Day #FlexUp Campaign

National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day is on March 25th! Be ready to #FlexUp in your green shirt with Flex for Access!

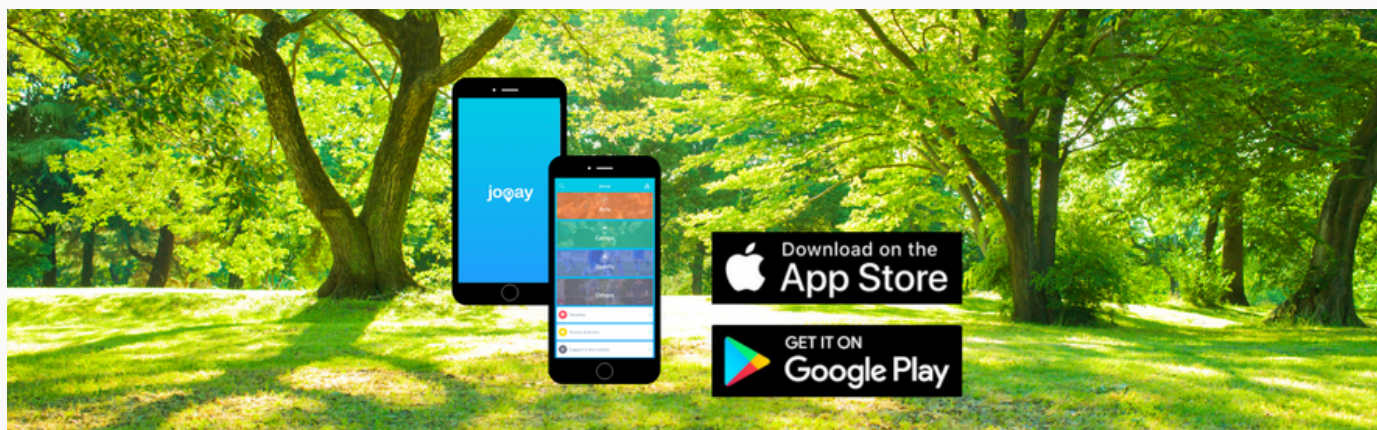
Find more information here:
Flex for Access



5. Have -A-Go!

Come Have -A-Go! March 25 at 11:30 am. at Lavington School in Coldstream for the BC Games with lots of people and chairs and volunteers to make this Have-A-Go event a great time for everyone. No experience is needed.

This is a free drop-in event!



6. Parent + Caregiver Conference

Join Niagara Children's Centre for the fourth annual conference just for parents and caregivers of children with physical, developmental, and/or communicative delays or disabilities (diagnosed or suspected) under the age of 21.

Saturday, April 22 | 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

In-person or virtually

Keynote speaker: Kate Robson

Complimentary childcare is available

Brunch provided by Gluckstein Lawyers



Find out more and register here:

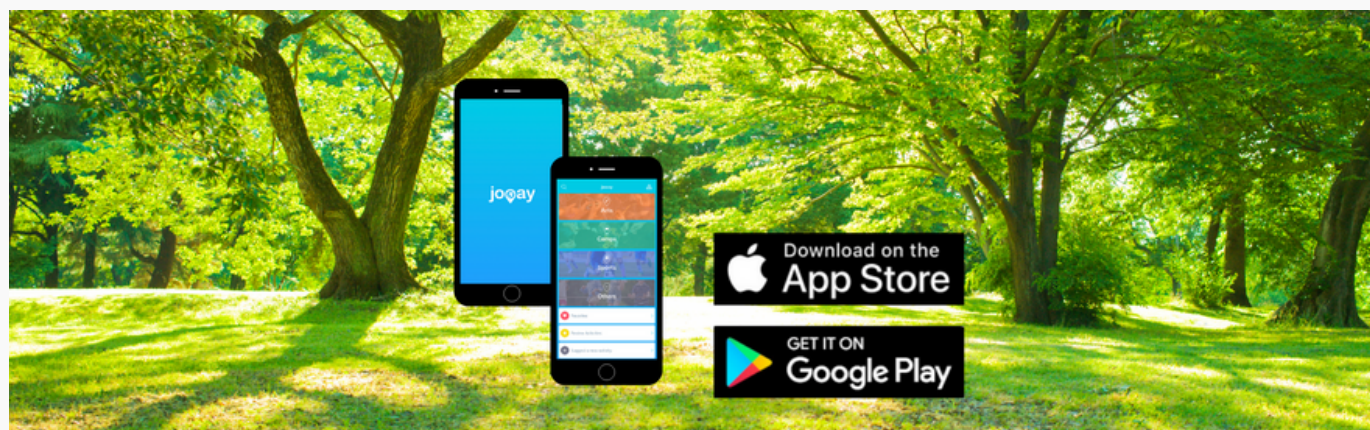
[Parent + Caregiver Conference](#)

7. 2023 Habilitas Foundation Golf Tournament

Gather your foursome and work on your swing - the 2023 Habilitas Foundation golf tournament is Saturday, September 23!

Join your fellow golfers at the beautiful Dufferin Heights Country Club for a fun-filled day in support of a beautiful cause.

Registration details to come.



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!**



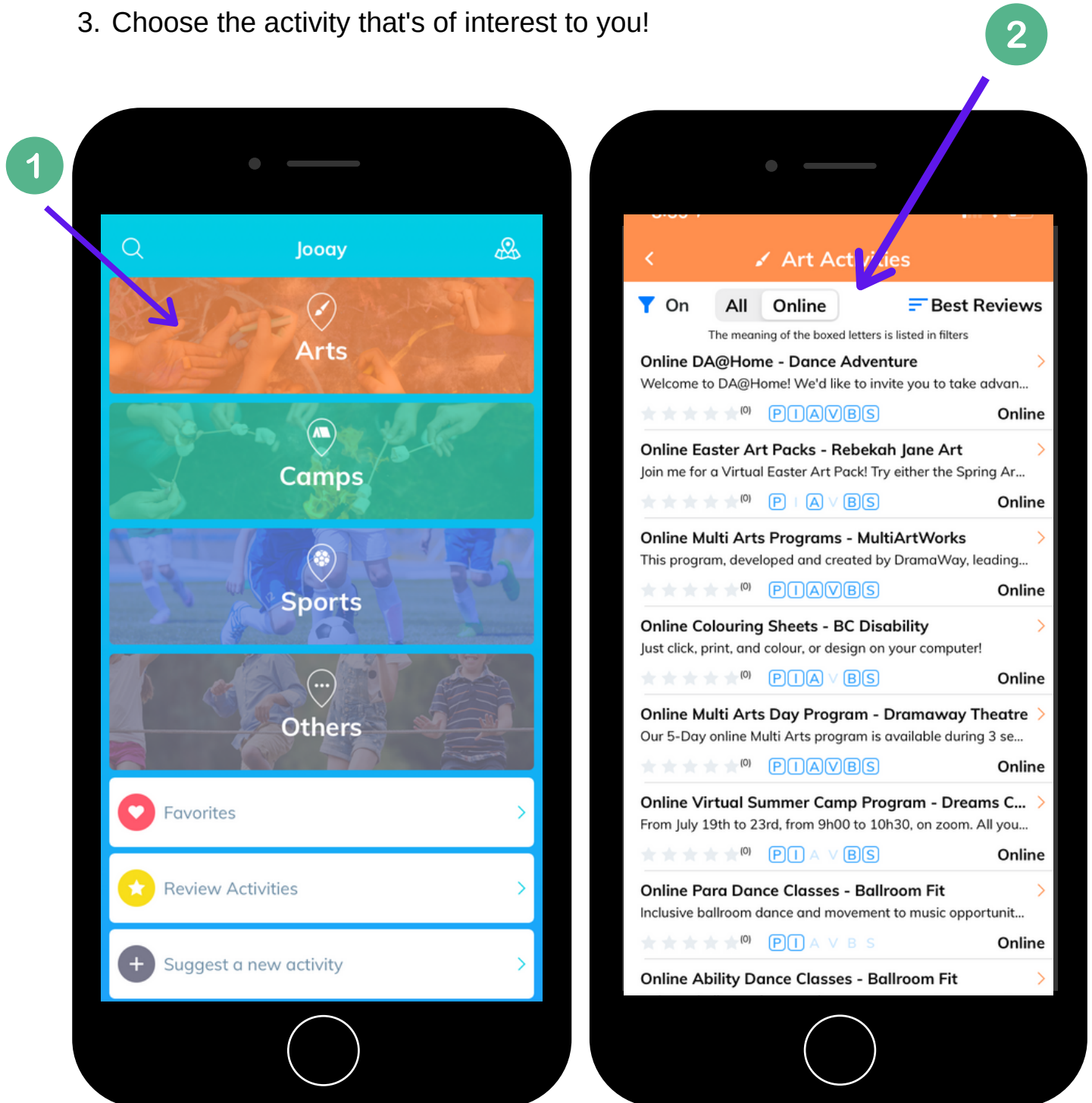
THE UPGRADED ANDROID VERSION OF THE JOOAY APP

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!



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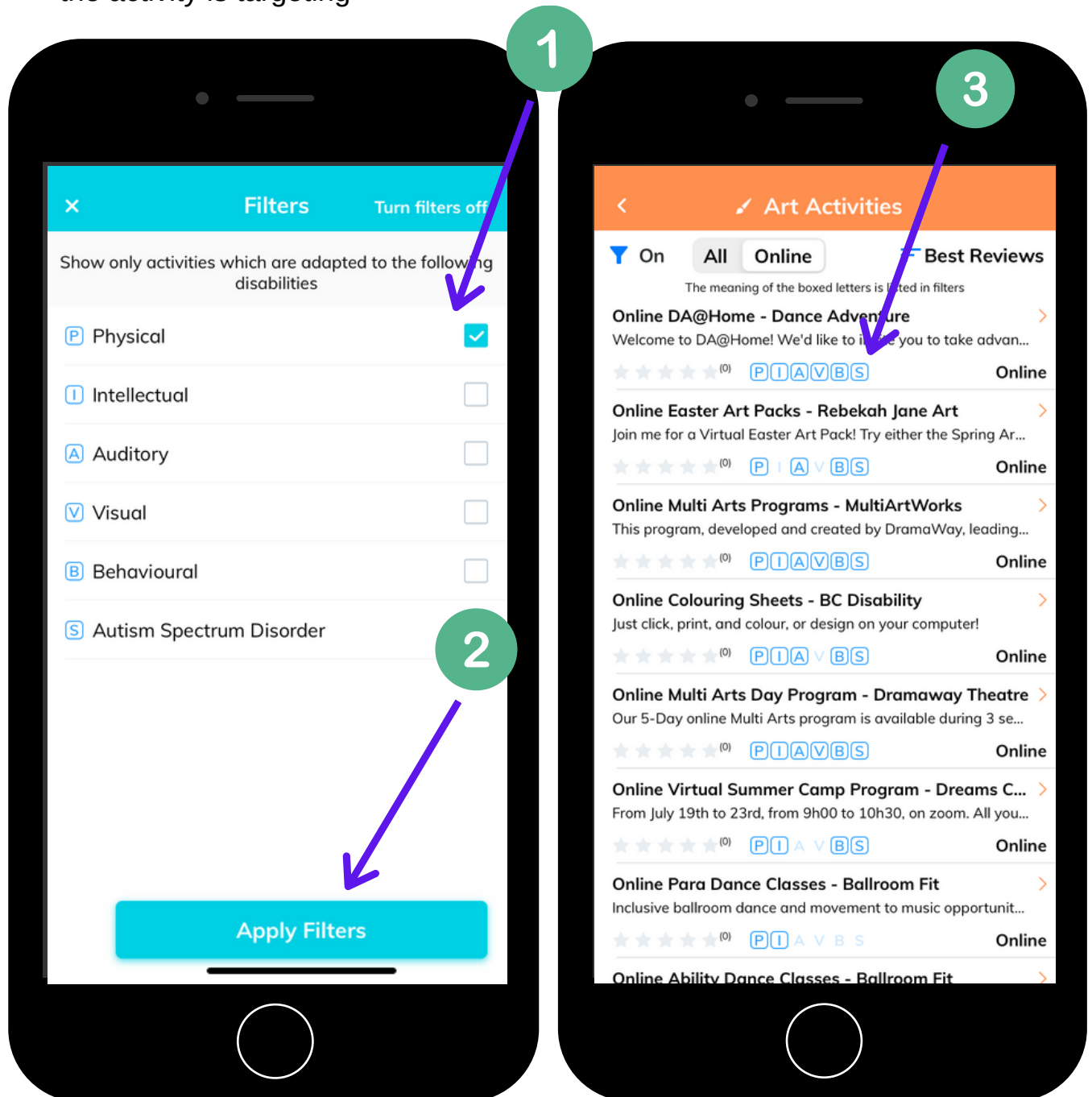
Tip #2: SEARCHING FOR THE TYPE OF SPECIAL NEED

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



World Down Syndrome Day

On March 21st, we celebrate World Down Syndrome Day by advocating for the rights, inclusion, and well-being of people with Down syndrome around the world.

This year, Down Syndrome International has chosen the theme With Us, Not For Us. A reminder to the entire community that people with Down syndrome need to be a part of the work being done to secure them the same rights and opportunities as everyone else.

#NothingWithUsWithoutUs



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