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. Surrey Treat Accessibly Halloween Village (BC)

Join Canada's largest accessible Halloween celebration featuring house-to-house trick-or-treating, entertainment, and inclusive fun for all abilities.

The 4th annual Surrey, Vancover Treat Accessibly Halloween Village takes place on Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 1:30–4:30 p.m. on 69a Ave, Surrey, BC V3W 6N8!



Click here to learn more!



2. Kingston Treat Accessibly Halloween Village (ON)

Join Kingston's 2nd Annual Treat Accessibly Halloween Village! Presented by the Jessica Hellard Real Estate Group, this inclusive Halloween celebration takes place October 25 from 1:00–4:00 PM on Purcell Crescent.

This is a unique and exciting opportunity to create a Halloween experience for anyone who may face barriers, physical or otherwise, with traditional trick-or-treating.

Click here to learn more!

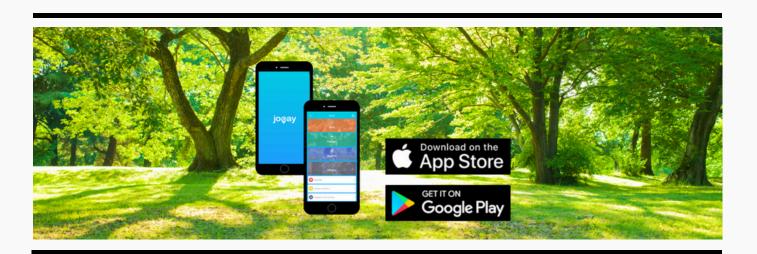


3. Spectrum Gymnastics Accessible Trick-or-Treating (ON)

Join Spectrum Gymnastics for an exciting and inclusive Halloween celebration on October 31 from 4:00 PM to 7:30 PM! This event features accessible trick-ortreat stations, a craft area, and plenty of spooky fun for participants of all ages and abilities.

Grab your costume, bring your friends, and enjoy an evening of creativity and connection in a safe, welcoming space.

Click here to learn more!



4. AdaptAbility Sensory-Friendly Halloween (AB)

Celebrate Halloween in a calm environment at AdaptAbility in Calgary on October 25 from 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM. This full-day event offers a sensory-friendly experience, featuring no loud sounds, flashing lights, or jump scares – just plenty of fun and creativity for children and families of all abilities.

The venue features wheelchair-accessible entrances, washrooms, and activity areas, along with quiet spaces for breaks, allergy-friendly treats, and handson crafts. No RSVP is needed — drop in anytime at 4035 University Avenue NW!



Click here to learn more!

5. Cannamore Orchard's Acres of Terror (ON)

Visit Cannamore Orchard in Crysler for an accessible Halloween adventure running October 25–31. The site features barrier-free access, wheelchair-friendly pathways, and accepts Access 2 cards for support persons.

Daytime sessions are family-friendly with reduced scares, while evening visits offer a classic haunted experience for thrill-seekers.



Click here to register!



Rapid Fire: Paralympic Innovation Series

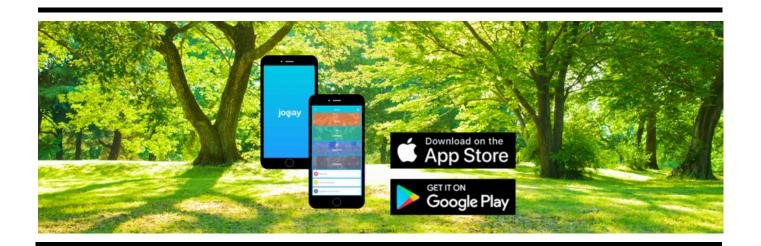
We invite you to discover the first Paralympic Innovation Series, featuring three rapid presentations from Canadian practitioners who will share their challenges, approaches, and the impact of their innovations — spanning experiences on court (Wheelchair Rugby), on ice (Para Ice Hockey), and on snow (Para Nordic).

- Wheels Go Round & Round Matt Jensen & Nicole Bewski will share their workflows on analyzing and translating Wheelchair Rugby on-court data into coaching insights through interdisciplinary coordination.
- Communication as a Mental Performance Strategy Clare Fewster & Leslie Bode in developing communication strategies for athletes with VI and their guide.
- Subjective Monitoring in a Decentralized Para Sport Mike Lenart will share tool(s) used for monitoring Para Ice Hockey athletes, identifying challenges in sport equipment, mobility aids, and overall health.

These presentations are designed to showcase field-based solutions and spark collaboration across the community.

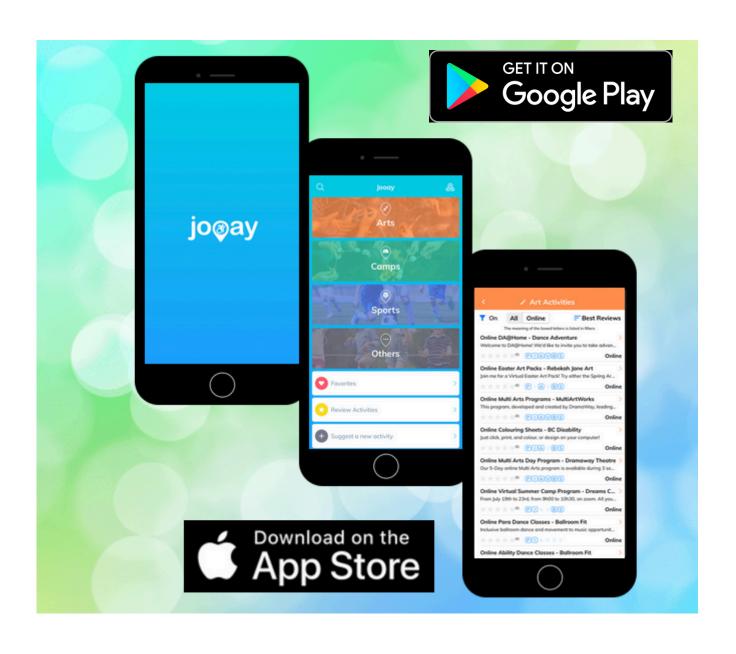
Registration is free!

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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

HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF THE JOOAY APP?

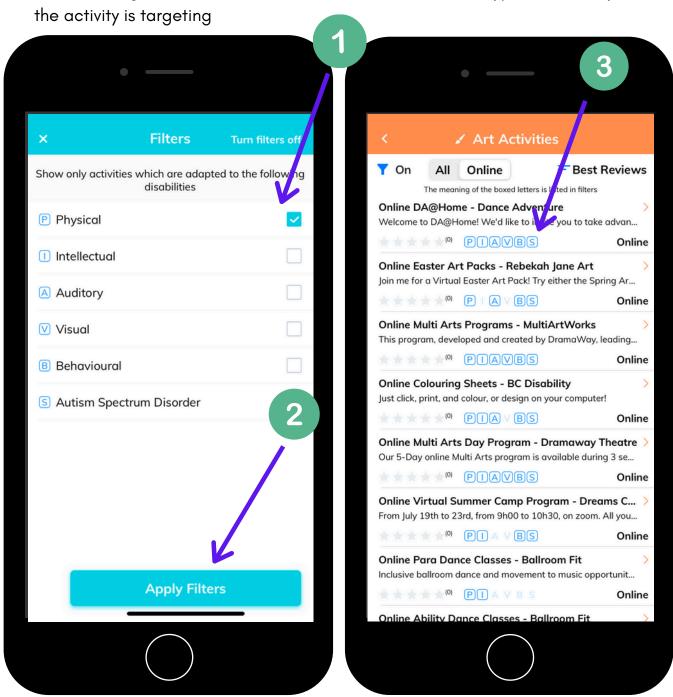
SEARCHING FOR THE TYPE OF SPECIAL NEED

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

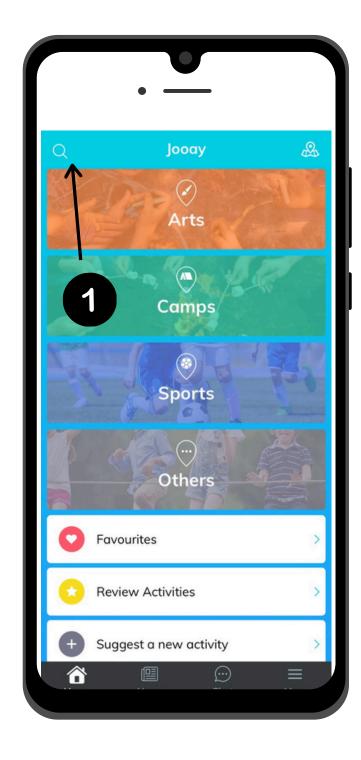


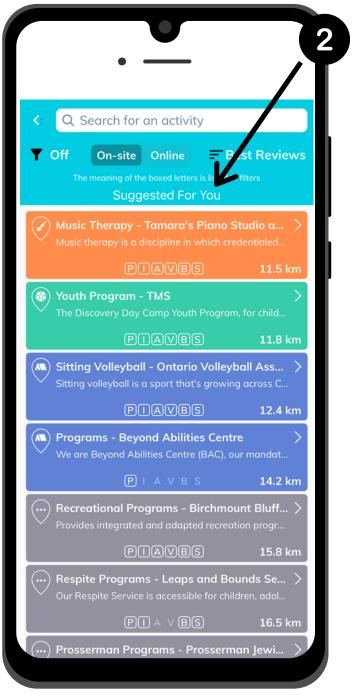
SUGGESTED FOR YOU

When viewing the new suggested activities

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







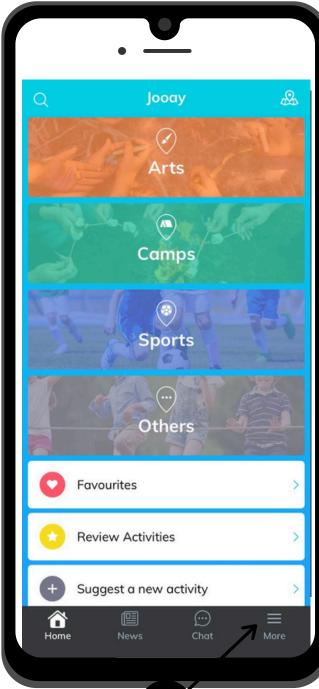
Stay JUNED

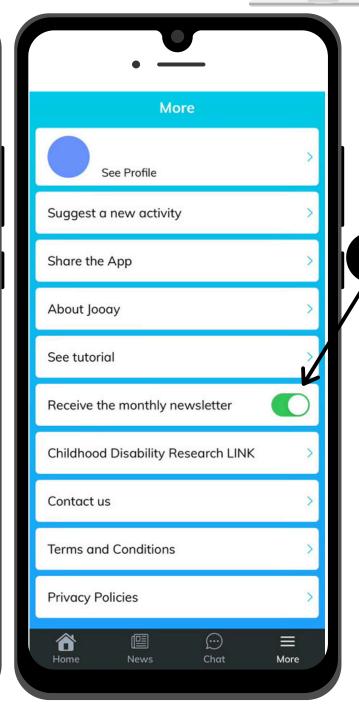
RECEIVE THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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









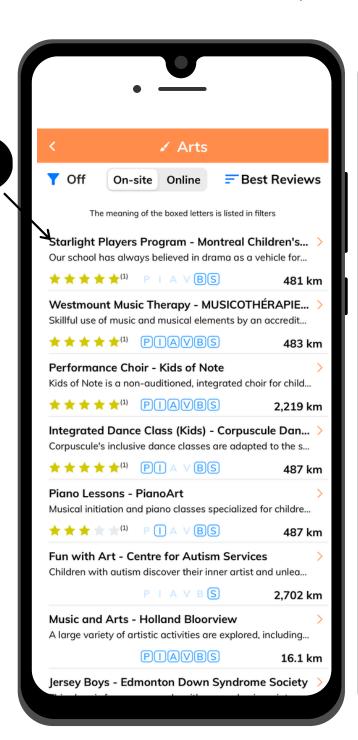


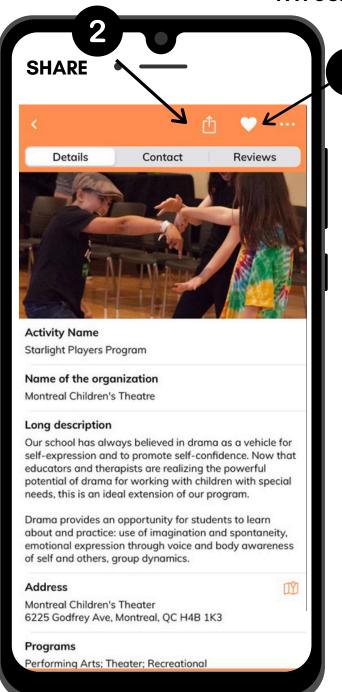
SHARE AND ADD TO YOUR FAVOURITES

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

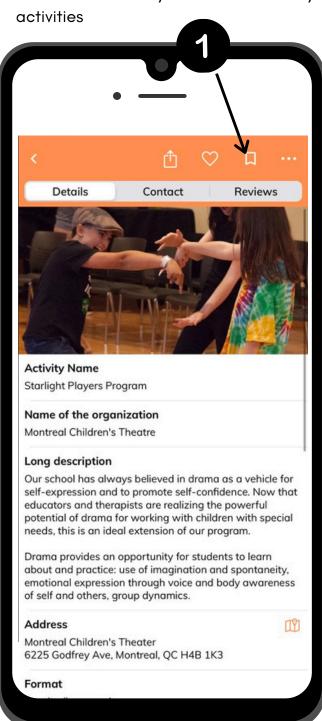


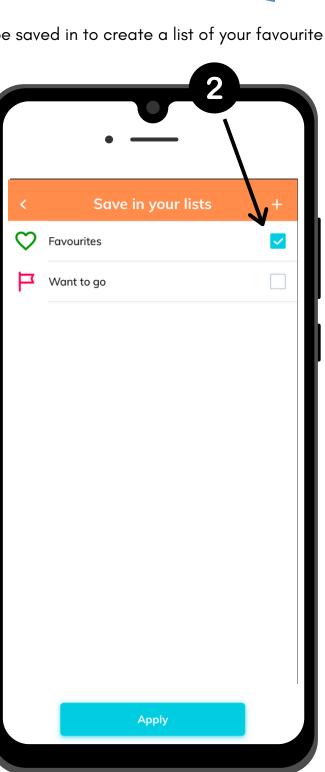


SAVED FOLDER

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



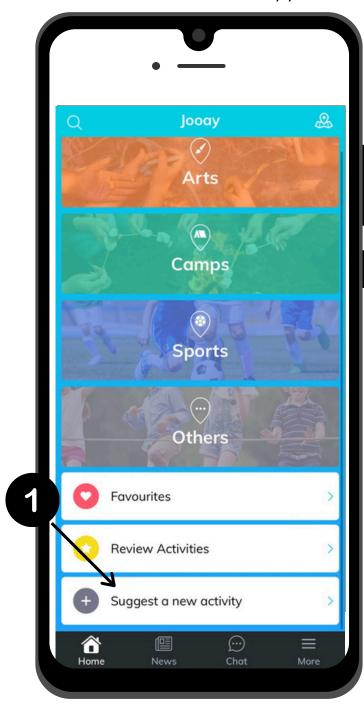


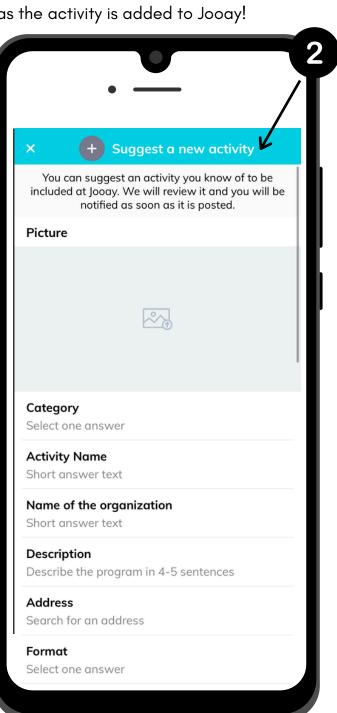
KNOW OF A GREAT INCLUSIVE ACTIVITY? LET US KNOW!

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!

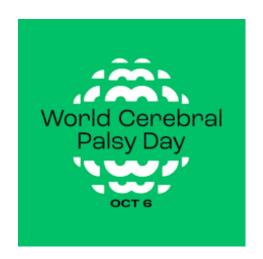






October 6 is World Cerebral Palsy Day!

This global movement celebrates individuals with cerebral palsy and their communities, advocating for equal rights, access, and opportunities for all.



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

contact: jooay@childhooddisability.ca

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