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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 7 week day camp program for children to young adults ages 6-21 with cognitive and other developmental disabilities. It runs from June 16 to August 1, 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 an 8 week program from June 16 – August 8 from 9am to 4pm (extended hours available for an additional fee). Sites are located in Parma, Amherst and Wickliffe. 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).

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**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 13 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 23-July 25.

Call 216-781-5530 for information

**CYO Camp Christopher** in Bath, Ohio, is an 8 week residential camp program for adults, 17 & 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 9 week day camp program for children and young adults ages 6-21 with severe and profound disabilities. They run from June 16 to August 15. RoseMary Center is located at 19350 Euclid Ave., Euclid, OH 44117.

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**~ 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



**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 \*)

**2008 Dates:** March 14; April 11; May 9; June 13; **No Dance in July**

August 8; September 12; October 10; November 14; December 12



**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 \*)

**2008 Dates:** March 28; April 25; May 23; June 27; July 25; August 22; September 26

October 24; \*November 21 (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday); **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

**2008 Dates:** To be announced

**Catholic Charities, Disability Services** ~ (216) 334-2963 Fax (216) 334-2905 Ohio Relay Number (TTY) ~ 711

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Fr. Joseph McNulty, Director; Sr. Corita Ambro, CSJ, Program Director [staugch@earthlink.net](mailto:staugch@earthlink.net)

**Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries Newsletter**  
**Celebrating 42 years...1966 to 2008**

You Can Now Register Online for CYO & Camp Happiness – [www.clevelandcyo.org](http://www.clevelandcyo.org) – Click on Camping

**Outreach Ministry Weekend Retreats** Our first weekend retreat at our new location River's Edge on Rocky River Dr. was a wonderful success!! Everyone loved the facilities and the hospitality provided by the staff. Our most popular retreat is coming up in just 2 weeks. The Holy Week will be from Thursday, March 20 to Saturday, March 22. There are only 12 spaces available – **so sign up as soon as possible**. The cost is \$120. Call 216-334-2963 to register now! Once registered, you can mail your check to: Disability Services, 7911 Detroit Rd., Cleveland, OH 44102.

**Catholic Charities Summer Day Camps, Marilyn Scott and Katie Bildstein** We are very excited for our summer camps to begin this year! The camps have a number of important changes to share with you. Camp Happiness for children with cognitive disabilities has expanded to 7 weeks this summer!!! We are hoping that this additional week will be a further assistance to the families and to the children who participate in our camp. This year Camp Happiness will be open from June 16 to August 1 from 9:30am to 3pm.

Second, Disability Services will now administrate of the CYO day camps. We are looking forward to continuing the success these programs have had for more than 60 years! The CYO day camps are open from June 16 to August 8 from 9am to 4pm. CYO also offers hours before and after camp.

The theme for all of our summer day camps is "Coming Together".

Please call us if you are interested in signing up your son or daughter with one of our camp programs. We are also looking for staff, 18 and over, to work at our summer programs.

You can visit our website at [www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/camping](http://www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/camping) or call us at 216-334-2963.

**The Continuing Adult Education Program, Marilyn Scott** The Continuing Adult Education Program (CAEP) is gearing up for St. Patrick's Day! This program which is now in it's 20<sup>th</sup> year is dedicated to meeting the continuing educational needs of adults with cognitive and other developmental disabilities ages 21 and over. Students must provide their own transportation and tuition is \$88 a month with an additional one time material fee of \$60. Classes meet on Saturdays from September 15 through May 18. Space is available – Call to set up an appointment to visit us! Contact Marilyn at 216-334-2963 or [mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org](mailto:mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org)

#### **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 2nd Saturday of every month from 11am to 1pm. Next meeting is April 12, 2008. Lunch and refreshments are provided. This program is held at St. Augustine Church's Walsh Hall (2486 W. 14th St. in Cleveland's Tremont neighborhood). If you would like to register 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 April 4, 2008. Please join us. Call 216-781-5530.

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual ***Knight at the Races*** on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at St. Clarence in N. Olmsted. Proceeds benefit the Augustine Rainbow Camp, which accepts children with and without disabilities. Contact Sr. Janet at 216-781-5530 for more information.

#### **Community Information**

**March is MR/DD Awareness Month!** The 2008 theme is "SUCCESS! When doors open, we succeed! I may have a developmental disability but I can vote, I can volunteer, I can be a neighbor, I can work, and I can be a friend."

From the Public Images Network website: MR/DD Month in March offers an opportunity for taking a crucial step toward

improving the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities, but awareness activities should run year round. It is, after all, often attitudinal barriers that affect everyday life for these individuals. In addressing those barriers, fears and negative attitudes can be replaced with awareness and understanding.

Go to the Public Images Network website for more information on MR/DD Awareness Month and how you can get involved. <http://www.publicimagesnetwork.org/>

**The Lorain County Catholic Advocates for Persons with Disabilities is having a Training Workshop for Parish Advocates.** Join us on Saturday, April 19, 2008 from 9am – 3pm at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Life Center (1878 Abbe Rd., Sheffield Vlg.). Dennis McNulty and Fr. Joe McNulty will be the presenters. Pre-registration by April 12. To register or for more information, call Pat at 440-988-7215 or Sr. Anne at 440-288-2806.

**Planting the Seeds for a Successful Future...2008 CCBMR/DD Seminar Series** Spring 2008 ~ Wednesdays, April 2nd, 9th and 16th from 6:30-9 p.m. at the Brooklyn Adult Activities Center, 10991 Memphis Ave., Brooklyn, Ohio 44144. Register by March 19! Fall 2008. Wednesdays, October 15th, 22nd and 29th from 6:30-9 p.m. at the Beachwood Adult Activities Center 23750 Mercantile Rd., Beachwood, Ohio 44122. Register by October 1.

John and Carol Culley, life planners serving people with disabilities and their families, are the workshop moderators, along with other experts in legal planning, residential options and person centered planning. To sign up, call (216) 736-2717. Enrollment costs \$50 per family to cover the printed materials that participants keep. Registration information is also on our website.

**Jonathan Mooney - *The Short Bus - A Journey Beyond Normal*** In the summer of 2002, Jonathan Mooney bought an old short school bus...and converted it into an RV. For four months, he drove 35,000 miles through 45 states to explore disability culture in America. Hear Jonathan speak on Sunday, April 13th at 2:00pm at Riley Auditorium, Otterbein College, Westerville, OH. In Jonathan's presentation he brings to life some of the individuals with disabilities that he encountered on his trip and profiled for his book. To see and hear more about Jonathan Mooney and his work, go to his web site at [www.jonathanmooney.com](http://www.jonathanmooney.com)

This FREE event is co-sponsored by Otterbein College Courtright Memorial Library in connection with *The Erin McKenzie Virtual Welcoming Space* and Ohio TASH – Promoting Equity, Opportunity, and Inclusion for People with Disabilities

For more information about this specific event, please contact Lois Szudy at 823-1414 or by email at [LSzudy@otterbein.edu](mailto:LSzudy@otterbein.edu)

**SAVE THE DATE!!! National Apostolate for Inclusion Ministry (NAfIM) Fortieth Anniversary Conference - 1968-2008 September 4, 5 & 6, 2008**

The theme is *Winds of Change Spirit of Inclusion*. The Conference will be held September 4, 5 and 6, 2008 at Saw Mill Creek Resort in Huron, Ohio. The Conference is hosted by NAfIM Members, the Diocese of Cleveland and the Diocese of Toledo. Coordinators are Ray Daull, Marsha Rivas, Kitty Kruse and Rev. Joseph McNulty. Please visit the website for more information - [www.nafim.org](http://www.nafim.org)

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#### **Important Websites ~ Click & Save!!**

Camp Registration

[www.clevelandcyo.org](http://www.clevelandcyo.org)

Catholic Camping

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Catholic Disability Teachings

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