

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. DSAT Weekly Programs across the GTA

Welcome to February! The Down Syndrome Association of Toronto presents its weekly activities for everyone to join.

Their mission is to support and empower individuals with Down Syndrome and their families throughout the GTA. They advocate, raise awareness, and promote integration and participation within an inclusive community through their programs and resources.



[Click here to learn more!](#)



2. BBNC EarlyON Programs in Toronto, Ontario

Spring is just months away!

BBNC offers weekly activities in safe and welcoming environments open to all families. These high-quality programs help children find support, advice, personal connections, and access to a network of resources. BBNC programs encourage children to learn, play, laugh, be curious, make friends, and engage with others



[Click here to learn more!](#)

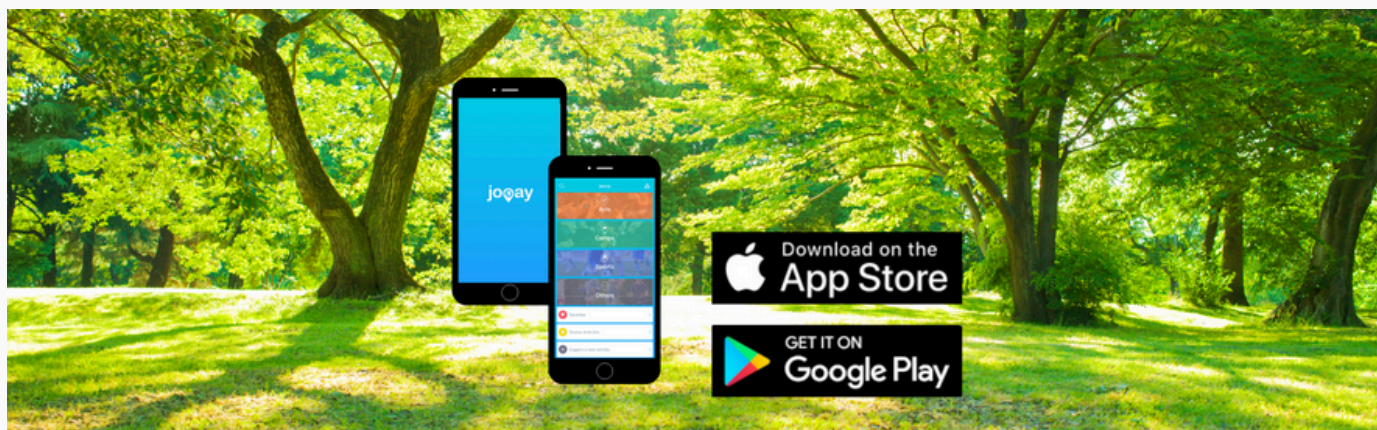
3. Soccability Powerchair Soccer in Regina, BC

FC Regina is introducing its new Power Chair Soccer Program. Join this fun and inclusive space to experience the thrill of soccer and be part of a fantastic community.

It is a welcoming community where all children of all abilities can enjoy soccer. It celebrates each child's unique strengths and provides adaptable support.



[Click here to find out more!](#)



4. MTYP Spring Break Camp in Winnipeg, MB

Looking for a fun activity to do during the spring break?

Manitoba Theatre for Young People is opening their registration for their Spring Break Camps! MTYP's Spring Break Camps are five fun-filled days spent making new friends and learning theatre skills. From March 31st to April 4th, we have six courses available for ages 5-14!



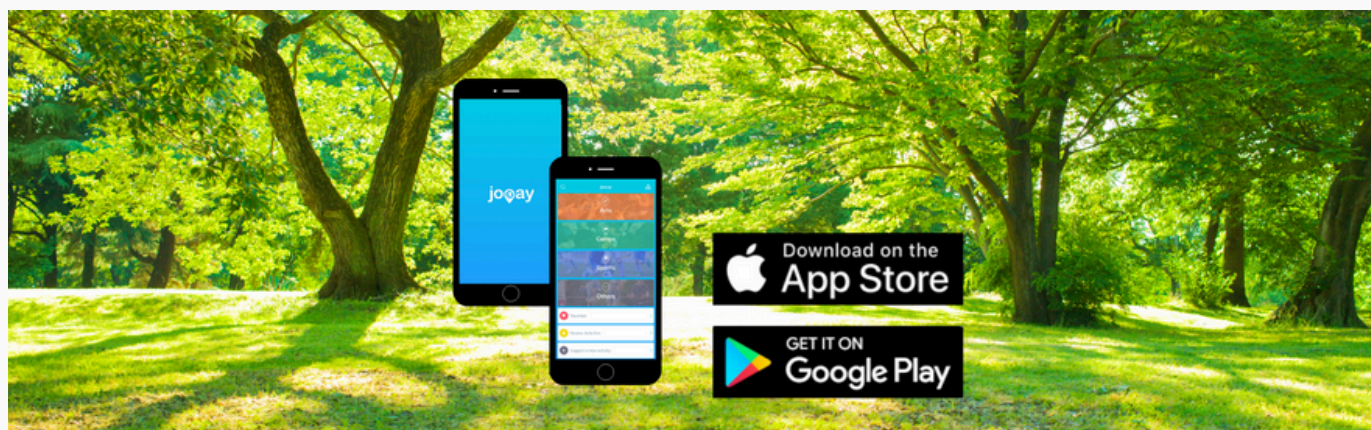
[Click here to find out more!](#)

5. Summer Arts Improvisation Camp in Guelph, ON

KidsAbility is so excited to announce their participation in Play Who You Are: Summer Arts Improvisation Camp!

This interactive program invites participants to explore music, dance, theatre, and visual arts—registration required, but no experience necessary!

[Click here to register!](#)



6. Recreation Respite Monthly Program across Canada

Recreational Respite's February Program Calendar is now out!

Registration is now open for Recreational Respite's online groups for Kids and Young Adults! Our inclusive groups foster outcomes such as creativity, critical thinking, independence, and self-discovery, along with healthy lifestyles, relationships, and skills for success.



[Click here to learn more!](#)

7. Youth Inclusive Basketball in Calgary, AB

Sport Calgary and Stay in the Game Youth Sports have partnered up for an inclusive basketball league starting in February.

The sessions, for youth ages 11 to 14, start on February 4th and run every Tuesday until March 18th. To register and for more information, contact **tdubnicoff@sportcalgary.ca**.



[Click here to learn more!](#)



JOOAY APP UPDATES

**HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED OUR UPGRADED VERSION
OF THE JOOAY APP?!**

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



THE UPGRADED VERSION OF THE JOOAY APP

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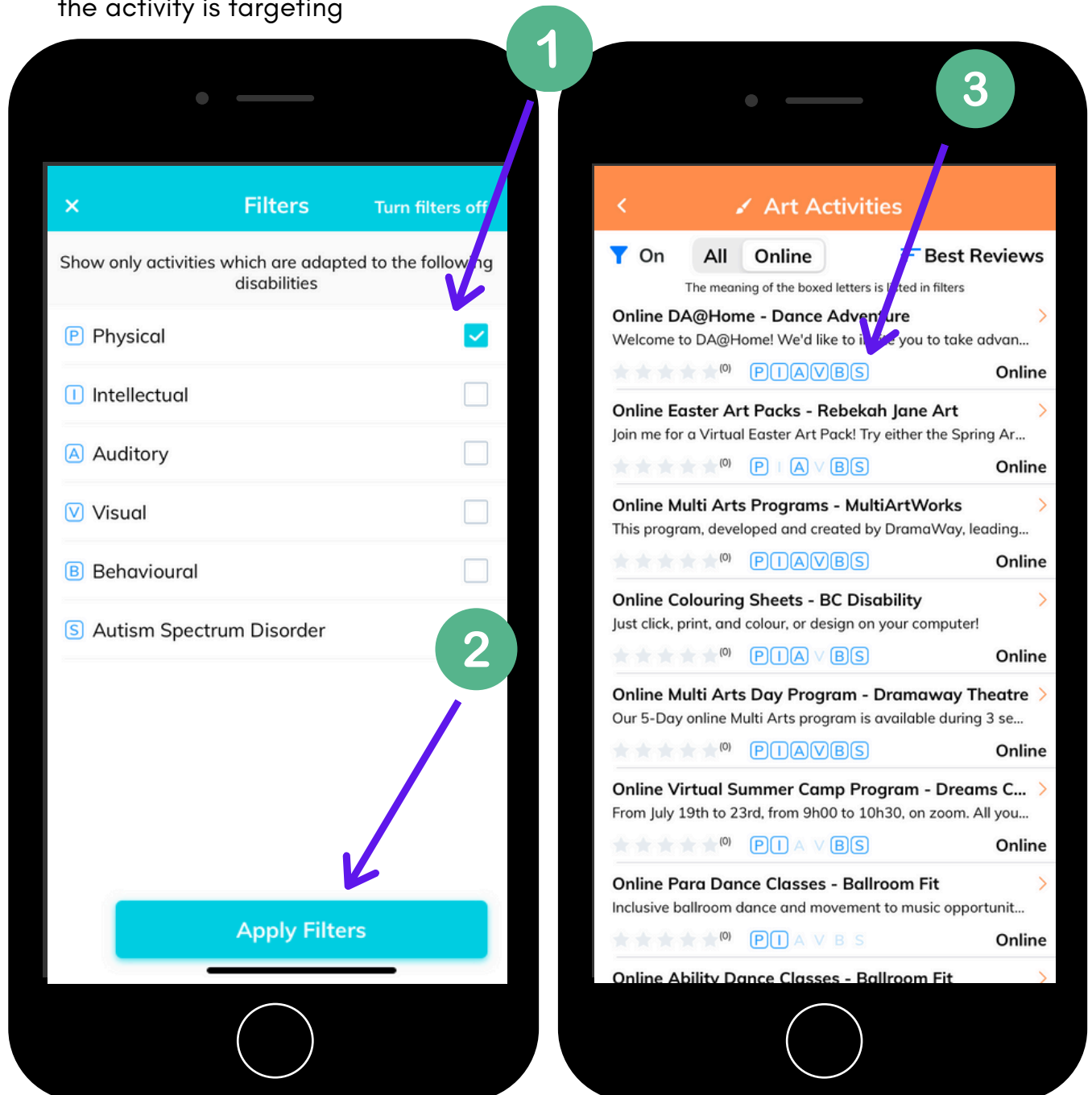
SEARCHING FOR THE TYPE OF SPECIAL NEED

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

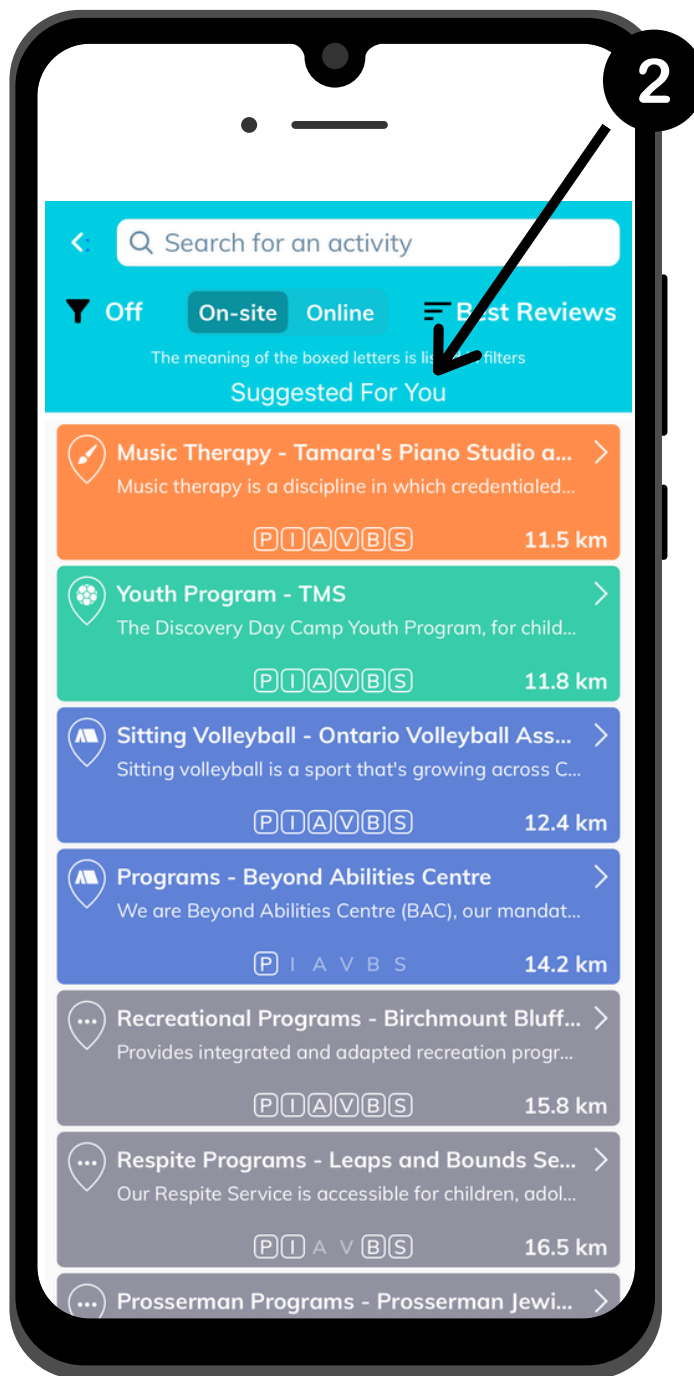
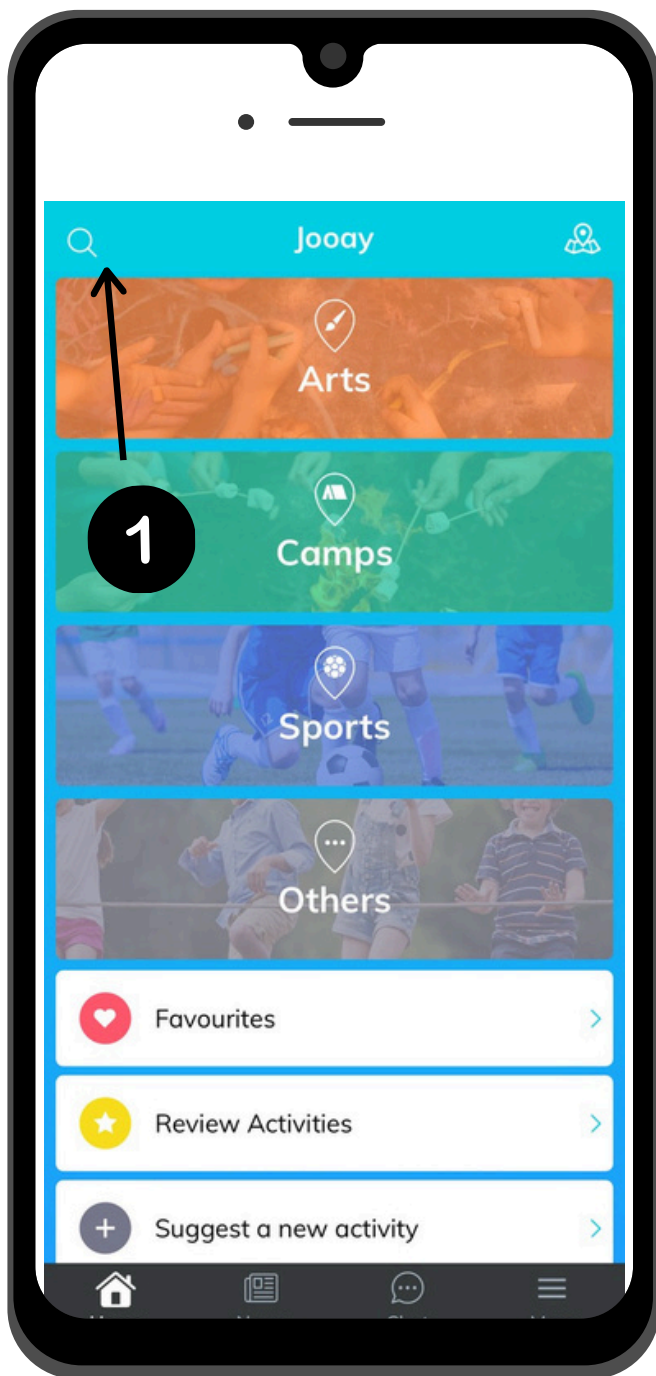


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SUGGESTED FOR YOU

When viewing the new suggested activities

1. Click on the "Search" icon
2. Suggested activities will pop up under the search bar



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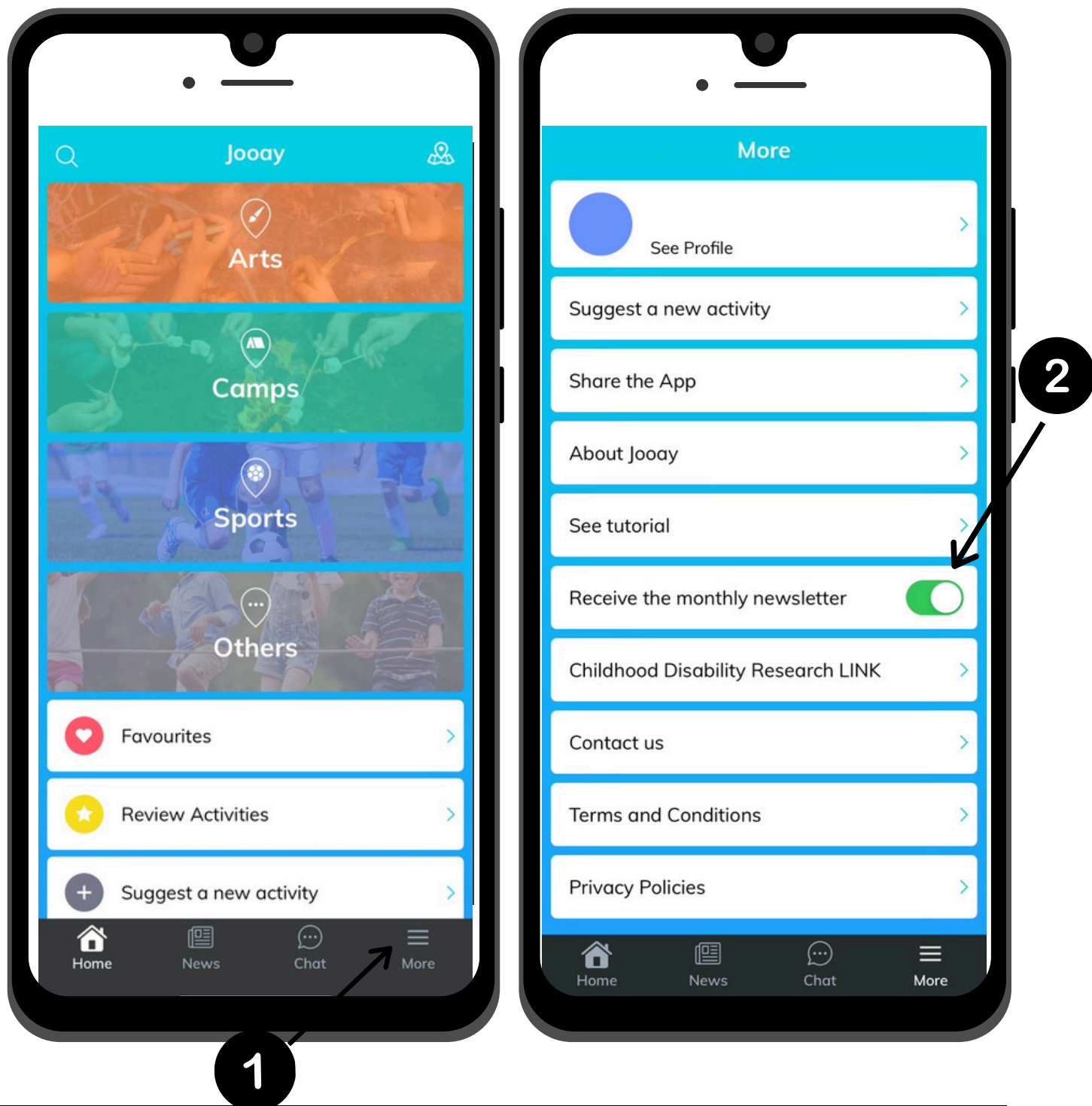
Stay
TUNED

RECEIVE THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

You can now receive the monthly newsletter which just a click of a button

1. Click on the "More" icon on the bottom left of your screen
2. Click on the "Receive the monthly newsletter" button

When it turns green, the newsletter will be sent to your email every month



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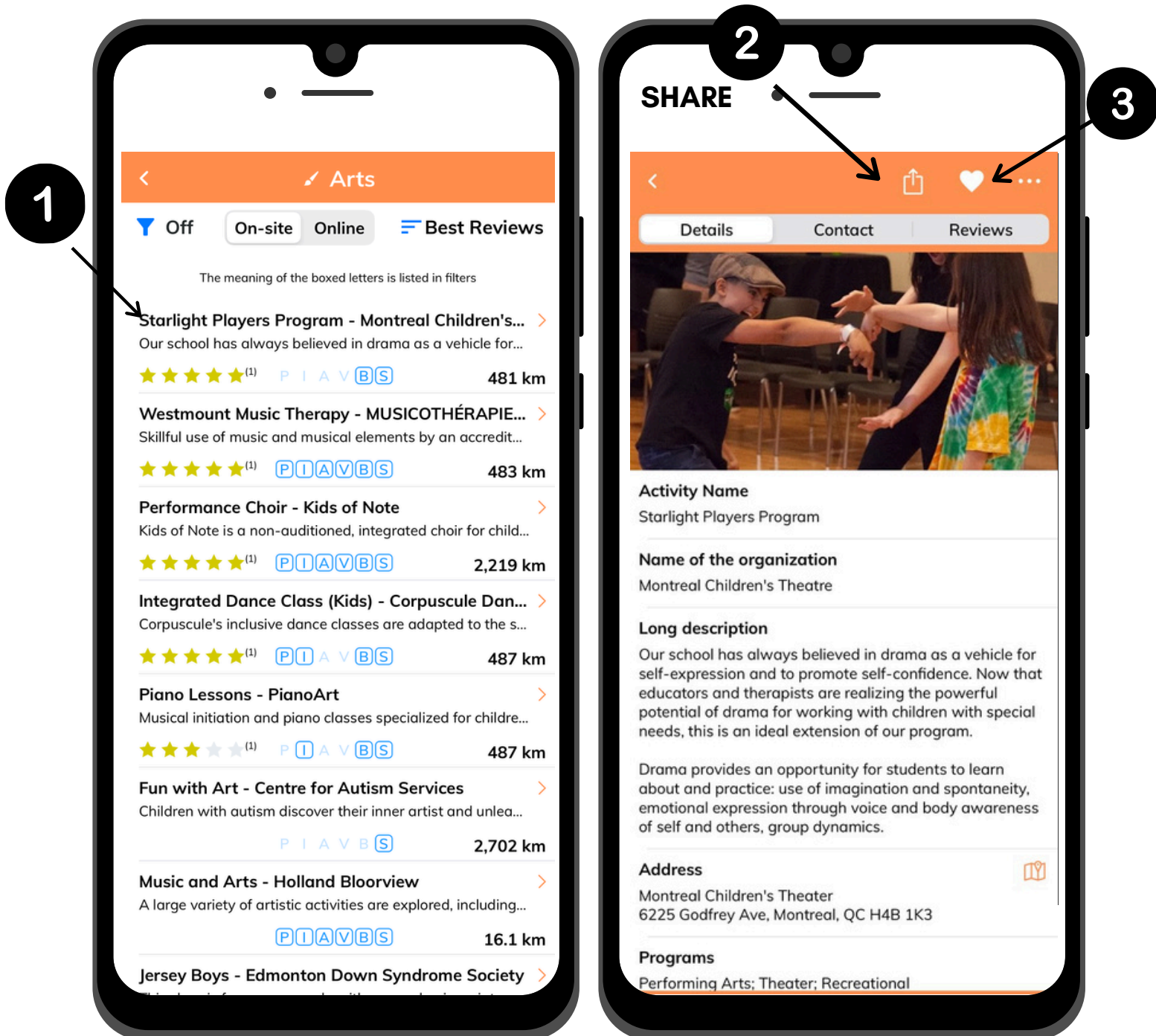


SHARE AND ADD TO YOUR FAVOURITES

You can now share the activities to others and like your favourite activity

1. Click on the activity of your choice
2. To **share**, click on the top right of the screen on the "Share" icon
3. To **favourite**, click on the heart so you can easily access it in your favourites folder

FAVOURITE



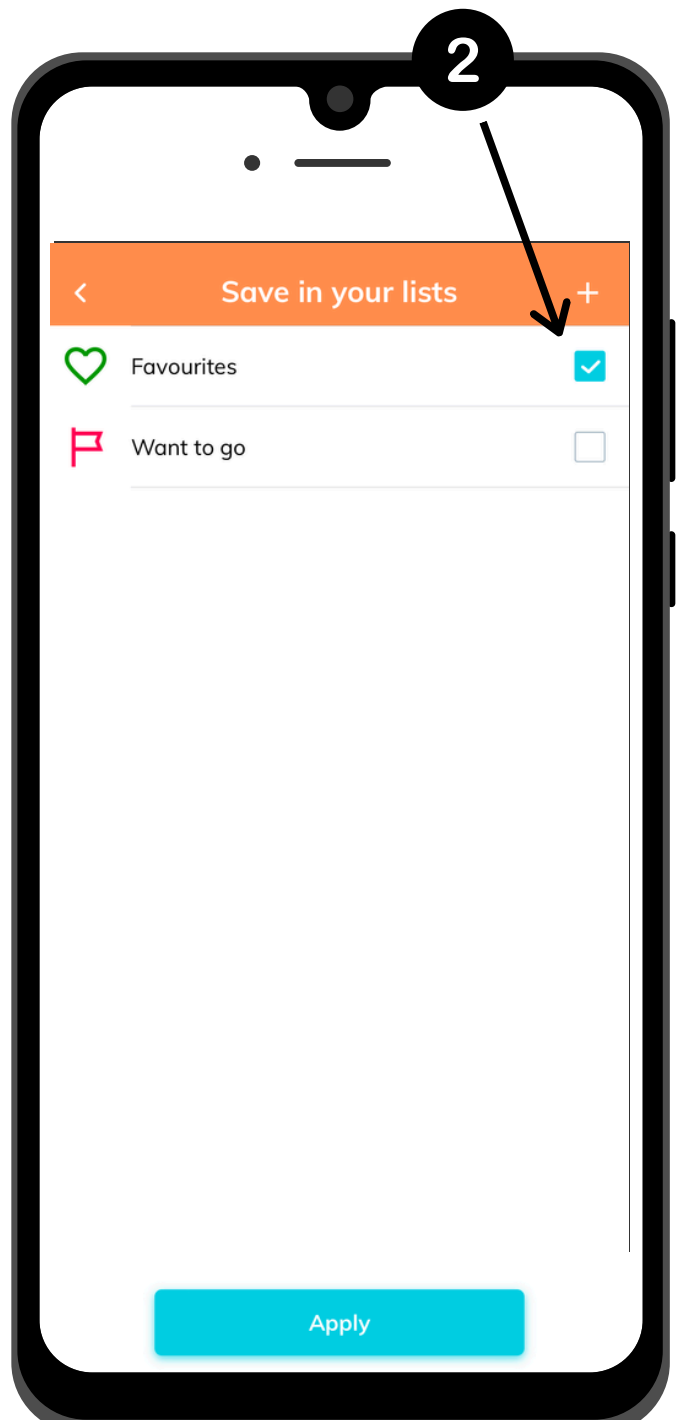
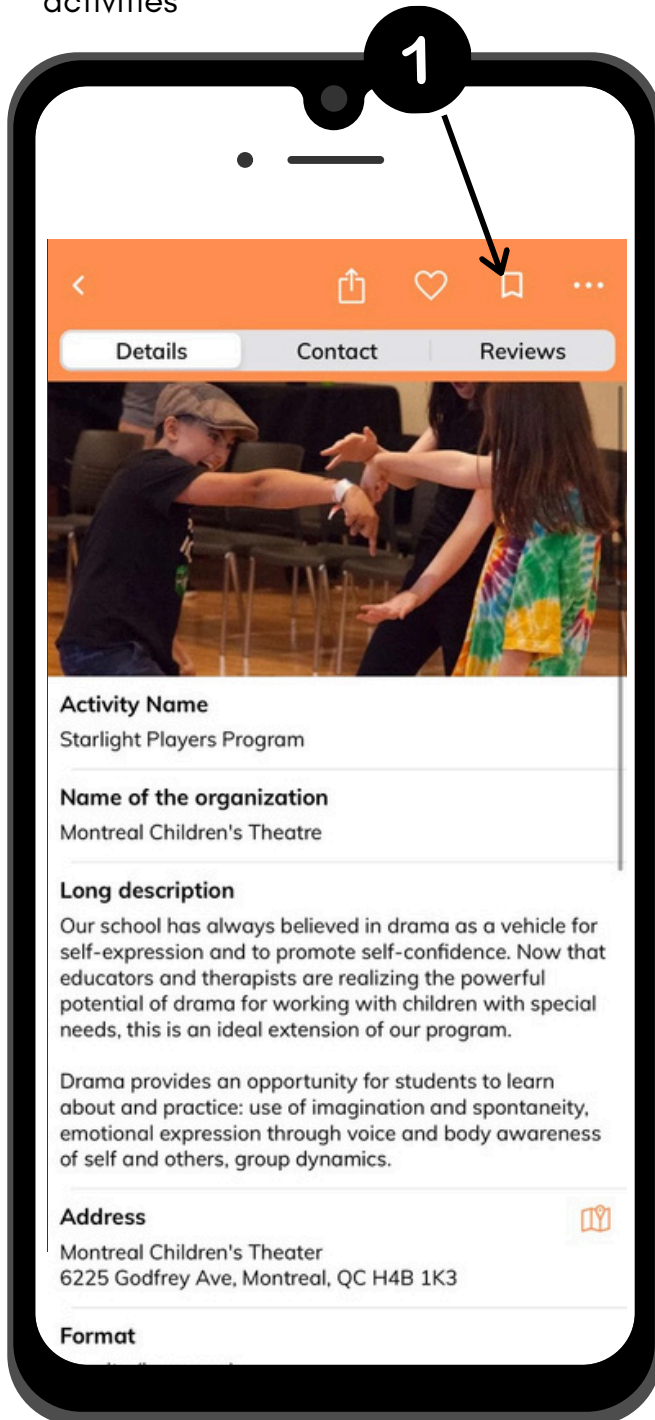
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SAVED FOLDER

To add the activities in the bookmarked folder

1. Click on the activity of your choice
2. Tap on the "Bookmark" icon
3. Choose the folder you want the activity to be saved in to create a list of your favourite activities



KNOW OF A GREAT INCLUSIVE ACTIVITY? LET US KNOW!



SUGGEST A NEW ACTIVITY

Add your organizations on the Jooy App!

1. Click "Suggest a New Activity" on the bottom of the screen
2. Fill in the form with the information of the activity

--> We will review it and notify you as soon as the activity is added to Jooy!

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Jooy

Arts

Camps

Sports

Others

Favourites

Review Activities

Suggest a new activity

Suggest a new activity

You can suggest an activity you know of to be included at Jooy. We will review it and you will be notified as soon as it is posted.

Picture

Category
Select one answer

Activity Name
Short answer text

Name of the organization
Short answer text

Description
Describe the program in 4-5 sentences

Address
Search for an address

Format
Select one answer

February is North American Inclusion Month

NAIM is celebrated every February to raise awareness about the need to create equal opportunities for people with disabilities in all aspects, including employment and education!



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

contact: jooay@childhooddisability.ca

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