



# COLLEGE FOR LIVING PROGRAM

## FALL SESSION 2024 (September, October)



The COLLEGE FOR LIVING program gives opportunities throughout the year for individuals with developmental disabilities to take part in and explore the many local resources available in the community. Funded through Summit DD, this program offers citizens with disabilities a wide variety of activities to socialize, explore hobbies, or discover new interests. As the primary force in the community dedicated to inclusion, Summit DD believes that communities are stronger when they include everyone – with or without a disability. Discover more about Summit DD at [www.SummitDD.org](http://www.SummitDD.org).

The Blick Center is a private, nonprofit, outpatient clinic that began in 1969 with a group of parents of children with developmental disabilities and a few volunteer professionals. Together, they developed the Clinic into a single, comprehensive source of diagnostic evaluation, treatment, and support group services to persons with developmental disabilities. For more information, visit their website at [www.blickcenter.org](http://www.blickcenter.org).

If you would like to receive this brochure via email, send your request to [mike.smeltz@blickcenter.org](mailto:mike.smeltz@blickcenter.org). This brochure is also available on [www.BlickCenter.org](http://www.BlickCenter.org) (Services > College for Living). If you have any questions regarding the CFL program, please contact Mike Smeltz at [mike.smeltz@blickcenter.org](mailto:mike.smeltz@blickcenter.org), or call 330-374-4803.

**Registrations are taken by phone (330-374-4803), email ([mike.smeltz@blickcenter.org](mailto:mike.smeltz@blickcenter.org)), or online at <https://blickcenter.org/services-programs/college-for-living>.**

**For the activities you want to register, please give the participant's name, the activity #s/titles, as well as any food choices, t-shirt sizes, etc. if called for in the activity. Please also indicate if the participant will have an accompanying person with them.**

**You will receive a verification of your activity choices either at the time you call or by return phone call or email.**

**If you have any questions about an activity on the day of that activity and cannot contact the activity leaders, please call **Mike Smeltz at 330-212-2306** (please leave a message if no answer).**

**THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE COLLEGE FOR LIVING PROGRAM.  
WE ENJOY SPENDING TIME WITH ALL OF YOU!!**

Below are the current (as of 01/01/2024) CFL policies.

- **GENERAL:** Participants need to provide their own transportation to/from activities. For some craft activities, if the participant leaves in the middle of the activity they will not be able to take home a completed craft project as the craft requires the amount of time to put together and the group will not be held up so that an individual's project can be done before they leave. No pets are allowed at a CFL activity, only qualified service animals. No children under the age of 16 are allowed to attend an activity.
- **PAYMENT:** Payment for the entire session is due two weeks after your registration has been confirmed. Payment can be made by check or money order payable to "The Blick Center," or in cash at the 640 West Market Street building. **There are no "pay as you go" payments. We cannot accept credit card payments.**
- **PAYMENT FOR BLICK PAYEESHIP PARTICIPANTS:** If The Blick Center is the participant's payee, an invoice for payment will be sent to the payee at the end of the session.
- **REFUNDS:** No cash refunds given. In the event an activity is cancelled by the activity leaders for extraordinary circumstances (e.g. weather), a credit will be issued to those participants who are registered and have paid for the activity. The credit will be kept on file and the participant and/or their contact will be notified of the credit amount.
- **REFUNDS FOR BLICK PAYEESHIP PARTICIPANTS:** No cash refunds given. If a Blick payee participant is a no-show for an activity, the cost of the activity will still be included on the invoice sent to their payee. If they cancel an activity, then the cost of that activity will not be included on the invoice to their payee.
- **NO-SHOWS:** For participants who no-show for an activity, no credit will be given for that activity. Participants who need to cancel for extraordinary circumstances (e.g. illness, staffing or transportation issues, family emergencies, etc.) will be issued credit for the cancelled activity. You **MUST** notify Mike Smeltz (330-374-4803) of the need to cancel in order to receive the credit. Try to make the notification at least 24-48 hours before the activity, as this allows for a chance to have another participant attend. The credit will be kept on file and the participant and/or their contact will be notified of the credit amount.
- **ATTENDANCE:** When a participant consistently no-shows for activities, this prevents other participants from attending that activity. Participants who consistently no-show for activities, even though payment has been received for those activities, will be removed from future CFL mailings. A notification will be sent if you are going to be removed from the CFL mailings.
- **ACCOMPANYING STAFF:** The need for an accompanying staff should be based on the needs of the participant. CFL activities are intended for the participants to socialize with their peers, and we do not want family members or staff to hinder this objective.

For some activities (e.g. bowling, tie dye, crafts) accompanying people will not be able to participate in the activity itself except to assist the participant.

For some activities (e.g. restaurant, movie theater), the accompanying staff would need to bring their own money to pay directly to the restaurant. If the activity involves a movie, then the accompanying person should bring the price of the movie ticket published in the brochure. This will allow the accompanying staff to sit along with the group as the seats are reserved.

The monetary requirements of the food portion of the activity for the accompanying staff will be printed in the brochure for each specific activity.

For activities where food is being served by the activity leaders, the accompanying staff should pay the amount listed in the brochure for the particular activity if they wish to eat with the participant. The amount charged will depend on what food is being served and from where it is being purchased. The money can either be sent in with the registration form or paid at the time of the activity. **It must be indicated in the brochure if the accompanying caregiver intends to eat with the participant so that sufficient food can be ordered.**

The number of accompanying staff per participant should be limited to one. If the participant requires more than one accompanying caregiver, please indicate this on the registration form and provide a brief explanation as to why.

- **GIFTS/PRIZES:** Only participants are eligible to receive any gifts or prizes given at an activity.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS REGARDING THESE POLICIES PLEASE CONTACT  
MIKE SMELTZ (330-374-4803)**

## SEPTEMBER 2024 ACTIVITIES

### #1 – BINGO NIGHT, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 (5:00-9:00 PM)

**LOCATION:** Goodyear Heights Metro Park (East Room), 2077 Newton Street, Akron OH 44305

**LIMIT OF:** 30 PARTICIPANTS

**Description:** Join us for a night of fun, friends, food, and BINGO! There will be lots of prizes.

**Food:** Taco bar, pop, water, and dessert.

**Activity Leaders:** Mike Smeltz (330-212-2306) and Charlotte Morris (330-697-4963)

**Participant Price \$:** 30

**Accompany Staff \$:** 10

### #2 – HARTVILLE FLEA MARKET, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 (9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM)

**LOCATION:** Drop off: Hartville Market Place, 1289 Edison St, NW Hartville 44632 (Main Entrance)

Pick up: Hartville Kitchen, 1015 Edison St, NW Hartville 44632

**LIMIT OF:** 10 PARTICIPANTS

**Description:** Grab your spending money and put on your comfy shoes for a morning of shopping! After finding all of your marketplace treasures, we will walk as a group to the Hartville Kitchen for lunch around 11 am. Don't forget to dress for the weather!

**Food:** Hartville Kitchen menu items.

**Activity Leaders:** Charlotte Morris (330-697-4963) and Mike Smeltz (330-212-2306)

**Participant Price \$:** 30

**Accompany Staff \$:** Bring own money for the restaurant.

### #3 – RUBBERDUCKS VS YARD GOATS, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 (5:30-9:30 PM)

**LOCATION:** Drop Off/Pick Up: Canal Park, 300 S Main Street, Akron 44308 (entrance at S Main and E Buchtel)

**LIMIT OF:** 12 PARTICIPANTS

**Description:** Join us as we watch our Akron RubberDucks take on the Yard Goats. The night is about America Sign Language and the importance of using it to communicate. It is also ASL T-shirt night. Reserved seat tickets for this event have already been purchased for the participants, so no credit will be given for not attending. Participants should bring extra money if they wish to purchase items from the gift shop or extra food items not already included.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *The stadium is totally cashless. A debit or credit card is preferable, but there is a machine there that will turn cash into a debit card. CFL staff can help with turning the cash into a card. Any amount left over on the card can be reused again at another RubberDucks game.* There will be no credit given if the participant cannot make the activity.

**Food:** From the concession stand.

**Activity Leaders:** Nicole Clark-Longville (330-690-9713) and Charlotte Morris (330-697-4963)

**Participant Price \$:** 30

**Accompany Staff \$:** Tickets for the participants are purchased ahead of time. Accompanying person must purchase their own ticket at the stadium. There may be a chance that your seat will not be with the group.

#### #4 – BEN CAGE CONCERT, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 (5:00-8:30 PM)

**LOCATION:** Goodyear Heights Metro Park (East Room), 2077 Newton Street, Akron OH 44305

**LIMIT OF:** 30 PARTICIPANTS

**Description:** Join us for dinner followed by an evening of live music presented by a local musician, Ben Gage. Ben is a singer/songwriter from Akron who creates folk music rooted in his blue-collar upbringing. Ben will be performing some of his original music as well as some cover songs that you will be sure to know. So come out and spend the evening with friends listening to some great live music. There will be a dance area available as well. Can't wait to see you there.

**Food:** Pizza, jo-jos, chicken, water, pop, and dessert.

**Activity Leaders:** Sharon Archer (330-819-1929) and Mary Daus (330-618-9305)

**Participant Price \$:** 30

**Accompany Staff \$:** 10

#### #5 – CINEMARK BISTRO, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 (6:00-9:00 PM)

**LOCATION:** Cinemark Movie Bistro, 6284 Dressler Road NW, North Canton 44720

**LIMIT OF:** 10 PARTICIPANTS

**Description:** Dinner in the movie theater! We will order from the theater menu, and dinner will be delivered right to our seats. Choose from burgers, pizza, chicken tenders, and more. You can view the Bistro menu at <https://www.cinemark.com/menu139>. The movie choices will be announced the day of the activity. Please check in with the CFL staff to see what time your chosen movie ends, as that will be the pickup time for the participant.

**Food:** Burgers, pizza, chicken tenders, and more.

**Activity Leaders:** Nicole Clark-Longville (330-690-9713) and Charlotte Morris (330-697-4963)

**Participant Price \$:** 30

**Accompany Staff \$:** Bring own money for food and movie ticket.

#### #6 – A CRAFTY ACTIVITY, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 (5:00-8:30 PM)

**LOCATION:** Ritchie Memorial Shelter House, 109 West Avenue, Tallmadge 44278 (corner of Sperry and Baron Avenue). *Turn onto Sperry from West Tallmadge, then turn right at the stop sign, then another right turn. The shelter is at the end of the drive on the left.*

**LIMIT OF:** 16 PARTICIPANTS

**Description:** We turn an ordinary wine bottle into a beautiful work of art!

**Food:** Jimmy John subs, water, pop, chips, and dessert.

**Activity Leaders:** Mike Smeltz (330-212-2306) and Alex Brescilli (810-394-6393)

**Participant Price \$:** 30

**Accompany Staff \$:** 10

## OCTOBER 2024 ACTIVITIES

#### #7 – BINGO NIGHT, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2 (5:00-9:00 PM)

**LOCATION:** Goodyear Heights Metro Park (East Room), 2077 Newton Street, Akron OH 44305

**LIMIT OF:** 30 PARTICIPANTS.

**Description:** Join us for a night of fun, friends, food, and BINGO! There will be lots of prizes.

**Food:** BBQ from Main Street Saloon, water, pop, and dessert.

**Activity Leaders:** Mike Smeltz (330-212-2306) and Charlotte Morris (330-697-4963)

**Participant Price \$:** 30

**Accompany Staff \$:** 10

## #8 – MCDONALD’S AND A MOVIE, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9 (5:30-9:30 PM)

**LOCATION:** Drop Off: McDonald’s, 500 West Tuscarawas Avenue, Barberton 44203  
Pickup: Lake 8 Theater, 588 West Tuscarawas Avenue, Barberton 44203

**LIMIT OF:** 10 PARTICIPANTS

**Description:** We will start at McDonald’s where you can order your favorite meal. After dinner we will walk to the movie theater together. Movie choices will be available the day of the activity. Participant should bring money if they wish to purchase items from the concession stand. **Please check in with a CFL staff member to see what time the chosen movie ends as that will be the pickup time for the participant.**

**Food:** McDonald’s menu items.

**Activity Leaders:** Nicole Clark-Longville (330-690-9713) and Charlotte Morris (330-697-4963)

**Participant Price \$:** 30

**Accompany Staff \$:** Bring own money for food and movie ticket.

## #9 – JEWELRY MAKING AT PANERA, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16 (5:00-8:00 PM)

**LOCATION:** Panera Bread, 689 Howe Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls 44221

**LIMIT OF:** 10 PARTICIPANTS

**Description:** Everyone will choose their favorite “pick two” meal when they arrive. After enjoying dinner, you will channel your inner artisan and create Fall/Halloween inspired bracelets.

**Food:** Panera “pick two” menu items.

**Activity Leaders:** Nicole Clark-Longville (330-690-9713) and Charlotte Morris (330-697-4963)

**Participant Price \$:** 30

**Accompany Staff \$:** Bring own money for food.

## 10 – SPOOKY TIE DYE, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 (5:00-8:00 PM)

**LOCATION:** Blick Center, 2641 West Market Street, Fairlawn 44333

**LIMIT OF:** 12 PARTICIPANTS

**Description:** The evening will start with dinner from City Barbeque. After our bellies are happy, we will create spooky Halloween inspired tie dye shirts and socks. If time permits, we will decorate little pumpkins with ghosts!

**Food:** BBQ from City Barbeque, water, pop, and dessert.

**Activity Leaders:** Nicole Clark-Longville (330-690-9713) and Charlotte Morris (330-697-4963)

**Participant Price \$:** 30

**Accompany Staff \$:** 10

## #11 – HALLOWEEN CRAFT, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, (5:00-8:30 PM)

**LOCATION:** Ritchie Memorial Shelter House, 109 West Avenue, Tallmadge 44278 (corner of Sperry and Baron Avenue). *Turn onto Sperry from West Tallmadge, then turn right at the stop sign, then another right turn. The shelter is at the end of the drive on the left.*

**LIMIT OF:** 16 PARTICIPANTS

**Description:** We will make a Halloween wreath.

**Food:** Chipotle, pop, water, and dessert.

**Activity Leaders:** Mike Smeltz (330-212-2306) and Charlotte Morris (330-697-4963)

**Participant Price \$:** 30

**Accompany Staff \$:** 10

## #12 – HALLOWEEN BALL, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 (11:30 AM TO 3:00 PM)

**LOCATION:** Guy's Party Center, 500 E. Waterloo Road, Akron 44319 (in the central ballroom)

**LIMIT OF:** 60 PARTICIPANTS

**Description:** Dress up and boogie the afternoon away! There will be a buffet lunch served, then you can show everyone your dance moves. Don't forget to check out our creepy photo booth!

**Staff will pay \$28 for dinner, and we will need to have an accurate head count of paid accompanying staff so that Guy's Party Center knows how many meals and seats to prepare. Accompanying staff who have not paid will not be able to pay at the door AND will not have a seat available for them.**

**The deadline to register for this activity is October 17. After this date no registrations will be taken.**

**Food:** Chicken, pasta, potato, and veggies. Water, iced tea, lemonade, and dessert.

**Activity Leaders:** Nicole Clark-Longville (330-690-9713) and Charlotte Morris (330-697-4963)

**Participant Price \$:** 40

**Accompany Staff \$:** 28



## COLLEGE FOR LIVING REGISTRATION FORM FOR FALL 2024 ACTIVITIES

PARTICIPANT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ACTIVITY	Participant Price	ACCOMPANY STAFF PRICE
<input type="checkbox"/> #01 Bingo Night (September 4)	\$ 30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 if planning on eating with the participant.
<input type="checkbox"/> #02 Hartville Flea Market (September 7)	\$ 30	Bring own money for restaurant.
<input type="checkbox"/> #03 RubberDucks Baseball (September 10)	\$ 30	Must purchase ticket on their own. See activity description.
<input type="checkbox"/> #04 Ben Cage Concert (September 17)	\$ 30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 if planning on eating with the participant.
<input type="checkbox"/> #05 Cinemark Bistro (September 18)	\$ 30	Bring own money for movie ticket and food.
<input type="checkbox"/> #06 A Crafty Activity (September 25)	\$ 30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 if planning on eating with the participant.
<input type="checkbox"/> #07 Bingo Night (October 2)	\$ 30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 if planning on eating with the participant.
<input type="checkbox"/> #08 McDonald's and a Movie (October 9)	\$ 30	Bring own money for movie ticket and food.
<input type="checkbox"/> #09 Jewelry Making at Panera (October 16)	\$ 30	Bring own money for restaurant.
<input type="checkbox"/> #10 Spooky Tie Dye (October 22)	\$ 30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 if planning on eating with the participant.
<input type="checkbox"/> #11 Halloween Craft (October 24)	\$ 45	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 if planning on eating with the participant.
<input type="checkbox"/> #12 Halloween Ball (October 27)	\$ 40	<input type="checkbox"/> \$28 if planning on eating with the participant.
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></span>

MAILING ADDRESS (street, city, zip): \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON NAME/PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

(This email will be added to the CFL list to receive future brochures and to communicate with the participant's contact person.)

ANY DIETARY, MEDICAL, OR BEHAVIORAL CONCERNS YOU THINK WE SHOULD BE AWARE OF:

SUPERVISION LEVEL:  General  Auditory  Close  Visual (visual supervision requires an accompanying person to be present)

Mail this completed form along with your check or money order (made payable to "THE BLICK CENTER") for the registered classes to: **COLLEGE FOR LIVING, THE BLICK CENTER, 640 WEST MARKET STREET, AKRON, OHIO 44303-1465**. For more information, call Mike Smeltz at 330-374-4803 or email at [mike.smeltz@blickcenter.org](mailto:mike.smeltz@blickcenter.org).