

# 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.

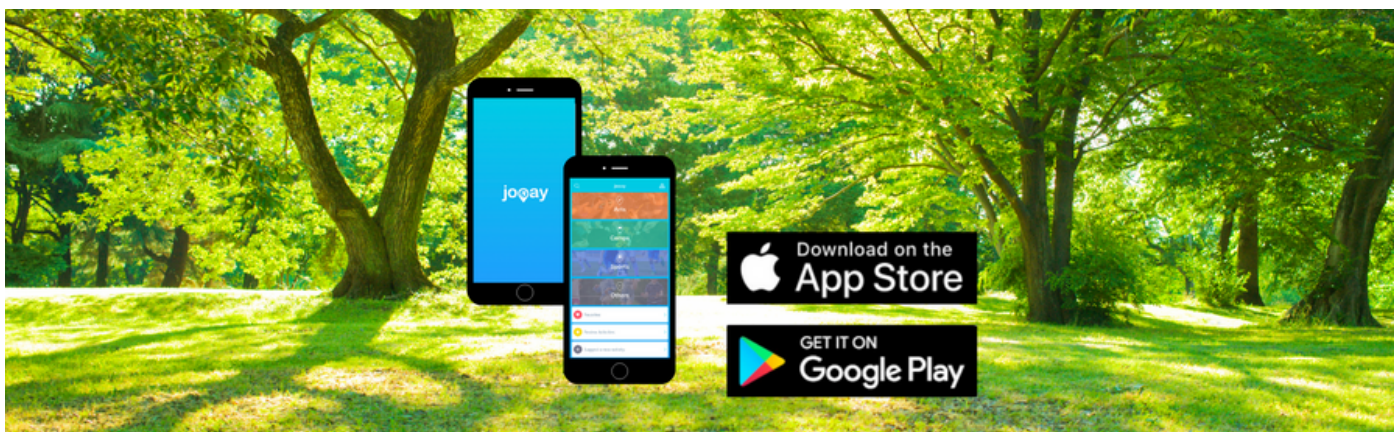
Stay tuned for monthly updates on adapted leisure events and opportunities, as well as updates related to the Jooay App and our community. Let's help children get more involved in leisure together!

### ACTIVITIES

#### 1. Ottawa Bluesfest: Ottawa, ON

Ottawa is hosting its annual Bluesfest from July 6-16th. Come enjoy a festival showcasing local, regional, national and international musicians. Bluesfest offers wheelchair-accessible areas.

Check out the lineup here:  
**[Ottawa Bluesfest](#)**





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## 2. Adaptive Water Sports: Ottawa, ON

Looking for some fun in the sun this summer? SkiAbility Ottawa is running its water skiing and wakeboarding for persons with disability programs (similar to pre-COVID times!)

SkiAbility Ottawa, serves the Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec regions (Ottawa, Gatineau and surrounding areas), accepts persons with any type or level of disability, any age, and any experience level.



To learn more, visit:

**SkiAbility Ottawa**

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## 3. Accessible Nature Trails: Toronto, ON

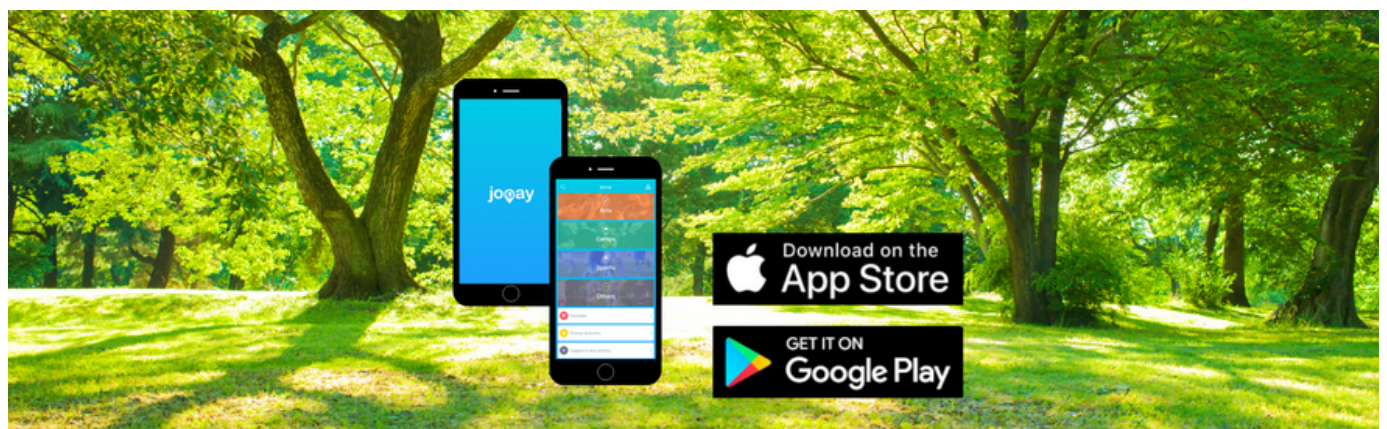
Live close to Toronto ON?  
Come discover Rouge National Urban Park through its various accessible nature trails.

Embark on an incredible journey through the breathtaking landscapes of Ontario, where the wonders of nature are made accessible to people of all abilities!



To learn more, visit:

**Rouge National Urban Park**



## 4. Online Drumming Music Therapy

Jam with JB and join their Online FunDrum!

On July 10th, grab your drums, pots, pans, or anything you can start a beat on, and start making music!

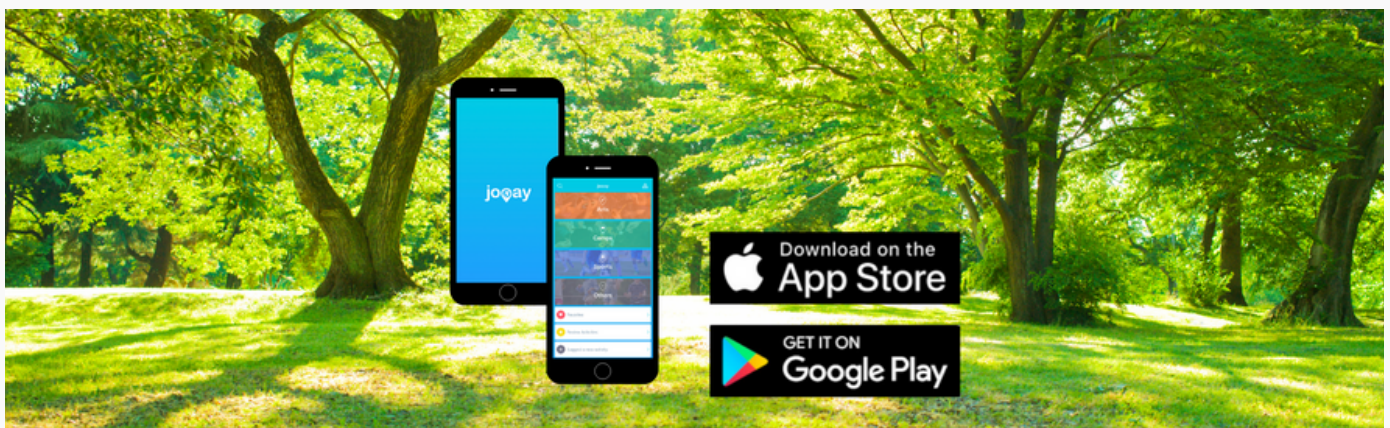
[Click here to learn more](#)



## 5. Outdoor Playground Play- Scarborough, ON

Looking for a fun weekend activity? Join Variety Ontario in their Playground Pals, a program that promotes playground fun for the whole family!

[For more information, click here](#)





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## 6. Teacher creates guide for writing about people with disabilities

Alana King was awarded a Michener Awards Foundation Fellowship which includes a grant to start this guide alongside her journalist partner Sarah Trick who is disabled herself! The aim is to create a model for how to talk about disability topics, and write about people with disabilities.



[Read the full story.](#)

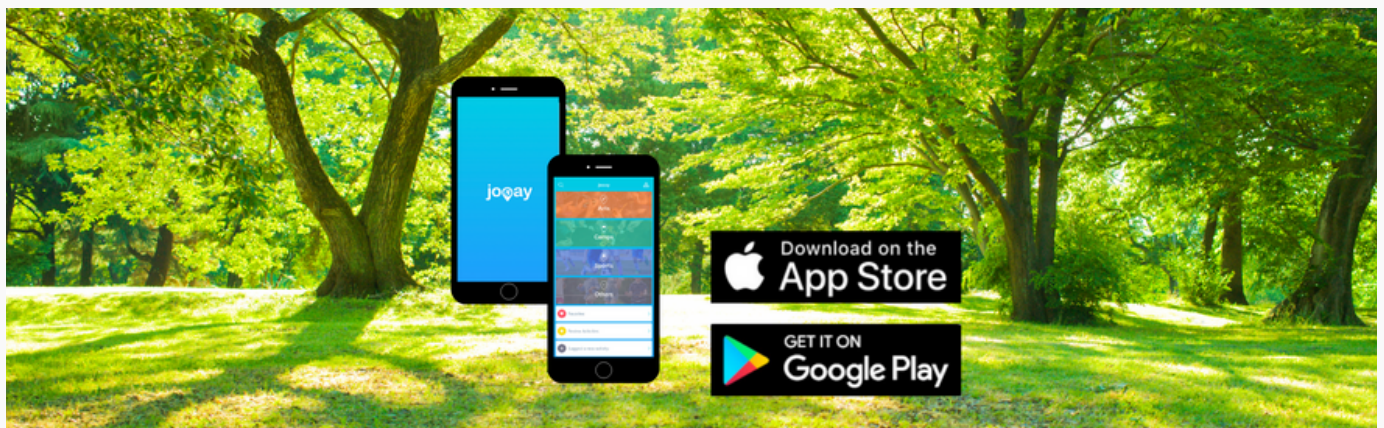
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## 7. 17 year old Tokito Oda ranks 1st in wheelchair tennis rankings

Just 7 years after taking up wheelchair Tennis, the Oda makes history by being the youngest player to ever win the Gran Slam just last month! He is now set to play in the 2024 Paris Paralympics games



[Read the full story.](#)



# 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!





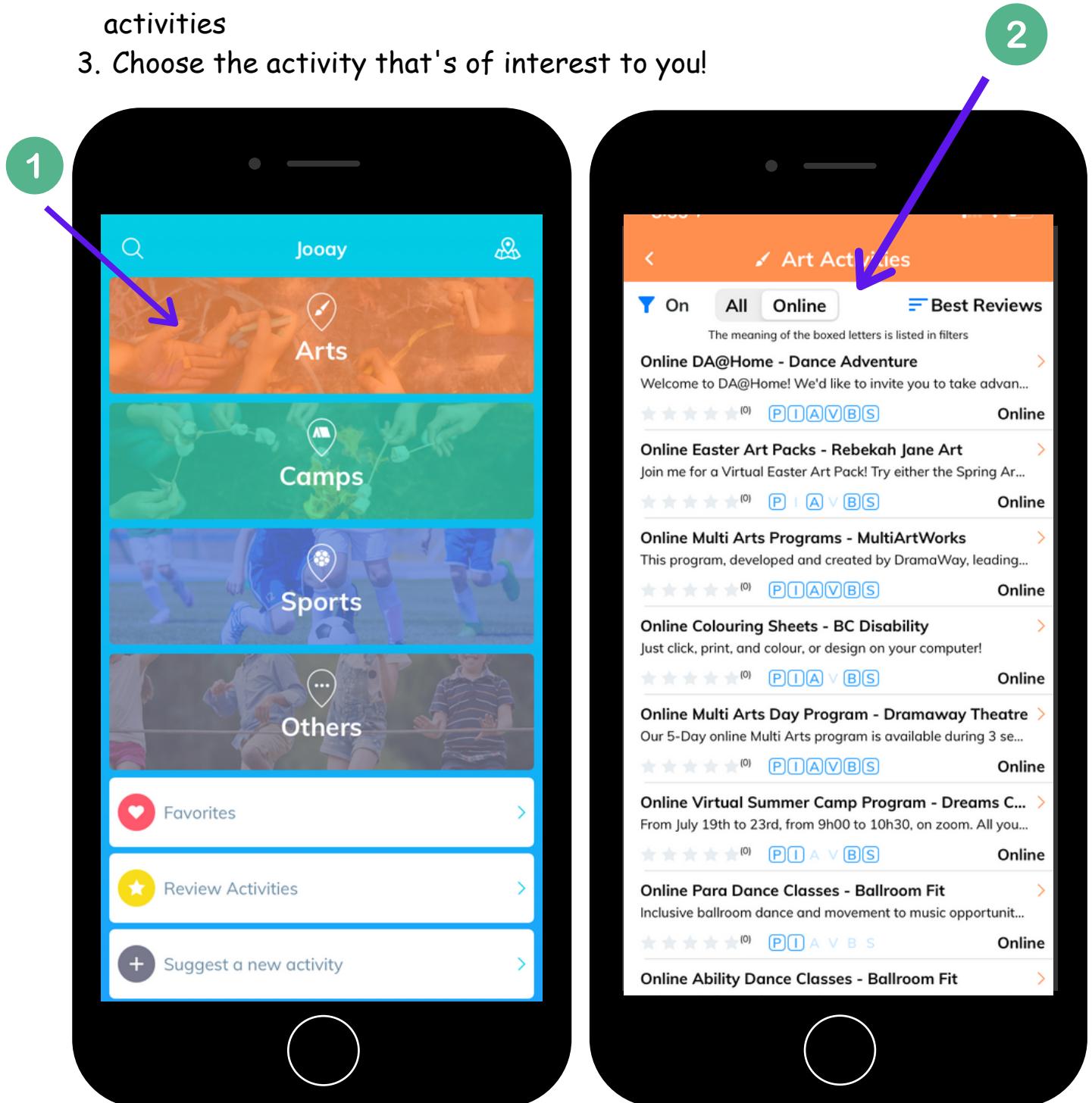
# THE UPGRADED ANDROID VERSION OF THE JOOAY APP

## 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!



# THE UPGRADED ANDROID VERSION OF THE JOOAY APP

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

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

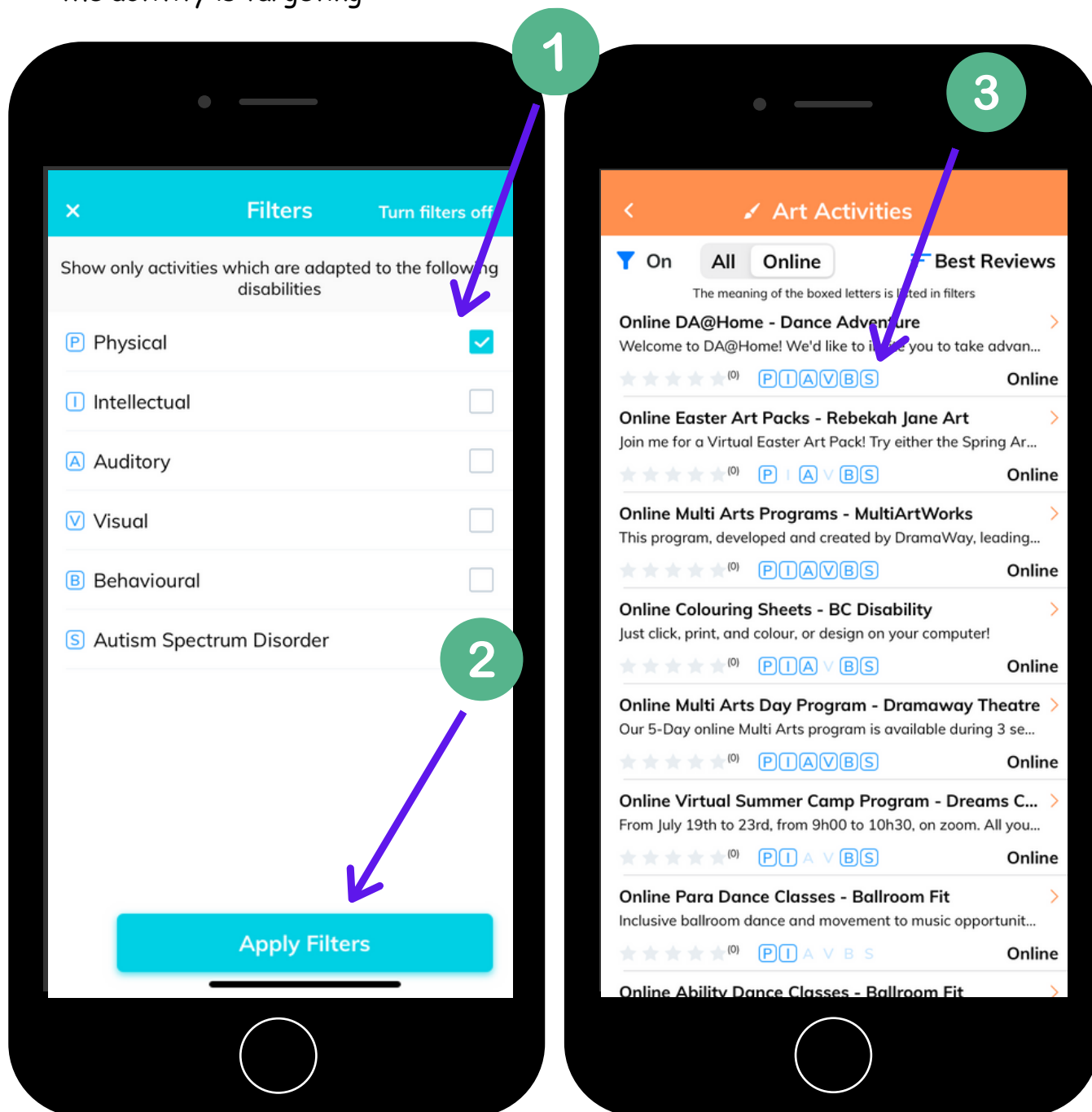
When viewing an activity in the Jooay app ...

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



## July is Disability Pride Month!

July is Disability Pride month and Jooay is here to celebrate all bodies and abilities by connecting you to play and leisure! Celebrate your body by having fun today!



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

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