



July 2017 Newsletter

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Spotlight On



Recently, The Down Syndrome Community of Puget Sound elected four new members to join our Board of Directors. We thought we'd get to know a little more about one of them, **Erin Klones**, in this issue of 'Spotlight On'.

Welcome to the DSC Board, Erin! Why did you decide to join the DSC board?

I was sitting in a workshop on IEPs and thought "The DSC

DSC Summer Picnic

Don't miss our Summer Picnic - RSVP Today!

Come join the DSC and the new south-end Down syndrome group for a summer picnic. We'll provide the main course, chips and drinks. Depending on your last name, salads and desserts will be potluck - please indicate on the RSVP what you'll bring so we can plan accordingly.

When: Saturday, July 15, 11AM - 2PM

Where: Town Square Park, [31600 Pete von Reichbauer Way South, Federal Way, WA 98003](#)



[RSVP Here](#)

Learning Program 2017-2018 Registration

Give your child a head start on reading and math!

The DSC is offering 4 levels of the Learning Program for the 2017-2018 school year: Pre-K through Level 3. One Saturday a month, children receive small group instruction with a focus on literacy, numeracy, fine motor skills and language development from special educators and therapists. Simultaneously in a separate classroom, parents in the program receive instruction on a wide range of topics.

Click [HERE](#) for more information, including class descriptions, dates, times and cost.

[Click to register](#)



Puget Sound Buddy Walk - Save the Date!

Save-the-date for our biggest and most popular event of the year!

When: Sunday, October 1, 1:00 - 4:00 PM



should host something like this"! Rather than just thinking about, I decided to join the board to actually help create some of the programs I am passionate about.

What is your favorite event or program that the DSC runs?

We love the Buddy Walk (and the guaranteed beautiful weather of the past 4 years!). It's such a great opportunity to see friends and meet new people.

To get to know Erin better, check out the entire [post](#) on the DSC website.

Stay Connected



Support the DSC While Shopping!

Go to smile.amazon.com

Please check the DSC online

[Events Calendar](#) regularly!

Where: Seattle Center

Check out our [Puget Sound Buddy Walk](#) Facebook page for the most up-to-date information.

Registration information coming later this month.



New Gig Harbor Teens and Adults Group

Hi, I am Jo Simms; my daughter, Lily, is 17. Along with Pen Met Parks, I am starting some activities for teens and adults with disabilities in the Gig Harbor area. So far we have a pilot inclusive day camp during the week of August 21, and a Halloween party in October. We're also planning a "Groovin" class for the fall; it's based on the model at Metro Parks in Tacoma.

I am starting a soccer group in July, held Fridays at 10:00 AM. The soccer coach at Gig Harbor High will be coaching our group. You can join us any Friday. Email or call me for information.

If you live in the Gig Harbor area, we would love to have you! You can reach me at jsimms@centurylink.net or 253-858-7287.

I would love to hear your ideas for other activities and programs.

DSC Friends Meet-Ups

Babies/Toddlers, Kids, Tweens, Teens, and Transitions and Beyond

Come join all our groups at this month's Summer Picnic on Saturday, July 15. Click [HERE](#) for information and to RSVP.

Babies/Toddlers (ages 0-3)

Contact: [Jessieca Graff](mailto:jessiecaj@gmail.com) jessiecaj@gmail.com

A Day in the Park...and Petting Zoo

[Ferrel-McWhirter Farm Park](#), 19545 N.E. Redmond Road, Redmond, WA 98053
Saturday, July 29th, 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM

RSVP: [Jessieca Graff](#) or look for details on our [DSC Friends 0-3](#) Facebook page.

Moms' Night Out

Contact: [Courtney Criss](mailto:courtney@downsyndromecommunity.org) courtney@downsyndromecommunity.org

Let's Flamingle! July MNO Night Out Pool Party

The pool and hot tub will be heated and the fire pit will be on. Food will be provided but please bring a bottle of wine (or non-alcoholic beverage) to share.

When: Saturday, July 8, 7:00 - 10:00 PM

Where: Ashley Clark's house in Sammamish

RSVP: [Courtney Criss](#) for address

More Summer Fun From JUMP: A Haring Center Experience!!

Still looking for a way to fill your child's summer? You're in luck! There are still a few more openings available in "Ingenious Inventors," a full day camp offered through

JUMP: A Haring Center Summer Experience. This camp is appropriate for 4 to 7 year olds with and without disabilities.

As of this week, we are also pleased to announce that we have a few scholarship opportunities available for families who qualify! Email jumpha@uw.edu for additional

opportunities available for families who qualify! Email jumpnhc@uw.edu for additional information and let us know if you are interested in receiving a scholarship application! Scholarships are awarded based on financial need. You can also register directly for camp at jump.haringcenter.org. Camp runs from July 10 to August 11, Monday through Friday from 9:00-3:30 PM

Finally, we are also excited to announce an upcoming "playdate" series "Pacific Science Center Playdates," July 19-21 and July 26-28. This playdate is supported by skilled educators and professionals, and focuses on connecting your child with fun science activities and social interactions, with appropriate support. Get a "behind the scenes" tour of the Pacific Science Center, before exhibits open, and spend the afternoon experimenting in the "Proton Preschool Classroom," with support from Haring Center professionals! This opportunity is appropriate for children with and without disabilities, between the ages of 4 and 7. Sign up for one day, or the whole series. Email jumpnhc@uw.edu directly to learn how you can take advantage of this fun summer opportunity! Be sure to act quickly-these spots are sure to fill up fast!!

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