



Holiday Registration

November/December 2024

Holiday Newsletter—November and December

Holiday events are being scheduled for November and December and everyone will want to catch the holiday spirit. With early registration needed for most events, this Holiday edition newsletter will cover November and December events. A newsletter will not be mailed out in December but a reminder will be emailed. All holiday events fill up quickly. You will want to get your registration in as soon as possible. Please keep in mind that registrations cannot be guaranteed without the registration fee for a special event. Due to the expense that goes out for these events, full refunds are not guaranteed if you are unable to attend unless another individual is pulled from a wait list. So the key is to sign up early and enjoy the activity. And don't forget to call JC Transit when available.



**Holiday Dance
Coming Soon!!**



CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS

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636-933-3764

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Terri Dallas 636-282-1419
Donna Cooper 636-282-1411
Information Line 636-282-1422
After Hours 314-210-8760

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

St. Louis Area
Special Olympics
Bowling Tournament
November 9th/10th

Christmas Shopping & Lunch
November 2nd

* This activity is full. Waitlist only

Fall Dance
November 15th
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Fox Theatre
Illusionist Magic of the Holidays
December 7th

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The fee for Special Events should accompany the registration form to guarantee reservation.

THE ILLUSSIONIST — MAGIC OF THE HOLIDAYS

This show is a mind blowing showcase featuring jaw-dropping talents of the most incredible illusionist on earth. They have shattered box office records across the globe and dazzle audiences of all ages with a powerful mix of the most outrageous and astounding acts ever seen on stage. This non-stop show is packed with the thrilling and sophisticated magic of unprecedented proportion. YOU WILL WANT TO SIGN UP EARLY FOR THIS EVENT.

TICKETS ARE LIMITED.

DATE : Saturday , December 7th

TIME: Herky 5:00 pm Arnold 5:30 pm

PLACE: Fox Theatre

FEE: \$60.00



PLEASE EAT DINNER BEFORE MEETING US. THERE IS NO INTERMISSION FOR THIS SHOW.

DINNER / LIMO & LIGHTS

We have two Limo/Dinner nights. Please choose just one night. The dinner will be at Culver's in Arnold or Culver's in Fenton. The Limo bus will pick you up at Culver's at 7:00 pm after dinner, and take you to Our Lady of Snows in Belleville IL and return to Culvers at 9:00pm. Bring \$15.00 for dinner.

Herky / Arnold

DATE: Dec. 10th

TIME: Herky 5:15

Arnold Culvers 6:00

FEE: \$35.00 + dinner

Barnhart/High Ridge

DATE: Dec. 17th

TIME: Barnhart 5:00

Fenton Culvers 6:00

FEE: \$35.00 + dinner

CHRISTMAS MOVIE MATINEE

There is nothing like a Christmas movie to get you in the spirit. We will meet at the Arnold theater to see either an old retro movie or a new Christmas movie.

That will be determined when the movie choices come out.

Join us for an afternoon of fun with your friends for a movie and snacks.

* PLEASE BRING MONEY FOR CONCESSIONS IF DESIRED.

DATE : December 21st

TIME : 2:30 p.m.

PLACE : Arnold Theater

FEE: \$20.00



*From our Leisure Services
Family to yours...*

Happy
Thanksgiving Day



**Updated
Enrollment Forms**

Please complete our requests for updated enrollment forms. All participants have to renew important medical forms which are needed for the safety of our participants. So, if you received the request for renewal, it is important that we get those forms returned to us. We will be sending out new requests in the next couple of weeks. This information can be critical in dealing with medical emergencies. We would appreciate your cooperation in returning them as soon as possible.

TRANSPORTATION

Developmental Disability Advocates (formerly JCDDRDB) enables JC Transit services to be available for a limited number of Leisure Services activities for a minimal cost to participants. Seats are limited so call at the time of registration for activities.

JC Transit Phone Number

636-548-7290 (North Line)

636-933-9380 (South Line)

You must register separately for Leisure activities and JC Transit reservations. See instructions on the registration form.

Activities with
JC Transit Service



- Fall dance—Nov. 15th
- Movie Nite—Nov. 22nd
- Christmas Dance—Dec. 13th
- Christmas Movie Matinee—Dec. 21st

Please note: OATS vans may be used as a back-up to the JC Transit vans

Leisure Services Transportation
Pick-Up Points in Jefferson County

High Ridge - Farm and Home
Hwy 30 & Little Brennan

Herculaneum - Pony Bird
1615 Vine School Rd

Arnold - behind McDonalds
Hwy 141 & I-55

Look for the van icon to indicate that JC Transit services are available or look for pick-up times at pick-up points under the description of the activity. We reserve the right to cancel or change pick-up points when necessary. A minimum of 3 riders is required to guarantee a pick-up site.



Special Events



The fee for Special Events should accompany the registration form to guarantee reservation.

FALL DANCE

If you have not been to one of our dances, you should join us. The dances are lots of fun and it's a great place to meet a lot of people in one night. We have a DJ that will play all your favorite songs and we serve snacks. The dress is casual.

DATE: Friday, November 15th
TIME: 7:00-9:30
PLACE: Herky - Pony Bird building
 1615 Vine School Rd.
 Herculaneum, MO 63048
FEE: \$10.00



CHRISTMAS DANCE

If you have not been to one of our dances, you should join us. The dances are lots of fun and it's a great place to meet a lot of people in one night. We have a DJ that will play all your favorite songs and we serve snacks. You never know who might show up to bring some Christmas spirit. The dress is casual.

DATE: Friday, December 13th
TIME: 7:00—9:30
PLACE: Herky—Pony Bird Building
 1615 Vine School Road
 Herculaneum 63048
FEE: \$10.00



Remind Text Alert—Sign up now!

The fastest and most efficient way of getting notice of changes with our scheduled activities is to sign up for the Remind Text Alert system. **This will be our primary and quickest way of contacting consumers.** To be placed on our list of recipients, copy the link below in your internet browser, based on the beginning letter of your last name. Fill in your name and cell phone number or email address and stay in the know. It's that easy! Using this service you can also reply to a text we send or send us a text at any time without having to call or email. Once you opt in please reply to the confirmation text with P (for participant). You can opt out at any time by replying LEAVE to the text.

last names A-D: <https://www.remind.com/join/leisuread>

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Monthly Social Activities

MOVIE NITE

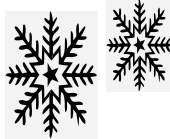
Come see it at the movies! Enjoy a night out with our group of movie buffs. Anyone is welcome. At this time, we are limiting our numbers to 15 people so you will want to sign up soon.

DATE: Friday, November 17th
TIME: Meet at theater at 6:00
PLACE: Arnold and Festus Theaters
FEE: \$18.00



Suggested minimum of \$20 for concessions.

JC Transit available.



DINNER CLUB

Applebee's Bar and Grill

Join us for a fun night out while dining with your friends. Applebee's offers a large variety of your favorite foods and have some great specials too.



HERKY/ARNOLD

Date: Nov. 12th
Time: Herculaneum 5:15
 Arnold 5:45

Fee: \$12.00 + Money for Dinner

HERKY/ARNOLD

Date: Nov. 19th
Time: Herculaneum 5:15
 Arnold 5:45

Fee: \$12.00 + Money for Dinner

BARNHART/HIGH RIDGE

Date : Nov 26th
Time: Barnhart 5:30
 High Ridge 6:00

Fee: \$12.00
 + Money for Dinner

Recommended \$25.00 for meal purchase.



Good Food, Great Friends!

SATURDAY BOWL

LEAVE NO PIN STANDING!



Imperial Bowl

6045 W Outer Road

DATE: Returning in January

\$12.00 for 2 hours of bowling

Shoes included



Quonset Bowl

2004 Truman Blvd.

DATE: Returning in January

\$12.00 for 2 hours of bowling

Shoes included

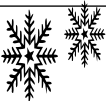


There is no Saturday bowling offered in November and December due to Holiday events and bowling venue schedules. We will resume bowling in January. Good luck to our bowlers competing in the St. Louis Area tournament the weekend of November 4th.

Sports

UNIFIED SPORTS

Unified Sports are designed to bring together equal numbers of athletes with and without intellectual disabilities on the same playing field. Special Olympics Unified® Sports could include bocce, bowling, basketball, flag football, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, and volleyball. Unified opportunities are offered through Pony Bird Leisure Services. We currently have over 20 Unified Partners in our program and growing. Contact Terri Dallas for more information. Make it fun for the whole family!



Congratulations Outdoor Games Athletes

Special Olympics athletes from Pony Bird traveled to Jefferson City to compete in the Special Olympics Outdoor games that took place October 11th—13th. We had 30 athletes and 11 Unified Partners that competed in multiple sports, including Tennis, Bocce, and Softball, bringing home a load of medals around their necks. Congratulations to all athletes who have committed to weekly practices over the summer months so they can compete at the top of their game. Thank you to our volunteer coaches and chaperons for working with our athletes and taking them to qualifying tournaments throughout the season to get them to the State Games. Everyone had a great time in the competitions and other activities offered throughout the event. Check out our Facebook pages for Pony Bird and Special Olympics Missouri for more highlights from the State Outdoor Games.

Tennis - Luke Vasel in Singles—Gold

Tennis— Team Vasel in Unified Double—Bronze

Hawk Coach-Pitch Softball - Silver

Jets Unified Softball - Silver

Pony Bird Bocce Team - 15 Gold, 8 Silver, 6 Bronze, 3 Fourth Place



Bowling Tournament Season



Congratulations to our Pony Bird bowlers who competed in the Jefferson County Bowling Tournament on October 15th. We had 51 athletes and 3 unified partners compete in singles, doubles, and Unified team competitions. It was great seeing everyone on the lanes and enjoy the sport at this level. We have some great bowlers on our Pony Bird team and we are proud of each and every one of them. For some, it is now time to prepare for the St. Louis Area tournament in Valley Park the weekend of November 9th, hoping to qualify for the State games. Good Luck to all!

Registration Due December 30th

Wednesday Night Practices

Festus Elementary School Gym
January 8th—March 26th
6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

2025 Tournament Schedule

Area—January 18, Wentzville
Regional—February 16, Cape Girardeau
State—March 28 & 29 - St. Charles

If you are up for a good game of basketball join our Pony Bird teams. Our first practice is scheduled for January 8th. If you prefer practice only, you will still have a great time with other players.

2025 Basketball Season

We will have several players returning this year but we are always looking for new ones. You will need to be enrolled with Leisure Services and have a current Special Olympics physical and release in order to compete, but competition is optional. If you prefer practice only, you will still have a great time with other players. All new and renewed physicals are due by December 30th. Contact our office for instructions for online Special Olympics registration.

This year we are in demand for new coaches. General knowledge of the sport is preferred but not required. Enthusiasm is all that is needed!! You are guaranteed a great time. If you are anyone you know is interested, please contact Terri at tmdallas@ponybird.org.





2025 Summer Vacation

There have been some really exciting trips suggested for Summer Vacations by our participants over the past 33 years. We have enjoyed trips to Chicago, Memphis, Milwaukee, Wisconsin Dells, Hershey PA, Niagara Falls and many more. Some have been Cardinal Road trips and other have been educational and fun, or just plain FUN.

We'll be crunching numbers and researching travel costs soon to determine the next vacation destination. Keep checking future mailings for details on trips being planned. If you think a trip with Leisure Services sounds like fun, start saving your money. Payment plans are available once the trip is announced. Plans for vacations must meet final approval by Pony Bird, Inc.

We always have a great time on our vacations and we have visited a lot of great places across the country. To join us on a vacation we ask that you actively participate in Leisure Services activities for a minimum of 1 year. This allows our staff and other participants to get to know you and it allows you to get to know us as well. When we travel out of town we have one chaperone for every 5 travelers. This helps everyone have a safe and enjoyable trip. Due to financial reasons, we are unable to support individuals on trips who require higher levels of support. And keep in mind that not everyone finds group travel suitable. You have to be patient with your roommates, flexible with changes, and willing to go along with a group itinerary. If you are more of an individual traveler, our trips may not work for you.

If you have an idea for a fun-filled trip, please list your suggestion on the registration form. We will take all suggestions into account with hopes to offer a trip that will guarantee a good time for all. We now begin the process for another adventure!! Look for our 2025 vacation announcement.



Thank you for a great year! We hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday Season!



fun

friends

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE



Below is the procedure we recommend you use to successfully register for Leisure Services activities.

1. Look over the newsletter and complete the registration form. Please avoid calling in your reservations.
 - You may print registration form and return by mail with your check to cover fees (please note in memo of check "Leisure Services Activities")
 - You may email your registration and send check by mail to cover fees (please note in memo of check "Leisure Services Activities")
2. Please make checks payable to Pony Bird, Inc. and mail to Pony Bird , 1615 Vine School Rd, Herculaneum MO 63048.
3. You will need to contact JCTransit to request a ride to activities indicating this service. Contact JCTransit at 933-9380. Remember that there are limited slots for transportation so set up you ride as soon as possible. You will also have the option to meet our group at pick-up points or event locations.
4. It is important that you cancel a reservation for any activity you are unable to attend, both with Leisure Services and JCTransit. A 24 hour cancellation notice is required to be considered for a refund of your activity fee, however, refunds cannot be guaranteed upon cancellation.
5. In case of INCLEMENT WEATHER, you may call our Event Information Line at 636-282-1422 or 933-3422 to check the status of an activity before heading out the door. All cancellations will be determined by 3:00 p.m. the day of the event. Sign up for Remind Text Alert for instant messages.
6. HAVE A GREAT TIME!

REGISTRATION FORM

You must register for all activities in advance. If you are not registered, you may be sent home due to staff/participant ratio.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Nearest pick-up point: _____

Register for E-News Leisure Times. E-mail 1 _____ E-mail 2 _____

PLEASE RATE OUR SERVICE (circle your score with 5 being the best)

1 2 3 4 5

Suggestions/Comments _____

Please send registration form with payment to
Pony Bird, Inc.
 1615 Vine school RD
 Herculaneum MO 63048

TOTAL AMOUNT
 ENCLOSED

\$ _____

- Annual Membership Fee** \$20.00
 (Covers July 1—June 30th of a fiscal year)

SPORTS TRAINING

A current Special Olympics physical is needed to compete

A \$15.00 sports training fee covers incidental costs for training and competitions. This fee is charged for each sport you chose to train for competitions.

- Basketball** - \$15.00

Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers and in-kind donations of facilities, our sports training fee is minimal. Through our program, you have the opportunity to compete in Special Olympics local and state competitions. Athletes wishing to compete in Special Olympics at the State level will be charged an assessment fee. You will also be charged an additional transportation fee to offset the cost of rental/charters. If you attend the games, but arrange your own lodging and transportation, these fee may be reduced. Assessments will be collected from interested athletes once qualification is determined. Assistance is available upon request from the Dick Bennett Memorial Fund. Allocations are based on individual need.

MONTHLY EVENTS

Advance payment for monthly activity is welcome but not required.

- Dinner Club Festus/Arnold– November 12 \$12.00
 Dinner Club H. Ridge / November 19 \$12.00
 Dinner Club H. Ridge / November 26 \$12.00
- Movie Night- Arnold / November 22nd \$20.00
 Movie Night– Festus / November 22nd \$20.00

SPECIAL EVENTS

Payments in advance are required

- Christmas Shopping & Lunch / November 2nd \$20.00
 Fall Dance / November 15th \$10.00
 Fox—Illusionist Holiday Show/December 7th \$60.00
 Christmas Dance / December 13th \$10.00
- Limo & Lights \$35.00
 December 10th December 17th
 Christmas Movie Matinee / December 21st \$20.00

- 2025 Summer Vacation—Where do you want to travel?

Suggestions: _____

Leisure Service

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Herculaneum MO
63065

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Information Line:

636-282-1422

Emergency Line:

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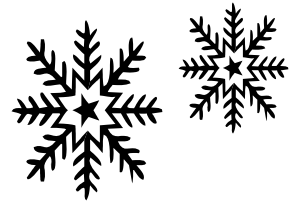
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Dick Bennett Memorial Fund

If you are in need of financial assistance to attend Leisure activities, scholarship money is available through the Dick Bennett Memorial Fund. Dick was a long time director for our agency and attended many of our Leisure trips as a chaperone, enjoying the events as much as our participants. Memorial funds have been set up to help others experience that same joy. Your request will be kept confidential and amount of assistance will be based on individual needs. Funds can be used to pay activity fees, transportation fees, or both depending on your need.

To keep this fund viable, continued contributions may be made, including memorials for loved ones. Please make checks to Pony Bird, Inc and note that it is for the Dick Bennett Memorial Fund. Thank you for your continued support.

Vacation Opportunities

DO YOU HAVE A DREAM VACATION?

Make your suggestion for the 2025 Summer Vacation on the registration form.

