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COLLEGE FOR LIVING PROGRAM

WINTER SESSION 2024

(November, December)

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.

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.

If you would like to receive this brochure via email, send your request to mike.smeltz@blickcenter.org. This brochure is also available on 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, or call 330-374-4803.

Registrations are taken by phone (330-374-4803), email (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)**

NOVEMBER 2024 ACTIVITIES

#1 – HARTVILLE FLEA MARKET, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 (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 Nicole Clark-Longville (330-690-9713)

Participant Price \$: 30

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

#2 – CINEMARK BISTRO, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 (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.

#3 – HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7 (6:00-8:00 PM)

LOCATION: The Blick Center, 640 West Market Street, Akron 44303

LIMIT OF: 6 PARTICIPANTS

Description: Join us for making clay ornaments for the holiday seasons! Enjoy learning how to work with air dry clay and paint ornaments and trinkets! Materials will be provided.

Food: Pizza and soda will be provided.

Activity Leaders: Rebecca Dempster and Vanja Gajic (330-439-7976).

Participant Price \$: 30

Accompany Person \$: 8 if planning on eating with the participant.

#4 – THANKSGIVING CRAFT, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11 (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: 15 PARTICIPANTS

Description: Participants will make a Thanksgiving themed plate display.

Food: Thanksgiving style food, pop, water and dessert.

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

Participant Price \$: 30

Accompany Person \$: 10

#5 – HOLIDAY CARDMAKING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 (6:00-8:00 PM)

LOCATION: The Blick Center, 640 West Market Street, Akron OH 44303

LIMIT OF: 8 PARTICIPANTS

Description: Join us for card making! With the holiday season getting closer there's nothing better than a personalized card! If there's any photos you would like to bring for the card, please bring them! Other materials will be provided.

Food: Pizza and soda will be provided.

Activity Leaders: Rebecca Dempster and Vanja Gajic (330-439-7976).

Participant Price \$: 30

Accompany Person \$: 8 if planning on eating with the participant.

#6 – FRIENDSGIVING, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14 (5:00-8:00 PM)

LOCATION: Blick Center, 2641 West Market Street, Fairlawn 44333 (located behind U.S. Bank)

LIMIT OF: 12 PARTICIPANTS

Description: Merriam-Webster's Dictionary defines Friendsgiving as a blend of Thanksgiving and friends. Join us for an evening of a Thanksgiving meal, great conversation with friends, and even some crafting!

Food: Traditional Thanksgiving food items.

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

Participant Price \$: 30

Accompany Person \$: 8 if planning on eating with the participant.

#7 – ORNAMENT MAKING & TREE FESTIVAL, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 (5:00-8:00 PM)

LOCATION: Akron-Summit County Library, 60 S High Street, Akron 44326 (the entrance across the street from the John S. Knight Center)

LIMIT OF: 10 PARTICIPANTS

Description: Join us at the Akron-Summit County Public Library Main branch (using the entrance across from the John S. Knight Center) where we will make ornaments, then eat dinner with our friends! Once we are finished, we will cross the street to the John S. Knight Center and admire hundreds of AMAZING decorated trees that help raise money for Children's Hospital. We will cross back to the library side of the street for 8 pm pickup in the same location as drop off.

Food: Select from Turkey, ham, roast beef, tuna, veggie, and pop (Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite) and water.

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

Participant Price \$: 30

Accompany Person \$: 10 if planning on eating with the participant.

#8 – HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21 (6:00-8:00 PM)

LOCATION: The Blick Center, 640 West Market Street, Akron 44303

LIMIT OF: 6 PARTICIPANTS

Description: Join us for making clay ornaments for the holiday seasons! Enjoy learning how to work with air dry clay and paint ornaments and trinkets! Materials will be provided.

Food: Pizza and soda will be provided.

Activity Leaders: Rebecca Dempster and Vanja Gajic (330-439-7976).

Participant Price \$: 30

Accompany Person \$: 8 if planning on eating with the participant.

#9 – JOSEPH AND THE TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT, SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24 (2:00-4:30 PM)

LOCATION: Weathervane Theater, 1301 Weathervane Lane, Akron 44313

LIMIT OF: 13 PARTICIPANTS

Description: Dive into the vibrant world of Joseph, a young dreamer with a spectacular coat of many colors, in Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's exhilarating musical, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Set against the backdrop of ancient Egypt, this beloved musical brings to life the classic Biblical story of Joseph, the favored son of Jacob, whose dreams of greatness cause envy among his eleven brothers.

NOTE: If you registered for #12 then you cannot register for this activity.

Food: Snacks only.

Activity Leaders: Mike Smeltz (330-212-2306).

Participant Price \$: 30

Accompany Person \$: No accompany staff due to seating limitations.

DECEMBER 2024 ACTIVITIES

#10 – CINEMARK BISTRO, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 (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.

#11 – HOLIDAY DANCE, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 (11:30 AM TO 2:30 PM)

LOCATION: Guy's Party Center, 500 E Waterloo Road, Akron 44319

LIMIT OF: 60 PARTICIPANTS

Description: Join us for a fun time celebrating the upcoming holidays with food, music, and friends.

Food: Buffet items.

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

Participant Price \$: 40

Accompany Person \$: 28 (must register along with the participant to be included in the seating count).



#12 – JOSEPH AND THE TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 (2:00-4:30 PM)

LOCATION: Weathervane Theater, 1301 Weathervane Lane, Akron 44313

LIMIT OF: 8 PARTICIPANTS

Description: Dive into the vibrant world of Joseph, a young dreamer with a spectacular coat of many colors, in Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's exhilarating musical, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Set against the backdrop of ancient Egypt, this beloved musical brings to life the classic Biblical story of Joseph, the favored son of Jacob, whose dreams of greatness cause envy among his eleven brothers.

NOTE: If you registered for #9 then you cannot register for this activity.

Food: Snacks only.

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

Participant Price \$: 30

Accompany Person \$: No accompany staff due to seating limitations.

#13 – CHRISTMAS CRAFT, MONDAY, DECEMBER 16 (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: 15 PARTICIPANTS

Description: Participants will make a Christmas wreath.

Food: Pizza, soda, water, and dessert.

Activity Leaders: Mike Smeltz (330-212-2306) and Nicole Clark-Longville (330-690-9713)

Participant Price \$: 30

Accompany Person \$: 8 if planning on eating with the participant.

#14 – GETTING CRAFTY AT PANERA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19 (5:00-8:00 PM)

LOCATION: Panera, 689 Howe Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls 44221

LIMIT OF: 10 PARTICIPANTS

Description: Let's get SnOw crafty! We will gather for your favorite pick two, while making a one-of-a-kind winter craft!

Food: Pick-Two meal choice.

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

Participant Price \$: 30

Accompany Person \$: Bring own money for restaurant.



COLLEGE FOR LIVING REGISTRATION FORM FOR WINTER 2024 ACTIVITIES

PARTICIPANT'S NAME: _____

ACTIVITY	Participant Price	ACCOMPANY STAFF PRICE
<input type="checkbox"/> #01 Hartville Flea Market (November 2)	\$ 30	Bring own money for restaurant if eating with the participant.
<input type="checkbox"/> #02 Cinemark Bistro (November 6)	\$ 30	Bring own money for movie ticket and food if staying with the participant.
<input type="checkbox"/> #03 Holiday Ornaments (November 7)	\$ 30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$8 if planning on eating with the participant.
<input type="checkbox"/> #04 Thanksgiving Craft (November 11)	\$ 30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 if planning on eating with the participant.
<input type="checkbox"/> #05 Holiday Cardmaking (November 12)	\$ 30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$8 if planning on eating with the participant.
<input type="checkbox"/> #06 Friendsgiving (November 14)	\$ 30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 if planning on eating with the participant.
<input type="checkbox"/> #07 Ornament Making & Tree Festival (November 19)	\$ 30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 if planning on eating with the participant.
<input type="checkbox"/> #08 Holiday Ornaments (November 21)	\$ 30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$8 if planning on eating with the participant.
<input type="checkbox"/> #09 Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat (November 24)	\$ 30	No accompanying staff due to limited seating.
<input type="checkbox"/> #10 Cinemark Bistro (December 4)	\$ 30	Bring own money for movie ticket and food if staying with the participant.
<input type="checkbox"/> #11 Holiday Dance (December 8)	\$ 40	<input type="checkbox"/> \$28 if planning on attending with the participant. Must register for this.
<input type="checkbox"/> #12 Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat (December 8)	\$ 30	No accompanying staff due to limited seating.
<input type="checkbox"/> #13 Christmas Craft (December 16)	\$ 30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$8 if planning on eating with the participant.
<input type="checkbox"/> #14 Getting Crafty at Panera (December 19)	\$ 30	Bring own money for restaurant if eating with the participant.
TOTALS:		GRAND TOTAL:

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.