

# 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. Accessible Gaming Demo Day, Montreal, QC

Makers Making Change is running "Accessible Gaming Demo Day" with Ubisoft Montreal and McGill University!

If you are in Montreal, don't miss this chance!

Register here:

[Accessible Gaming Demo Day](https://forms.office.com/r/cU4s8F54v1)

**ACCESSIBLE GAMING DEMO DAY**

**Showcase**  
Check out various low cost open source assistive technology that can be utilized in gaming:

- Assistive switches
- Joysticks
- 3D printed modified controllers
- and more

**Who:** Gamers with disabilities, game developers, clinicians, and makers

**Where:** McIntyre Medical Science Building, Room 206 & 207

**When:** Friday, September 29

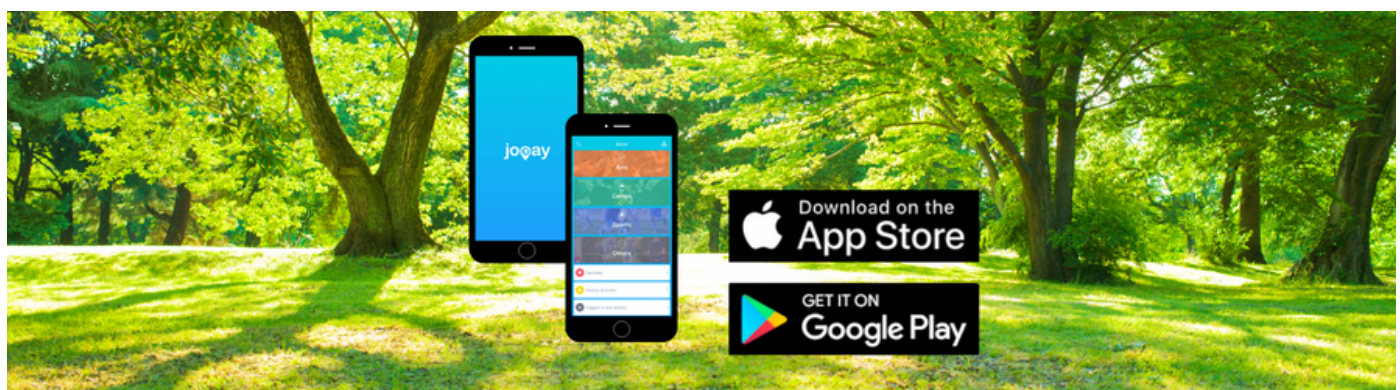
- 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
- 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
- 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

**Try**  
Work with clinical and engineering students and Makers Making Change's gaming experts to trial an adaptive gaming setup.

**Build**  
Learn to build open source assistive technology that can be used in gaming. No prior maker experience is necessary to learn the skills to help your community.

More info and to RSVP to the event (or use link below)  
<https://forms.office.com/r/cU4s8F54v1>

Event will be held primarily in English



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## 2. CHILD-CHII

Are you looking for a measurement tool that can help families, rehab professionals, and community organizations gather information on the accessibility features of a community program or facility?

Learn about the CHILD-CHII by clicking here:

**[CHILD-CHII](#)**



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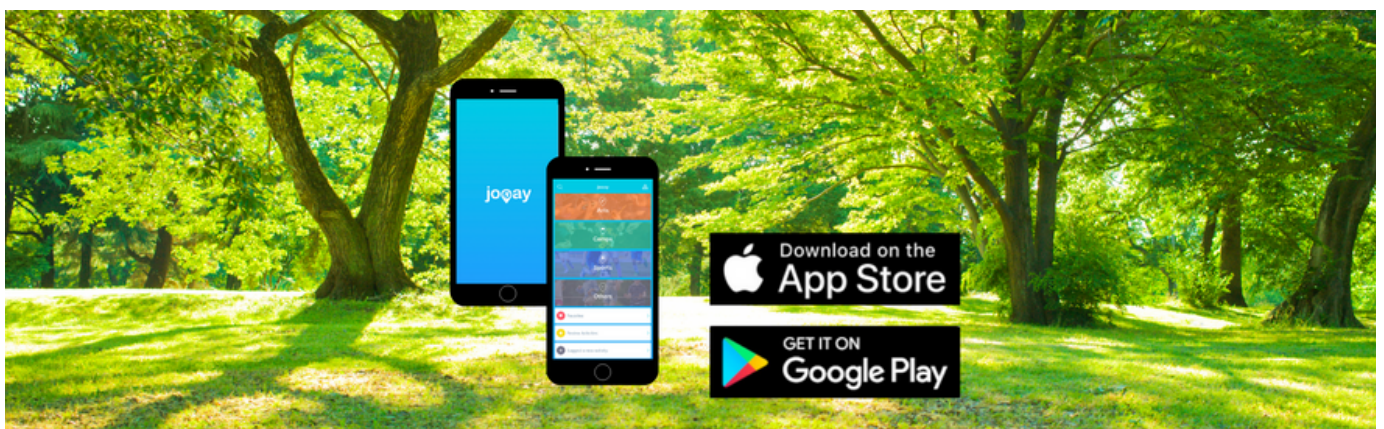
## 3. Canucks Autism Network, Vancouver, BC

Canucks Autism Network has different programs this Fall such as:

- 🎬 Movie Club (Virtual)
- 🐉 Dungeons & Dragons (Vancouver)
- ⚾ Baseball (Kamloops)
- 💛 Women's Peer Group (Vancouver)
- 👏 Autistic Leaders Group (Virtual)
- 💙 Thriving Together: Self Advocacy for Autistics (Vancouver)

Register here:

**[Canucks Autism Network](#)**





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## 4. Variety Village- Scarborough, ON

Variety Village offers different fun programs such as building blocks, sports and social, and other programs.

You can look at their fall program [here](#)



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## 5. Women & Autism Group - Calgary, AB/ Online

Join Sinneave Family Foundation on Thursday, Sept. 21. In each group, the goal is to provide timely information on topics that are important to autistic women. These sessions are intended to provide a safe space for women to connect, ask questions, share stories and enjoy valuable peer connection.

Join the conversation at 4:00 p.m. at The Ability Hub (300, 3820 24 Ave NW) or virtually on Sinneave Connects, our online learning hub.

Click [here](#) to learn more



## 6. Integrated Spin - Edmonton, AB

This indoor cycling class is for those who use a handcycle, upright bike or any modifications in a group fitness setting. The handcycles will be on trainers at the front of the room and the upright bikes in the back.

Join the fun from September 20 to December 6th at the University of Alberta on a handcycle or an upright bike.

To learn more, [click here](#)



**INTEGRATED SPIN**

[REGISTER NOW!](#)

Integrated Spin provides an indoor cycling class for those who use a handcycle, upright bike or any modifications in a group fitness setting. The handcycles will be on trainers at the front of the room and the upright bikes in the back. The class is taught by an AFLCA certified spin instructor that will accommodate all levels of riders

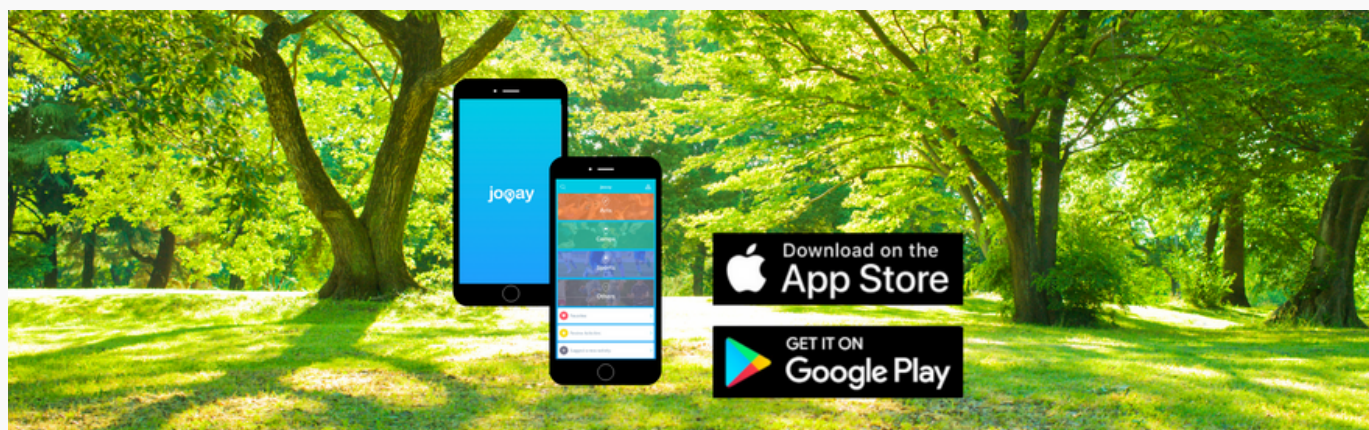
 Wednesdays, 7:00–7:50 pm

 Van Vliet Centre, University of Alberta, 2-632 (cycling room)

## 7. CIVA - Montreal, QC

CIVA is offering various programs such as Boccia, powerchair soccer, and a lot of other fun activities.

Click [here](#) to learn more about their programs





# 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 image features three smartphones against a green and blue bokeh background. The largest smartphone on the left displays the 'jooay' logo on a blue screen. The middle smartphone shows the app's main menu with categories: Arts, Camps, Sports, and Others, along with a bottom navigation bar containing Favorites, Review Activities, and Suggest a new activity. The rightmost smartphone displays the 'Art Activities' screen, which lists various online programs with ratings and descriptions. In the top right corner, there is a 'GET IT ON Google Play' badge. In the bottom center, there is an 'Apple App Store' badge.

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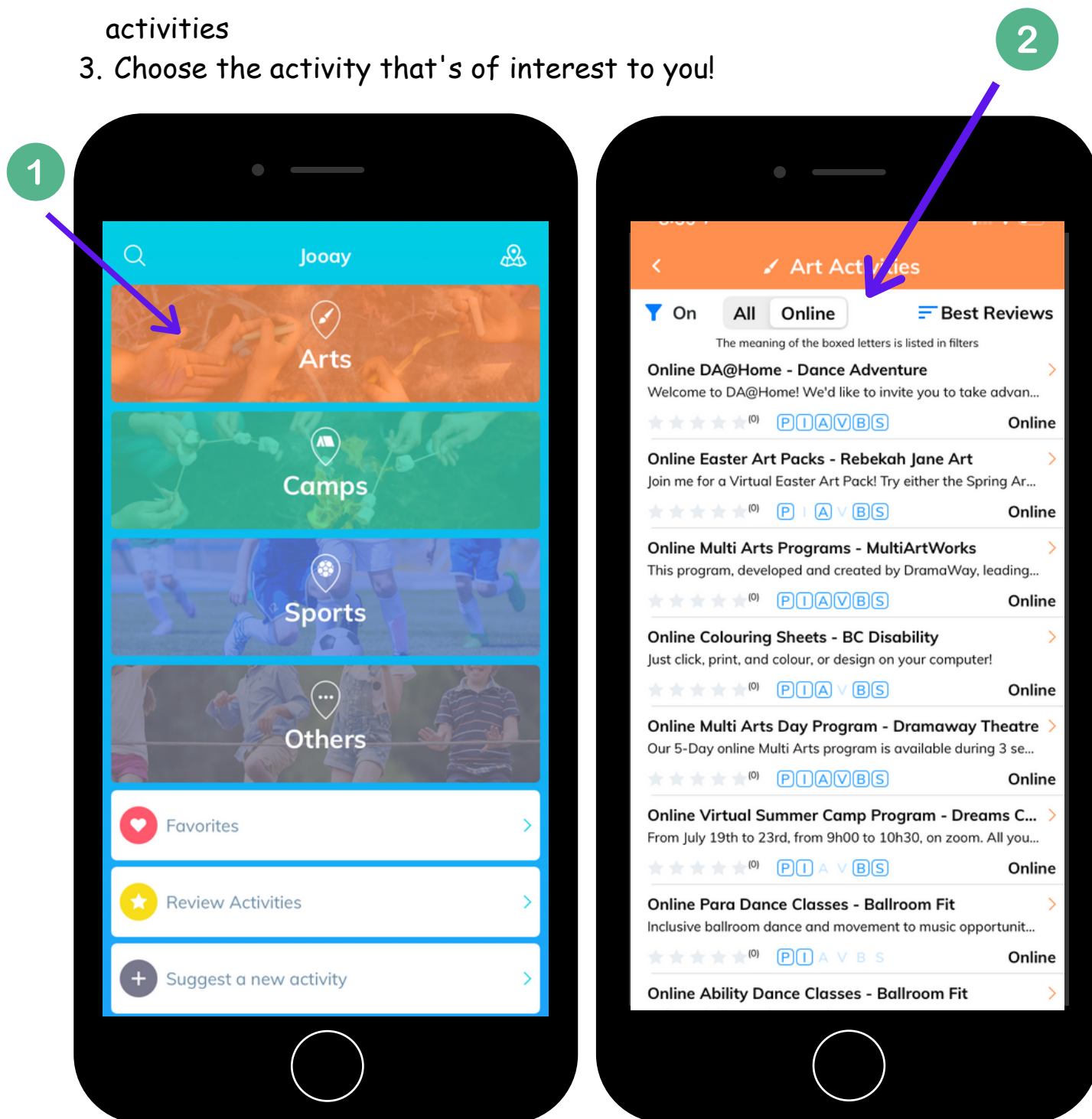
# THE UPGRADED ANDROID VERSION OF THE JOOAY APP

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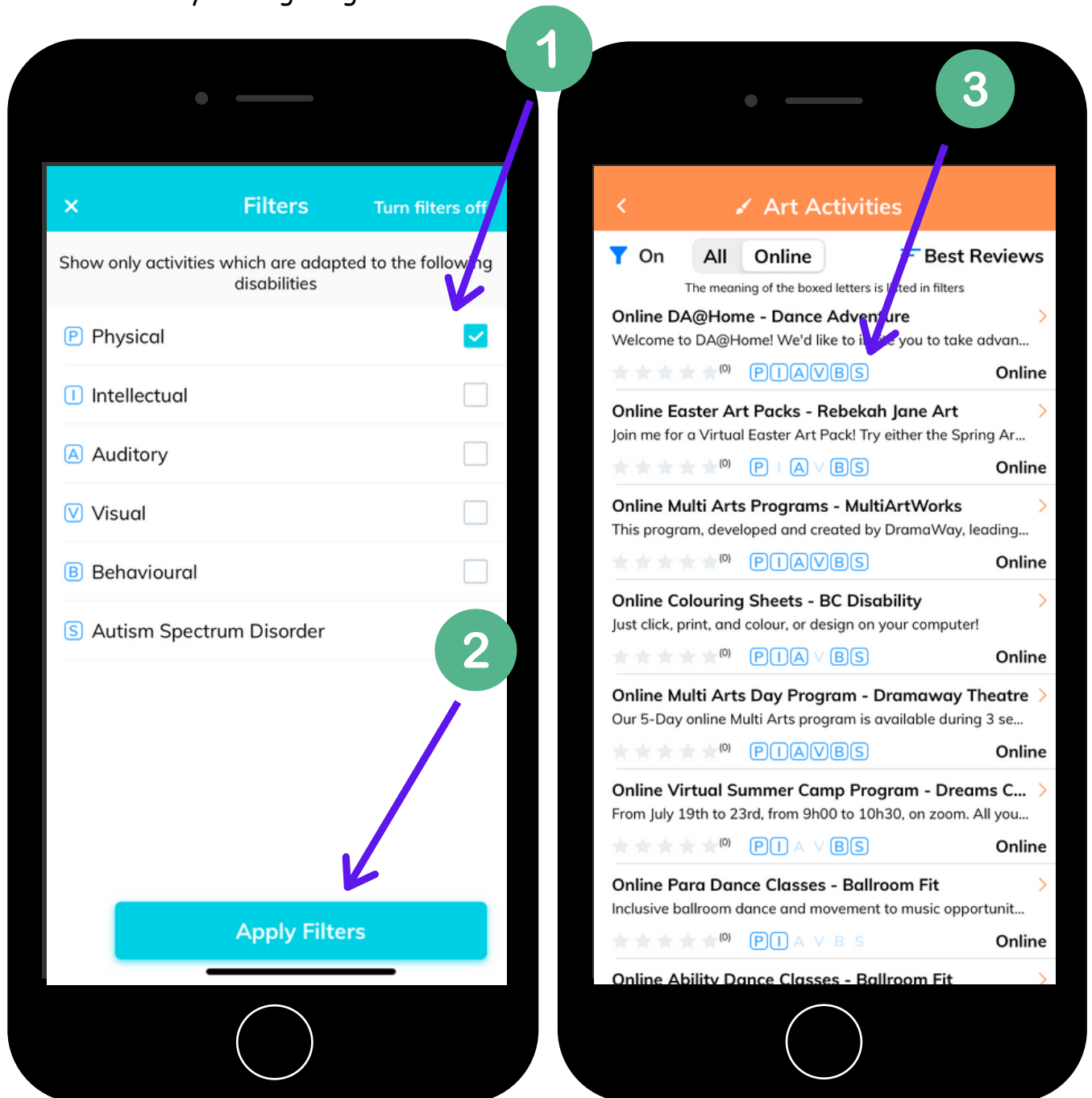
### Tip #2: SEARCHING FOR THE TYPE OF SPECIAL NEED

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



## September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month!

Cancer is considered a rare disease in children between birth and 14 years of age. Yet it is still the second leading cause of death in Canadian children older than one month, second only to accidents.



If you have any suggestions for our newsletter please let us know!

contact: [jooay@childhooddisability.ca](mailto:jooay@childhooddisability.ca)

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