

Changes at SOCIL, Kids in College, Adaptive Sports, Summer Camps, Children's Theatre, Community Activities, Movies, Support groups and more...

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**Southeastern Ohio Center for Independent Living**

## **Communication Pulse...**

**your lifeline to disability news and resources**

***May 2019***



**HELLO!**

For many of you, this is my first opportunity to reach out to you and introduce myself. My name is Jordy D. Stringer and April 1<sup>st</sup> I became the new Executive Director here at SOCIL. My primary role is to coordinate the work of our CIL serving the communities of Fairfield and Hocking counties. It is in this role that I am very pleased to be working on behalf of the consumers that we serve. I am excited for the opportunity to help bring about awareness to the needs and abilities of people with disabilities.

I am a major proponent of the Disability Rights Movement and a passionate believer in people of differing abilities living the most independent and productive lives possible.

Before coming to SOCIL, I spent the last 16 years working as, not only an Access Technology Specialist at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ISBVI), but also as a member of the Adaptive Sports Program's Board of Directors at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana (RHI); and the administrator for the National Federation of the Blind of Ohio (NFBO) State Scholarship program. I am very well-prepared to break down all barriers facing persons with disabilities.

I am confident that my background in disability policy, group and individual

instruction, as well as my experience advocating locally and nationally, provides the perfect foundation for work as the Executive Director of SOCIL.

I look forward to working alongside all of you to benefit those we serve. I have an open-door policy so I will look forward to hearing from many of you soon. You can reach me by email at [jssocil@gmail.com](mailto:jssocil@gmail.com) or call (740) 689-1494 ext (11).

## Kids in College - Ohio University Lancaster

June 10-14, June 17-21, June 24-28

SOCIL will again be assisting students with disabilities to attend Kids in College. If you or someone you know will be in the 4th-9th grades and are interested in expanding your educational horizons, complete the scholarship application posted on our website [www.socil.org](http://www.socil.org) on the "news" page.



**Limited Scholarship Funds Available - Apply Early!**

**Deadline to apply is Friday, May 10th**



## Congratulations Athletes!!!

Seven athletes participated in the Jack Attack Boccia Tournament Open Division Saturday, April 6th at Columbus Recreation and Parks.

**Congratulations to Isaac Helber for placing 1st, Matthew Hammond for placing 2nd and**

**Adam Meyers for placing 3rd.**

If you are interested in participating in any of our adaptive sports programs whether it is basketball, football, boccia or [COMING SOON - Pickle Ball](#), contact Jeff Williams at SOCIL 740-689-1494 ext. 13.

## Ohio State School for the Blind Summer Camp Opportunities

Registration is now open for the Ohio State School for the Blind summer camps. A total of **8 different opportunities**, including a sports camp and a STEM camp are being offered for students **kindergarten through 12th grade**. Day camps and residential

camps are available throughout the months of **June and July**. For more information on the summer camp opportunities, visit Ohio State School for the Blind's [website](#). For questions regarding these camps email [ossbsummercamp@ossb.oh.gov](mailto:ossbsummercamp@ossb.oh.gov)

**Location:** Ohio State School for the Blind

5220 North High Street

Columbus, Ohio 43214

Registration can be found at the following [link](#).

## Columbus Children's Theatre 2019-2020 Season



It's time for another season of discovery, creativity and growth! CCT is kicking off their 56th season with shows for all ages, including sensory friendly. There will be new venues and collaborations that you won't want to miss!

For details on shows and dates and memberships [CLICK HERE!](#)

### **Everything you wanted to know about memory loss but forgot to ask.**

Do you worry about getting Alzheimer's disease? Or wonder what normal aging is? Find out during an informative talk by **Dr. Douglas Scharre** of Wexner Medical Center, at **Olivedale Senior Center, Wednesday, May 22 at 9:30am**. Learn about normal aging versus mild cognitive impairment, the importance of early detection, screening and treatment. Latest research on memory will be discussed and an opportunity to talk one-on-one with research staff.

**Contact Olivedale Senior Center at 740-687-6655 for more information.**

### **Scooters 'N Chairs**

### **Spring 2019 Student Scholarship**

**\$1000 Scholarship presented every semester**

to eligible students who are currently registered at an

officially accredited University or College. Submit an essay on your experience



over the past semester that required your use of strength and perseverance to overcome.

**Deadline to apply is: June 1st, 2019**

[Click Here](#) for more details and how to apply.

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## **9th Annual No Limits Athletics Basketball Camp**

**Tuesday, June 25th, Wednesday, June 26th, & Thursday, June 27th**



Location: Ohio University-Lancaster Gymnasium

An inclusive, introductory skills camp for young athletes with and without disabilities.

[Click Here for Details/Registration Form](#)

**Registration Deadline: June 14, 2019**

**SOCIL has limited scholarships available** - call Lisa at 740-689-1494 ext. 10 for scholarship form.

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## **All Abilities Camp 2019**

**"May the FOREST Be With You"**

**Monday, June 10 - Friday, June 14**

A day camp for children 6-14 years old. It is structured for "all", but has specific accommodations for those with special needs as it is a slower pace camp with less kids overall. Some of our "**Star Wars**" type classes include: Science based with "**Yo...Dah**" (making light sabers, bouncy balls, etc.) learning about different animals like squirrels (our little **ewoks**), beavers, buzzards, woodpeckers and more. You will enjoy game time, hikes in the woods learning about trees, shooting down the **death star** (using sling shots), just loads of fun! The staff and volunteers will be dressed some days as different characters



to create a fun and inviting adventure. There will also be archery and canoeing!  
Camp sizes are limited. **Register early.** **\*\*Early Bird Special** - register and pay before May 29th and receive a discount.\*\*

For more information, email [alleyparkoe@yahoo.com](mailto:alleyparkoe@yahoo.com) or call 740-681-5025

[CLICK HERE](#) for registration form.

## **Community Activities, Classes & Support Groups**

**Summer Sensory Friendly Movies - Cinemark River Valley Mall** - all shows will be at 9:30 am

May 11th - *"Uglydolls"*

May 18th - *"A Dog's Journey"*

June 1st - *"Aladdin"*

June 15th - *"Secret Life of Pets 2"*

June 29th - *"Toy Story 4"*

July 27th - *"Lion King"*

**Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group** -2nd Wednesday of each month 1:30 - 3:00 pm Location: Lancaster SOCIL office. Free respite available. See [flyer](#) for more details.

**Parkinson's Support Group** - 3rd Wednesday of each month 1:00 - 2:30 pm Location: Lancaster SOCIL office. Free respite available. See [flyer](#) for more details.

**What's Next?** - Understanding Alzheimer's & Dementia - Caregiver Educational Group - 3rd Monday of each month from 1:00 - 3:00 pm Location: Lancaster SOCIL office. See [flyer](#) for more details.

### **Self Advocacy Groups**

**"Dynamite Abilities"** 3rd Wednesday of the month at Hope Center, 10:00am contact Scott Campbell of SOCIL, at 740-689-1494 or [scsocil@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scsocil@sbcglobal.net)

**"Abilities United"** 3rd Wednesday of the month at Logan SOCIL office 3:00-4:15pm. Contact Michael Welsh of SOCIL, at 740-380-1475 or [mwsocil@gmail.com](mailto:mwsocil@gmail.com)

**"Speak for Yourself"** 1st Friday of the month at Fox Family Y in Lancaster from 6:00 - 7:00pm before the dance. Contact Rejeanna Smith at [rejeannasmith889@gmail.com](mailto:rejeannasmith889@gmail.com) for more information.

**THANK YOU to those who have registered your Kroger card!**



Did you know that just by doing your regular grocery shopping at **Kroger** you could **help SOCIL earn funds** to conduct activities, such as Adaptive Sports, Kids In College Scholarships, peer support groups, and more? By registering your Kroger card in the **Kroger Community Rewards program**, each time you shop and scan your card, SOCIL will receive a percentage of your purchase amount. [Click here for easy instructions on how to register your Kroger card.](#) Ask your family and friends to assist us too!  
**Thank you!**



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