

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. State of Play Canada Youth Survey 2025 across Canada

Jumpstart Canadian Tire Charities, in partnership with Project Play, is conducting a nationwide State of Play survey to gather data on youth sports participation in Canada. The survey aims to collect demographic information, current sports participation, interest in new sports, and the impact of youth sports experiences.

All youth ages 8-18 are invited to the survey, and all responses are anonymous. Completion of the survey is voluntary; participants can skip/not respond to any of the questions.



[Click here to learn more!](#)



2. CPABC Gamers Club in Vancouver, British Columbia

The Cerebral Palsy Association of British Columbia (CPABC) is launching their new Gamers Club, connecting gamers with cerebral palsy from across the province in a unique initiative designed to connect youth and young adults with cerebral palsy.

This program provides gamers with accessible gaming equipment and a supportive online community where members can talk about what games they want to play, and when they can game together.



[Click here to learn more!](#)

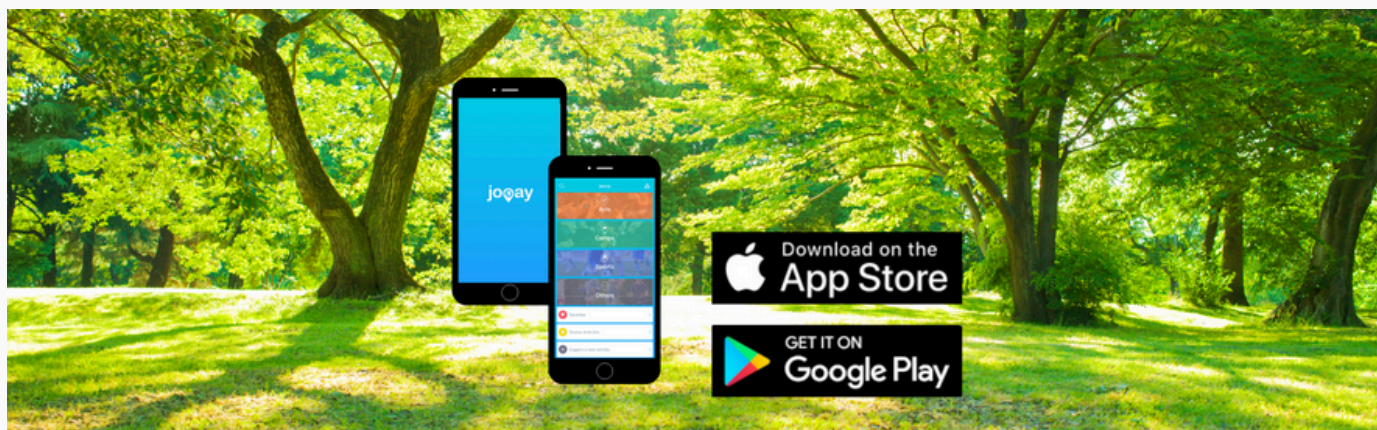
3. Overnight Summer Camp across British Columbia

Easter Seals offers a nature-based, fully accessible, overnight summer camp for children, youth and adults aged six and over with disabilities. It's a place where campers can explore and develop their abilities in a safe, warm, fun and supportive environment.

At all their locations, they offer a wide range of activities and programming: swimming, sports & games, arts & crafts, campfires, life skills, leadership skills, and much, much more.



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



4. Recreation Respite Monthly Program across Canada

Recreational Respite's April 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 success skills.



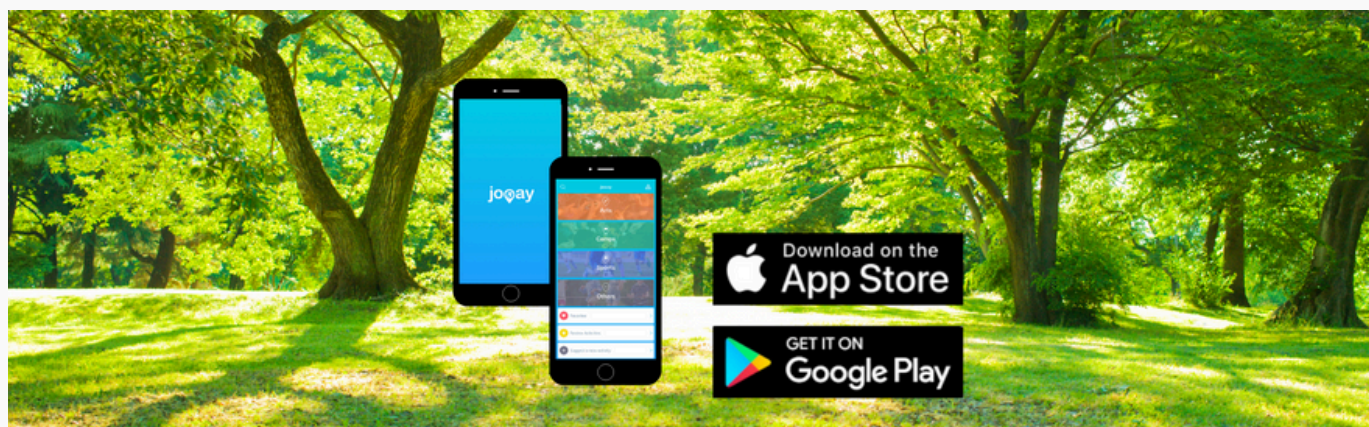
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5. Summit School Day Camp in Montreal, Quebec

Summit School offers a fun-filled, five-week summer day camp program, and each week is given a different theme. They dedicate themselves to providing a supportive environment that meets each student's needs and fosters learning, personal growth, well-being and independence. Summit School's Day Camp aims to provide a fun-filled summer within a safe context for every child.



[Click here to register!](#)



6. Native Montreal's Camp Iorahkote in Montreal, Quebec

Indigenous children between the ages of 5 and 12 can enjoy an educational and cultural day camp in an urban setting. Throughout the summer, children explore Montreal through fun outings and engage in Indigenous cultural and other arts-based, athletic and educational activities.

Indigenous cultures are rooted in their connection to the land, so the best way to experience their culture is by being outside, connected to nature!



Native Montréal
Montréal Autochtone

[Click here to learn more!](#)

7. BBNC EarlyON April Activities in Toronto, Ontario

BBNC is proud to offer various engaging programs to empower youth by building confidence, developing skills, and fostering meaningful connections with their peers this April.

Whether you want to enhance your leadership abilities, explore creative passions, or participate in fun and interactive group activities, we have something for everyone.



[Click here to find out 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 advertisement 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 'Favorites' section and buttons for 'Review Activities' and 'Suggest a new activity'. The rightmost smartphone displays the 'Art Activities' screen, listing various online programs with star ratings and 'Online' status. In the top right corner, there is a 'GET IT ON Google Play' button. In the bottom center, there is a 'Download on the App Store' button with the Apple logo.

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THE UPGRADED VERSION OF THE JOOAY APP

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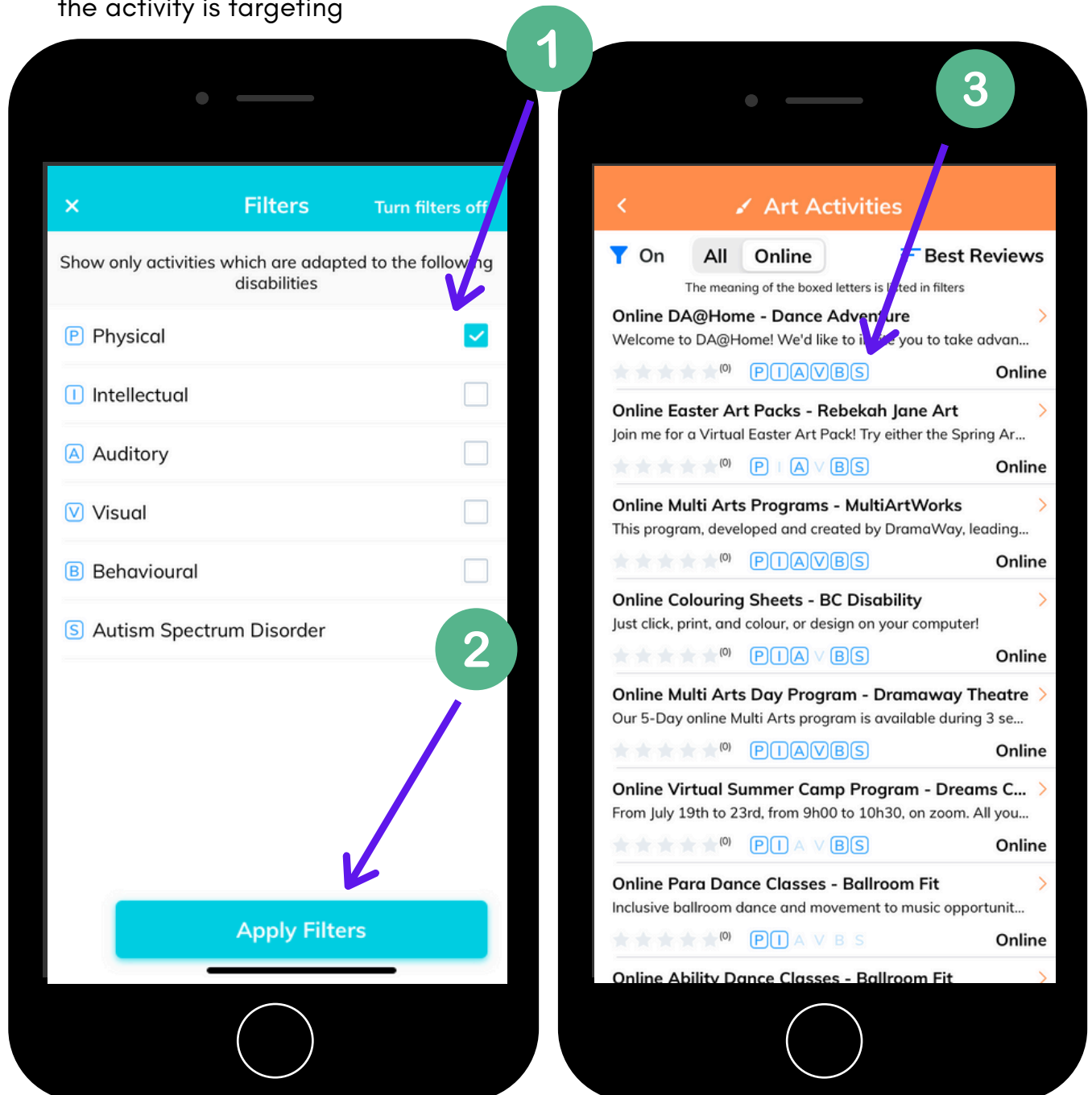
SEARCHING FOR THE TYPE OF SPECIAL NEED

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

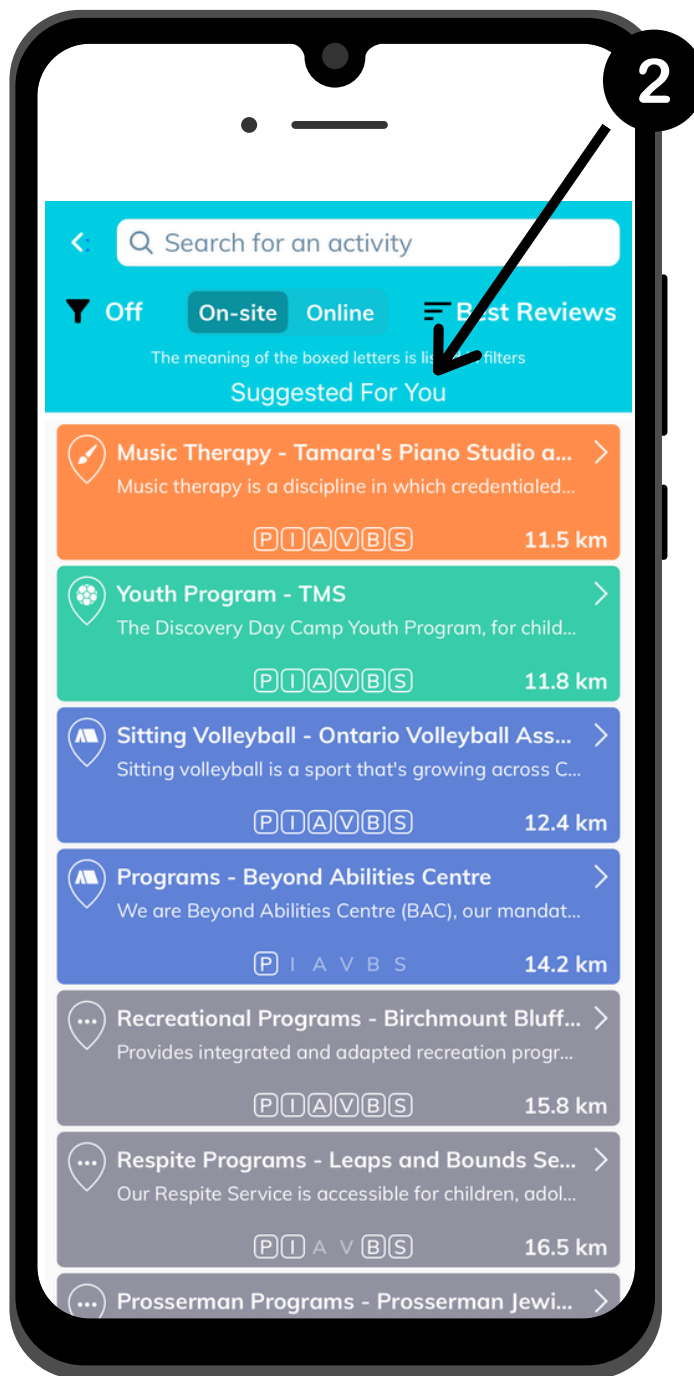
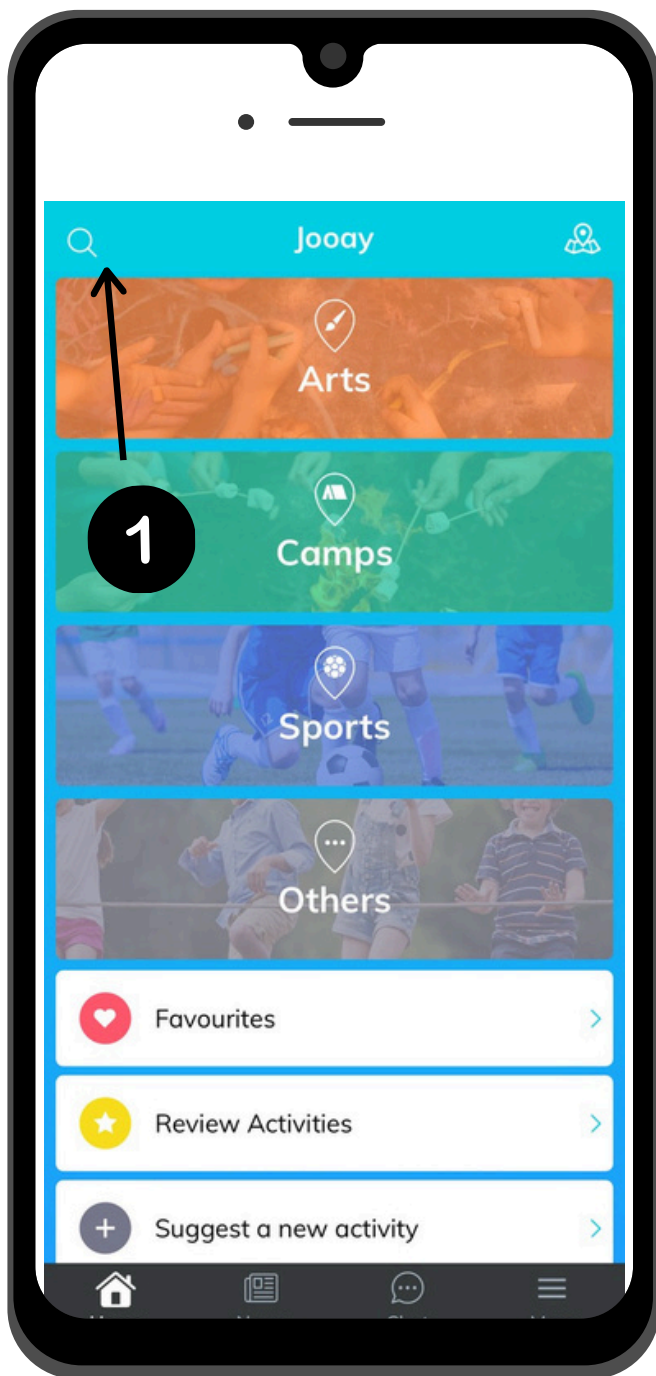


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SUGGESTED FOR YOU

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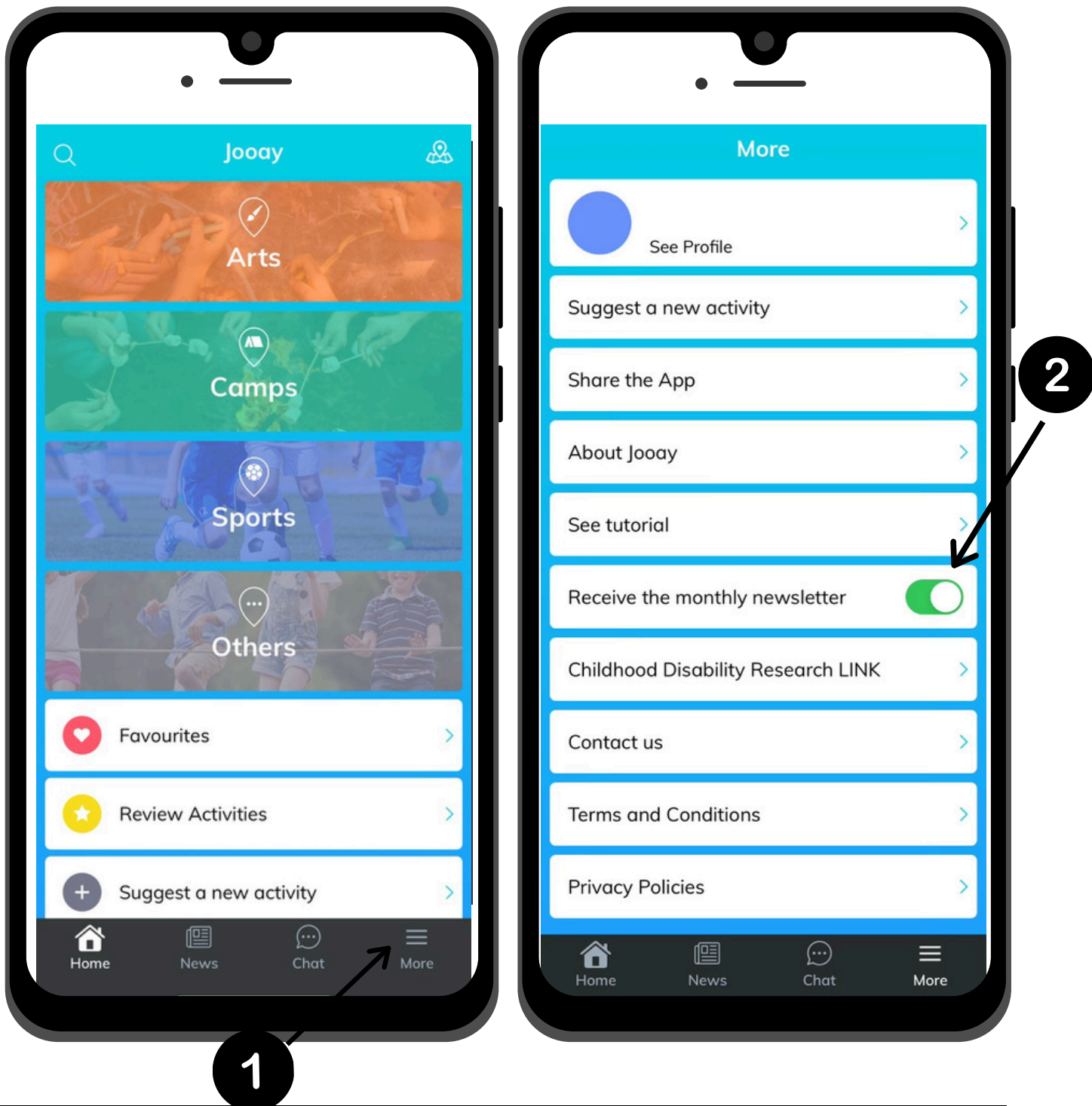
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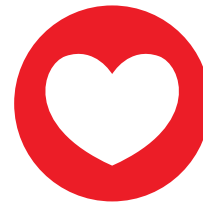
You can now receive the monthly newsletter which just a click of a button

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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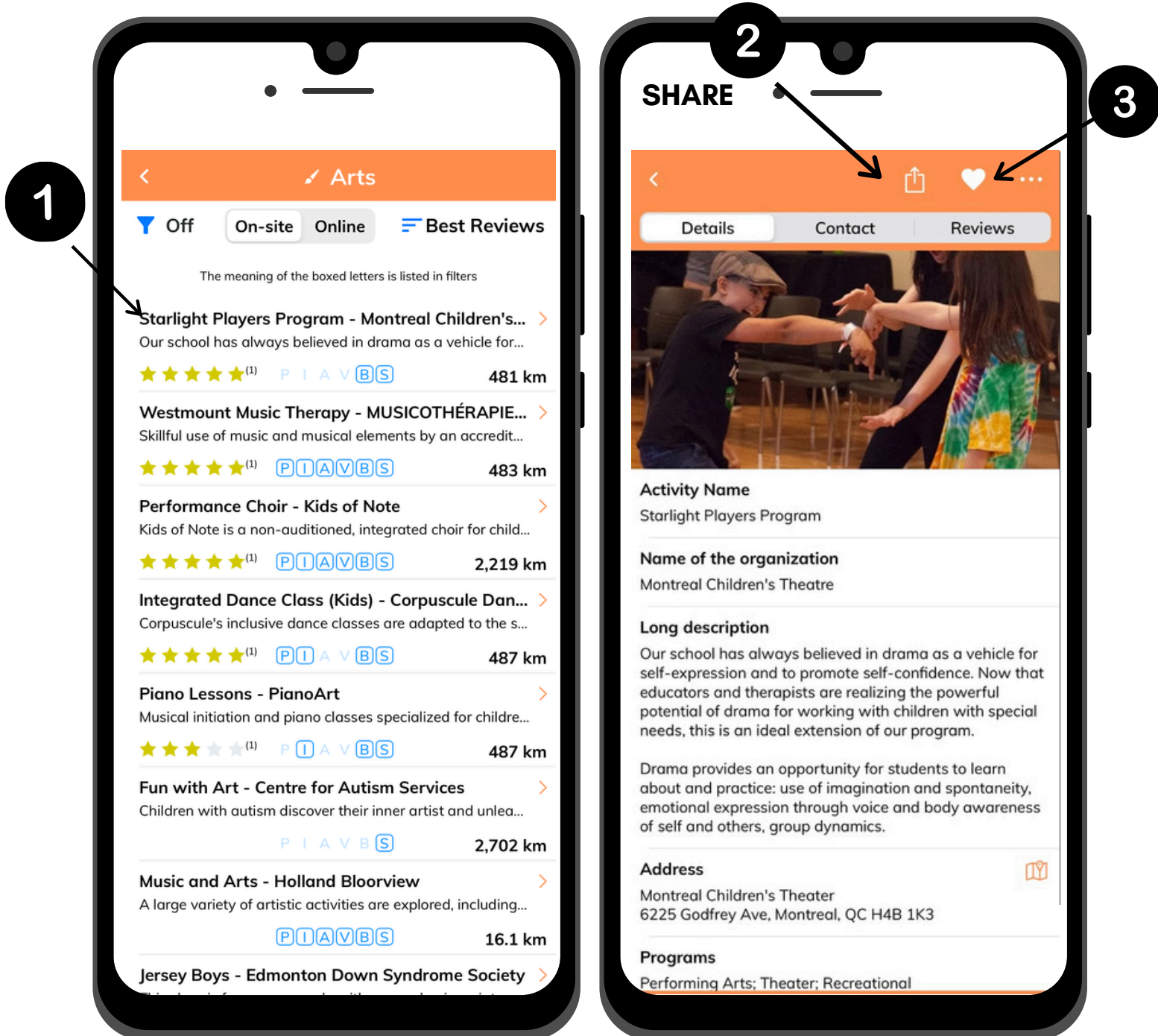


SHARE AND ADD TO YOUR FAVOURITES

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



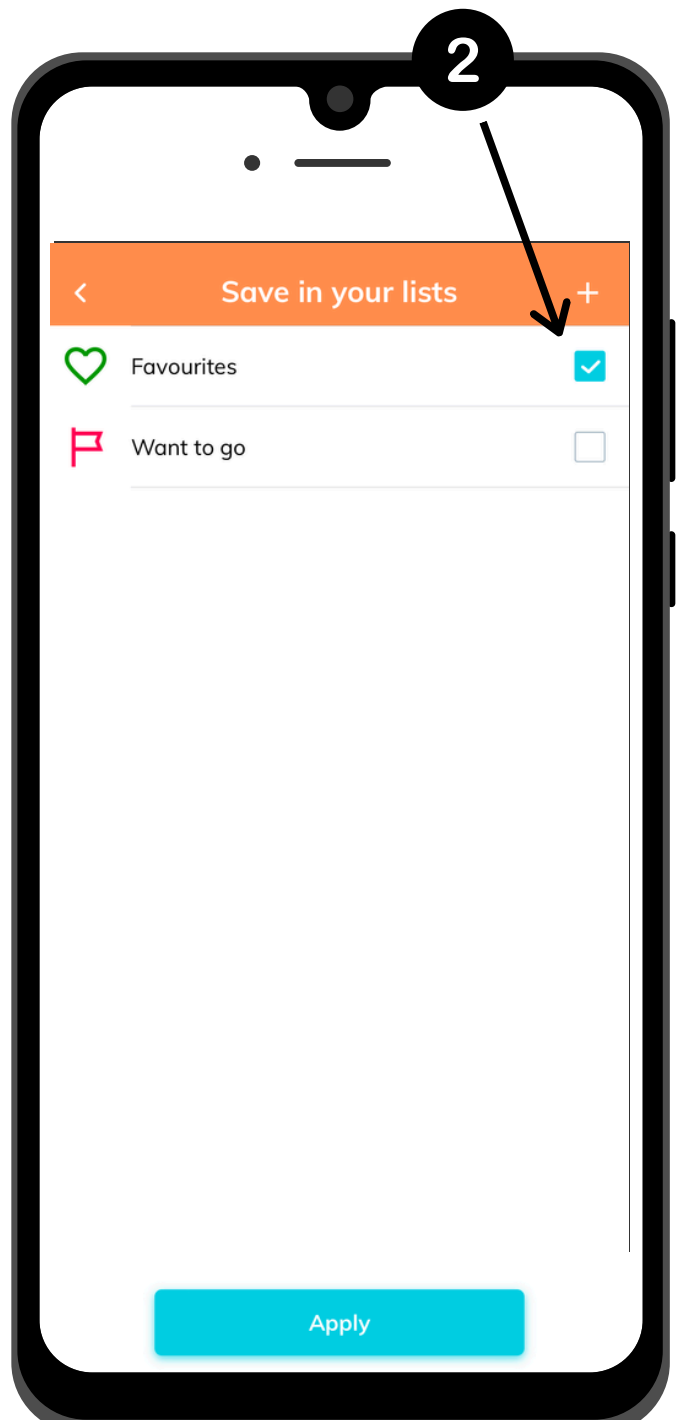
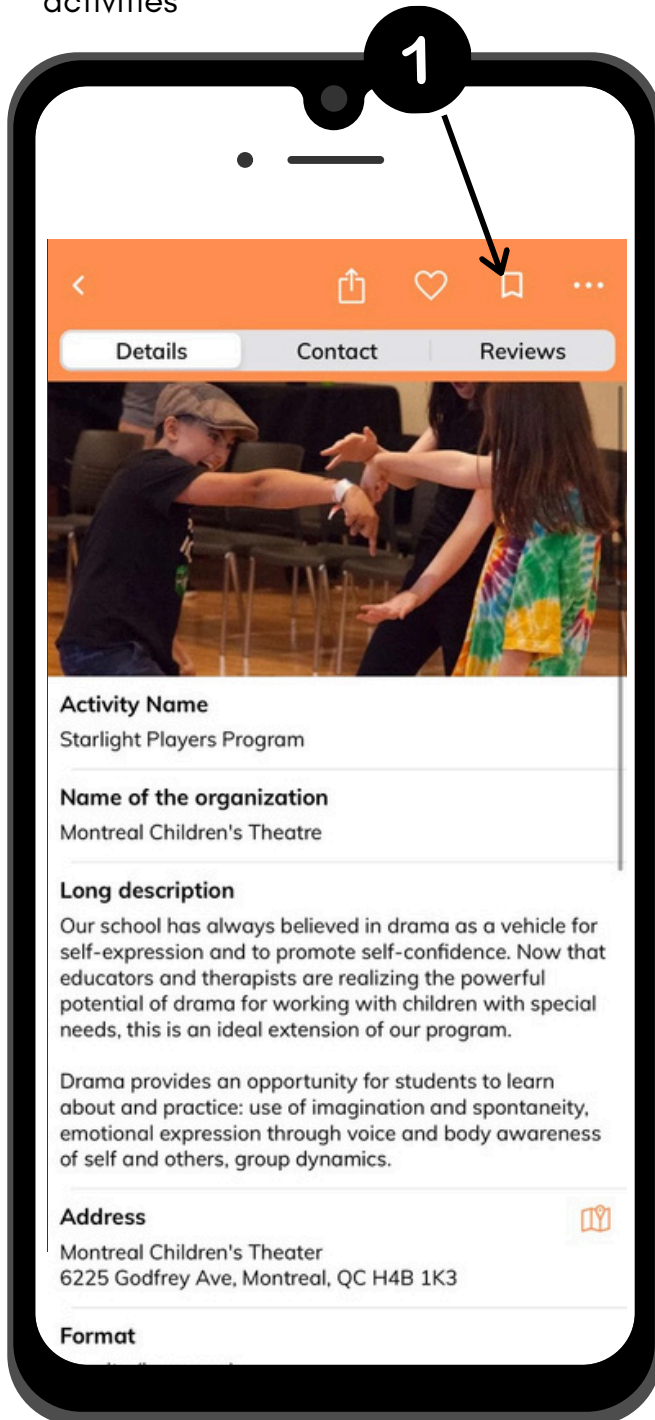
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SAVED FOLDER

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 Jooay 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 Jooay!

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Jooay

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 Jooay. 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

April 2nd is World Autism Awareness Day!

Jooay is celebrating World Autism Awareness Day, an internationally recognized day to raise awareness and acceptance of autism worldwide. It's a day to encourage understanding and celebrate the diverse experiences of individuals on the autism spectrum.



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

contact: jooay@childhooddisability.ca

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