



Young Adult Transition Corps

Helping People With Disabilities Grow

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Spring has Sprung!



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Service Learning Classroom Updates!

Dublin Power Plus

Spring is going to be an exciting time for our service learning class at Dublin Power Plus. We are finishing up everyone's mock interviews, and are currently focusing on work etiquette. The class is now deciding on the next service project. The students are split into two groups and each had to present an idea for a community service project. One group proposed a yard sale to raise money for a homeless organization and the other group had the idea to help a nursing home. We will be voting on the service project after spring break. Lastly the book club is doing very well. We finished Alice and Wonderland and we are currently reading Robin Hood.

Upper Arlington (Mrs. Littlefield)

YATC has some exciting plans for Mrs. Littlefield's classroom this spring. We are currently working on organizing a recycling project. The students are planning a school-wide collection of old batteries and eye glasses. They are going to place boxes for collection in the nurse's and counselor's offices. To advertise this upcoming service

project, the students have written and submitted announcements for both the school's newsletter and television announcements. We will be collecting the items until April 22nd, which is Earth Day. Along with recycling, the students are also learning about farming. In May, the class will be taking a field trip to the OSU Beef Barn. Before their trip, they will be learning about different farm animals and crops, and why they are beneficial to the earth.

Dublin Jerome

With the arrival of spring, students at Dublin Jerome High School are hard at work getting out and improving their community. In the forthcoming months, students will be learning the importance of reusing, reducing, and of course recycling, and how these things affect the world around them. They will also be learning about the importance of compassion toward animal life as well as humane societies/shelters that care for animals. Students will be making dog treats in class, and delivering them during a visit to the Capital Area Humane Society.

Gahanna Lincoln

In the classroom over at Gahanna, we have been learning about animals and talking about ways to help the environment. We made dog biscuits to donate to the Columbus Dog Connection and adopted a Cheetah at the Columbus Zoo. We have learned how to help protect the earth in our own community as well as how we can help protect endangered species and the rainforest. This spring we plan to visit the recycling center, make some cool crafts out of recycled objects, and grow our own flowers to plant at a memorial outside our classroom for classmate Brianna Moore who passed away this last December. We also hope to visit our cheetah at the zoo later this spring. We are keeping very busy!

Olentangy Liberty

Cabin fever has gotten Olentangy Liberty in the spirit to complete a variety of outdoor service learning projects. We are planning to visit the Columbus Zoo to view different volunteering opportunities in a tour & mini volunteer day. The Stratford Ecological Center is also an outdoor location that the students are helping us look into as a place to volunteer. The students are also going to be decorating terra cotta

pots and planting flowers to donate as gifts to a local nursing home. The students will also be volunteering at Life Town, which is a life skills development center. Spring is a great time to get out into the community in which you live, work, and play, and Olentangy Liberty is happy to be part of that!

Upper Arlington (Mrs. Palm)

Ms. Palm's class at Upper Arlington has been keeping busy this spring and is looking to focus on bringing joy and friendship to older adults residing at First Community Village. Over the past few weeks we have been creating gifts for the residents' rooms, including tissue paper roses and bedside dream catchers. We are also planning to make a giant springtime mosaic mural to present to the facility for all the residents to enjoy. The students have been planning a fun visit with the residents to do different activities together and possibly having a picnic outside in early May. The students have also been working on career building skills and talking about job professionalism.

YATC SCHEDULE:

Best Buddies

4/16/09: Bowling

7:00-8:30pm. AMF Main Lanes. 4071 E. Main Street, Columbus, OH

4/21/09: OSU Baseball Game

6:00-8:00pm. (Game begins at 6:30pm. Meet out front of ticket booth at 6:00pm) Bill Davis Stadium. 650 Borror Drive, Columbus, OH

\$5 General Admission

\$3 Student Admission

\$2 Groups 10+

YATC On the Move

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RSVP to an event by calling (614) 292-9894.

Career Chat

Career Chat is a new program that focuses on local job resource info. and vocational skills. Sessions are held the first and third Saturday of every month from 10-11:30am at the Chocolate Café at 1885 Northwest Blvd.

RSVP to Megan by calling (614) 292-9894 or email megans@yatcoho.org.

Steppin' Out

Every second Thursday of the month a fun group of people get together at Tumbleweed to enjoy great food and company. Steppin' Out gives people an opportunity to go out and have a good meal with friends each month. It is a simple but successful program that is enjoyed by many around the community. The program runs from 6:00-7:30pm at Tumbleweed on East Broad Street every second Thursday of the month.

RSVP by calling (614) 292-9894.

Aspirations

4/1/09: April Recap at Nisonger Center. 6:30-8:00pm. Come listen to Sondra Williams speak about Autism and play games.

4/5/09: Joint Event: Women & Men go bowling at Sawmill Lanes. 2:00-4:00pm. 7:00-8:30pm 4825 Sawmill Rd, Columbus, OH. \$2.00 for shoes and each game.

WOA

4/19/09: Earth Day at Nisonger Center. Give back and clean up Early Childhood Education Playground. 2:00-4:00pm. Bring Gloves and Water Bottle.

Guys

4/26/09: OSU Baseball Game vs. Northwestern. Meet at 12:50pm at the front gates. Game starts at 1:05pm.

\$5 General Admission

\$3 Students

\$2 Groups 10+

Please contact Alison E. with any questions about Aspirations or to RSVP for an event. Call (614) 292-9894 or email alisone@yatcoho.org.

Dessert and Discussion

Advocacy & Responsibility

Join YATC members for a presentation and discussion on how to be a self advocate, advocating for others, and about becoming a responsible adult. 4/8/09: Meeting Room B - Upper Arlington Public Library. 2800 Tremont Road. Upper Arlington, Ohio. (On the corner of Northam and Tremont). 6:30-8:00pm.

Please RSVP to allisong@yatcoho.org or call (614) 292-9894.

Friendship Connection

4/15/09: Bowling at Sawmill Lanes. 7:00-8:30pm. 4825 Sawmill Rd, Columbus, OH 43235. \$2/game & shoes, bring extra money if you want a snack.

4/22/09: Organizational Meeting. 7:00-8:00pm. Room 100, Northwood-High Building. 2231 North High St. Columbus, Oh. 43201. Free pizza & soda to talk about the next calendar!

For more information about Friendship Connection please contact Mary at (614) 292-9894 or email maryf@yatcoho.org. To RSVP for an event please call (614) 688-8162.

YATC Martial Arts

YATC Martial Arts is continuing every Saturday for ten weeks from 2:00-4:00pm. To register, please contact Chris at (614) 292-9894 or email chrism@yatcoho.org.

My Music

If you are interested in participating in My Music, which teaches the basics of various instruments and songwriting through the use of actual musical instruments as well as simulated ones, please contact Victoria and/or Tim at (614)292-9894 or email victoriam@yatcoho.org, or timw@yatcoho.org.

YATC Reminder

Camp YATC

There are only a few spots left for our first ever Camp YATC! We are offering two sessions, a morning (9-12pm) and an evening (6-9pm) session, for six weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting June 16th. YATC's summer camp aims to help young adults with disabilities develop life skills for independent adult living. Session topics will include community resources, healthy lifestyles, healthy relationships, professionalism, building employment skills and financial skills. The

program is free but registration is limited, so don't delay and sign up today!

To register, please call 292-9894 to receive a summer camp registration form. If you are not already a YATC participant, we will also need an application form from you in order to complete your registration. Questions about summer camp? Call 292-9894 and asked to speak to Allison G. or Chris.

If you would like more information about Young Adult Transition Corps please feel free to visit our website at <http://yatcoho.org>