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**\*\*\*Sign Up Now for Catholic Summer Programs\*\*\***  
 Visit our website at [www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/camping](http://www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/camping)

**Camp Happiness** is a 6 week day camp program for children to young adults ages 6-21 with cognitive and other developmental disabilities. It runs from June 18 to July 27, Monday-Friday, 9:30am to 3pm. Sites are located in Lakewood, Parma, Cleveland and Wickliffe. Campers enjoy a variety of activities, such as swimming, arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor games and community field trips. Activities are designed to allow individuals a chance to participate to the best of their ability.  
 Call 216-334-2963 or email [mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org](mailto:mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org) for information.

**CYO Day Camp** is a 9 week program from June 12 – August 11 from 9am to 4pm (extended hours available for an additional fee). Sites are located in Parma, Amherst, Wickliffe and Bainbridge. Campers learn new skills, make new friends, learn about each other and enjoy the beautiful outdoors. The Day Camp is for school age children ages 6 (1<sup>st</sup> grade) to 12 (7<sup>th</sup> grade). The Explorers program is for age 13 (8<sup>th</sup> gr) to 15. Call 216-334-1261 x16 or email [lbtaylor@clevelandcatholiccharities.org](mailto:lbtaylor@clevelandcatholiccharities.org) for information

**Augustine Rainbow Camp** is a 5-week program in an inclusive setting at OLA/St. Joseph Center in the Tremont neighborhood of Cleveland for campers ages 5 to 16 who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind or who have mild and moderate cognitive and developmental disabilities. This program is open to children with & without disabilities. Rainbow Camp runs from June 26 to July 28.  
 Call 216-781-5530 for information

**CYO Camp Christopher** in Bath, Ohio, is an 8 week residential camp program for adults, 18 & over, with disabilities. This program allows individuals to participate according to their ability and choice. Swimming, boating, arts, crafts, nature study, relaxing, games, horseback riding, walking and more is offered.  
 Call 1-800-CYO-CAMP (1-800-296-2267) or e-mail [campregistrar@akroncyo.org](mailto:campregistrar@akroncyo.org) for information

**RoseMary Center** is a 10 week day camp program for children and young adults ages 6-21 with severe and profound disabilities. They run from June 18 to August 24. RoseMary Center is located at 19350 Euclid Ave., Euclid, OH 44117.  
 Call 216-334-2963 or email [mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org](mailto:mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org) for information

**~ Monthly Dances ~**

*Cost...*\$3.00 for dancers (Staff are Free) *Ages...*16 and over

*ID...*All dancers must carry their ID with them or wear a nametag with their first name and phone number on it.

*Helpful Hint...*Come with a nametag already on ~ it will help keep the line shorter!!!

The group home or family must provide supervision if needed

**Mark your Calendars...2007 Dance Dates...**

**OLA/St. Joseph Center 7 - 9:30 pm**

2346 West 14<sup>th</sup> St., Cleveland ~ 216-334-2963

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month (unless noted by \*)

2007 Dates: March 9; April 13; \*May 4; June 8;

No Dance in July; August 10; September 14; October 12;  
 November 9; December 7

**Rose-Mary Center 7:30 – 10:00 pm**

19350 Euclid Ave., Euclid ~ 216-481-4823

4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month (unless noted by \*)

2007 Dates: March 23; April 27; May 25;

June 22; July 27; August 24; September 28; October 26;  
 \*November 16; No Dance in December

**Catholic Charities Family Center Lorain ~ 7 – 9:30 pm**

203 W. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Lorain, OH 44052 ~ 440-244-9915 Next dance is March 30

Fee is \$90.00

Send checks to:  
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***Weekend Retreats!!!***

**Sign up now for the March 16-18, 2007, Retreat!!**

*Spaces are limited to 20 Retreatants & fill up quickly!*

Retreats held at St. Joseph Christian Life Center

located along the shores of Lake Erie (18485 Lake Shore Blvd.)

Call  
 (216) 334-2963  
 to register

2007 Dates: April 5-7 (Holy Week, Thursday to Saturday); May 18-20; September 21-23; October 19-21; November 16-18; December 14-16

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**Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries Newsletter**  
**Celebrating 40 years...1966 to 2006**

**Camp Happiness, Marilyn Scott** Even though it is cold and very snowy, we are beginning to plan for summer! Camp Happiness Summer Program provides social, recreational and educational services to children and adults with cognitive disabilities (mr/dd) during the summer months. Four sites throughout the Greater Cleveland area (Wickliffe, Parma, Lakewood & Cleveland) serve campers ages 6-21 in a variety of indoor and outdoor settings. **Camp Happiness runs Monday-Friday (9:30-3:00), beginning June 18 and ending July 27.** Activities are provided in the areas of indoor & outdoor games, arts & crafts, physical fitness including swimming, as well as functional academics.

Camp Happiness also works cooperatively with other summer programs offered by the Diocese of Cleveland, including Rose-Mary Center, Augustine Rainbow Camp and CYO in an effort to provide a broad spectrum of programming and inclusion opportunities for persons with disabilities.

Please call or email Marilyn at 216-334-2963 or [mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org](mailto:mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org) for information on any of the above programs.

**Saturday Classes, Marilyn Scott** The Continuing Adult Education Program (CAEP) is dedicated to meeting the continuing educational needs of adults with developmental disabilities. The CAEP is for adults, ages 21 and over, who have graduated from a high school D.H./M.H. or a County Board of MR/DD program. Students must provide their own transportation and tuition is \$88 a month with an additional \$55 one time material fee. Classes meet on Saturdays from mid September through May. If you are interested in more information, call or email Marilyn – 216-334-2963 or [mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org](mailto:mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org)

**Monthly Dances** Each month you have two options for monthly dances – OLA/St. Joseph Center and Rose-Mary Center! There is a 3<sup>rd</sup> location 3-4 times a year at the Catholic Charities Family Center in Lorain! Look on the front for more info!

**Catholic Charities Family Center in Lorain, Jim Gepperth** Our next "Friendship Connections" dance happens on Friday, March 30. The dance starts at 7:00 PM and ends at 9:30 PM. The cost is only \$3.00 per dancer at the door. Group home staff members and family caregivers get in free. Enjoy great music, snacks, and maybe even win a prize!

**Head Start** is a preschool program for income eligible qualifying families and for children with disabilities. Our teaching staff offer developmentally appropriate early learning content standards educational activities and is an inclusive program.

Interested families with children 3 through 5 years are invited to enroll. Head Start has East and West locations in Cleveland.

The Disabilities Specialists provide families with information about different scholarship programs that are available.

Any questions about the Head Start services for children with disabilities, please call Mary Baran, Disabilities Specialist at (216) 334-2944.

#### **From Disability Ministries**

*The Beatitudes Faith Formation Program* is designed to provide a nurturing and prayerful environment for special needs children to be introduced to Jesus and His love. In addition, instructors attend to and assist with the preparation of the children for the Sacraments. The program is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month from 11am to 1pm. Next meeting is March 10, 2007. Lunch and refreshments are provided. This program is held at St. Augustine Church's Walsh Hall (2486 W. 14<sup>th</sup> St. in Cleveland's Tremont neighborhood). If you would like to register your child or need transportation, please call the rectory at 216-781-5530.

The *New Faith & Light Community* meets the first Friday of each month at 6pm at St Augustine Church. The next meeting will be March 2, 2007. Please join us. Call 216-781-5530.

#### **Community Information...**

**Murray Ridge Center** Beat the winter blahs by attending Murray Ridge Center's 6<sup>th</sup> annual Family Fun Fair & Safety Fest on Saturday, March 24, from 11am to 3pm at Murray Ridge School,

9750 S. Murray Ridge Rd., Elyria, 44035. This is a community event where kids of all ages can play games and learn safety tips from Lorain Co. safety service personnel. There will be raffle prizes and food galore! The Lorain Co. Metro parks will also offer informational nature sessions. Art creations by Murray Ridge consumers will be on display. ID kits for children will also be available. Don't miss this family-friendly event! There is no admission fee. Contact Sue Ward at 440-774-7400 or visit [www.loraincountymrdd.org](http://www.loraincountymrdd.org) for more info.

**Group for Teen Boys with Asperger's.** A group of teen boys from the Beachwood area has started monthly get-togethers. They have met several times this winter for bowling and once for billiards. Activities last for about 1 to 1 1/2 hours on Sunday afternoons and are selected so that the kids can be more independent (although parents are present).

Upcoming dates for activities are March 11 and April 15. For more information, please contact Sherri Appleton at [SheApple@aol.com](mailto:SheApple@aol.com)

**"Through Deaf Eyes,"** a two-hour PBS documentary exploring nearly 200 years of Deaf life in America, will air nationally on PBS on Wednesday, March 21 at 9 pm (check local listings). The film was inspired by the exhibition, "History Through Deaf Eyes," curated by Jack R. Gannon of Gallaudet University. The film presents the shared experiences of American history – family life, education, work, and community connections - from the perspective of deaf citizens. A comprehensive Web site, found at [www.pbs.org](http://www.pbs.org) accompanies the film.

**The Center for Mental Retardation (CMR)** is presenting a seminar for parents of children with disabilities, entitled "Parents - Participate in Your Child's IEP".

While the IEP meeting is a time to develop a child's educational plan, it is also an opportunity for families to share information about their child, their expectations and what techniques have worked at home.

This workshop is being offered twice a day on February 21st and March 21st, 2007. Refreshments will be provided. There is no charge, but registration is required.

The morning sessions are from 10am – 12pm at CMR's offices at the Mandel Community Bldg of United Way at 1331 Euclid Avenue in Cleveland. The evening sessions will be at the Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Blvd, in Independence from 6:30pm - 8:30pm

To register, call 216-622-0755 or visit their website at [www.cmr-cleveland.org](http://www.cmr-cleveland.org).

**The Cuyahoga County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities** and its Parent Teacher Community United Board invite you to attend an Educational Forum on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. It is called "Double, double toil and trouble ..." Everything you wanted to know about Medicaid, Waivers and more! The presenters are Gary Tonks, Executive Director of The Arc of Ohio, Kelly Connor Petty and Paul Wallenhorst from CCBMR/DD. The forum will be held at Green Road Developmental Center, 4329 Green Road, Highland Hills (1/2 mile south of the I-271 Harvard Road Exit). R.S.V.P. by March 13 to Margie Pavone at 216-736-2690. Need a ride? Call your nearest CCBMR/DD adult activities center to reserve a van seat.

**Relay Ohio** is excited and happy to announce that Two-Line CapTel service is now available in the state of Ohio. Two-line CapTel give you live captions of everything your caller says during a phone conversation. You can hear the caller and read captions of what they say. If interested in CapTel call Customer Service at 1-888-269-7477 (V/CapTel), 1-800-482-2424 (TTY) or email at [captel@captelmail.com](mailto:captel@captelmail.com)

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