

# Down Syndrome Community Newsletter

MAY/JUNE 2014

There's  
lots more  
happening  
so look for  
another  
edition  
soon!



Have a story  
to share?  
Make sure  
to let us  
know so we  
can highlight  
it here!

## May 10<sup>th</sup> Speaker Event



National Down Syndrome Society President, Jon Colman, and Sara Hart Weir, Vice President of Advocacy and head of the DC office, will be in Seattle and have accepted our invitation to speak directly to the Down Syndrome Communi-

ty and everyone interested in Down syndrome awareness and advocacy. Jon will speak about the importance of volunteering and grassroots support; as well as the national and local impact of the Buddy Walk. Sara will talk about the ABLE act, Ethan Saylor, and advocacy in general. Question and answer

period will follow! This is a unique opportunity to learn from and connect with premier national advocacy experts. While the focus of the discussion will be Down syndrome, this could be of interest to anyone who wants to learn from advocacy experts. All are welcome. **Don't miss it!**

### Directions:

The Haring Center is located directly behind the University of Washington Medical Center (UWMC). If you are using mapping software, please use the UW Medical Center address of **1959 NE Pacific Street, Seattle, WA 98195**. This will take you to Gate 6 on Pacific Street off of 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Northeast.

Once you go through the gate, take your first right and park in S1. You will then walk east around the Center on Human Development and Disability (CHDD) to the EEU back door. We will be there to guide from the S1 parking lot.

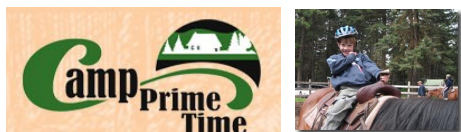
# Upcoming Events...



## May 17<sup>th</sup> DSC Annual Meeting / Talent Show and Dance

Join us as we share the exciting happenings of the DSC, introduce new Board members, announce the results of our most recent elections and appreciate the talents of our self-advocate members. Dance music and free food will be provided. We hope you can join us!

## June 6 – 8 Camp



The DSC is excited to announce it has secured the weekend of June 6th through the 8th for Camp Prime Time! Near Clear Lake on Road 744 in the Wenatchee National Forest east of White Pass. Camp Prime Time is a place where families with members with disabilities or illness come and enjoy a weekend in the woods, without having to cook or clean up, and get a chance to relax with families who understand. That's my description!! (Laurel Sturges)

The Prime Time facilities provide a lodge with a kitchen facility and provisions for special dietary needs. Sleeping cabins, accessible, clean bathing and showering restrooms, electricity, telephone, and hot water; all in a comfortable and accessible, yet rustic, environment. It's a beautiful setting, with volunteers who cook fabulous camp meals. There's a chance to take a pontoon boat ride, ride a horse, play games, sleep in, take naps, climb in a tree house, relax and enjoy time with family and friends, and make new friends. There is an outside play area, an inside game room (NEW), an accessible tree house, basic cabins, and a campfire area for a song fest on Saturday night with s'mores. It's a pretty drive over the mountains, 25 minutes to get fresh peaches to bring back, playing in the woods, dropping stones into the creek, looking at bugs, laughing.... <http://campprimetime.org/index.html>

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## Much more to come – Below: a small sampling!

### Upcoming Articles:

- D.A.D.S. – meet monthly
- DSC Friends (social groups) meet monthly

### Upcoming Events:

Saturday, **May 10**, 2:00- 4:00 pm - National Down Syndrome Society Leaders at the University of Washington Campus, EEU/Haring Center, Room CD150

Saturday, **May 17**, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Annual Meeting/Talent Show and Dance  
Where: the Highland Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road, Bellevue, WA 98007

Friday, Saturday & Sunday - **June 6 – 8**, Camp Prime Time in the Wenatchee National Forest

**August 9<sup>th</sup> - Megarama Day**

**October 5<sup>th</sup> - Buddy Walk**