

# Connections

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## Time's Running Out for Summer Camp Scholarship Program!

We are reprinting the information from our Winter/Spring letter to remind folks that Camping season will begin in June. If you haven't sent your application in, you need to get it to the Developmental Connections office as soon as possible. Developmental Connections will provide Camp Scholarships for children and adults who are enrolled in the Special Services Programs to attend recreational/social activities and camping programs in 2009. Scholarships up to \$500.00 are provided free of charge to residents of Taney County. Families or advocates who desire to apply for a Camp Scholarship are required to contact the Board's Administrative Office for an application and confirmation of funding. Call 417-335-4135 for additional information.

Camp Scholarship Program is provided throughout the summer months, but early application is important. The Camps are filling up quickly! Some of the camps supported through the scholarship program are:



### Wonderland Camp

Rocky Mount, MO  
[www.wonderlandcamp.org](http://www.wonderlandcamp.org)  
Located in the Lake of the Ozarks area, they provide five-day camp sessions May through August.

Camp Barnabas—Purdy, MO  
[www.campbarnabas.org](http://www.campbarnabas.org)  
Offers week long camping sessions June through mid-August. Each schedule identifies camp sessions especially geared to accommodate campers' unique health and behavioral needs.

Camp Determination—Kansas City, KS  
[www.kumc.edu/aarc](http://www.kumc.edu/aarc)  
Sponsored by the Autism Asperger Resource Center at the University of Kansas Medical Center for campers with autism spectrum disorders, ages 4-12.

Camp Black Hawk & Camp Carpe Diem—Rolla, MO  
[director@bearriverranch.com](mailto:director@bearriverranch.com)  
Camp Black Hawk is known for its small group size and high number of paid camp counselors. Camp Carpe Diem is a co-ed camp for children and adults with severe

forms of developmental disabilities. Bear River Ranch offers modern barrier-free facilities, air-conditioned cabins, swimming pool, activity pavilions and a zoo of more than 250 animals of over 90 different types.

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## FREE OACAC Weatherization Program

Up to 243 Taney County homes will receive free weatherization through President Obama's Federal Economic Stimulus Program. The local Taney County Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation (OACAC) office announced that applications

are now being taken, as funding will become available after May 15, 2009. Weatherization is a free service for home owners or renters who are income-eligible. Weatherization crews insulate attics, walls and floors as well as test homes for energy

efficiency which will lower utility bills. All gas heating and water heating systems are tested for safety and are repaired or replaced if necessary. For more information call the Taney County Neighborhood Center at 417-239-1882.



## What's New and Other Quick Notes

### \*\*A Day for Shay and Pals—April 25

Judevine recognizes that we can and should do more as a community to address the growing problem in our nation's most valued asset—our children. So they are teaming up with Generation Rescue (Jenny McCarthy and Jim Carrey's Foundation for Autism) and holding "A Day for Shay & Pals", a Taney County Autism Awareness Event on April 25th from 10:00 am—2:00pm. at Area 57 (next to Dick Clark). There will be a stage and sound system where local celebrities will perform throughout the event including "our own" Dallas Coleman appearing at 1:30 PM!. There will be popular children characters in full dress for pictures with the children, inflatable jump houses from Monkey Moes for the children to play on as well as events and other crafts for children of all ages. Since insurance does not cover autism, it is very important that events such as this and organizations move forward now to give these children the help they deserve. Judevine wants every one to have a memorable event that families can come to and have lots of fun, and raise money for our Taney County

families who live with autism and need financial help. Anything you can do will be paid forward. You can get more info about local autism programs & services by going to: shayandpals@hotmail.com.

Generation Rescue is an international movement of scientists, physicians and parent-volunteers researching the causes and treatments for autism and helping more than 20,000 children begin biomedical treatment. They provide funding grants to families who cannot afford proper treatment for their child with autism.

### \*\*Tantone is really the winner!

...in the Gridiron Golf Classic May 15-17. All proceeds from this event will go to Tantone Industries! This Classic starts with a Tailgate Party on Friday, May 15th from 5:00 pm—9:00pm at Stonebridge Village Pavilion at Forest Lake, On Saturday, golfers will be paired with either a Kansas City Chief or a St. Louis Ram to play a 5 person scramble. The event winds up on Sunday with the Chiefs and the Rams battling it out on the green for the Gridiron Golf Championship. It's not too late to sign up to play, donate an

auction prize or cash, or be a sponsor, just call Tim Connell at 337-0848 or Kim Connell at 838-5049

\*\* Stimulus Bill - Features several provision for Americans with Disabilities.

- Provides an immediate, temporary increase of \$450 in individual Supplemental Security Income benefits for 7.5 million
- Sets aside \$13 billion in grants for schools for the Individuals with Disabilities Act
- Provides \$600 million to states to assist in making IDEA services available to children with disabilities who are two years of age or younger
- Allocates \$500 million to states for Vocational Rehabilitation grants to help people with disabilities prepare for employment
- Provides \$7.5 billion for repairing public housing and making energy efficiency upgrades to HUD assisted housing

### One Time Economic Recovery Payment

On February 17m, 2009, President Barack Obama signed into law the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act" This law provides for a one-time economic recovery payment of \$250 to people who get certain types of Federal Benefits like Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Railroad Retirement and Veterans benefits. If you were eligible at any time during the months of November 2008, December 2008 or January 2009, you may be eligible for the one-time payment. You should receive your one-time payment by the end of May 2009. **You don't need to do anything!** Please do not contact Social Security about this payment unless you do not receive it by June 4, 2009. The one-

time payment will be delivered in the same way you currently receive your benefits—by check or direct deposit or Direct Express debit card. This one-time economic recovery payment will be sent separately from your Social Security or SSI benefit. It will not be included with your monthly benefit payment. Children under the age of 18 (19 if still in high school) who receive Social Security benefits are NOT eligible. However, adult children who receive disability benefits on a parent's record will receive a payment. Children receiving SSI are eligible for the one-time payment. The one-time payment will not count as income for SSI. It will not count as a resource in the month you receive it or the following nine



**After June 4, you can  
check for your payment  
by calling 1-800-772-1213**

months. If you do not receive your one-time economic recovery payment by June 4, you can call toll free 1-800-772-1213 or contract your local Social Security office. To get more information: If you are a Social Security or SSI beneficiary visit [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) If you receive Railroad Retirement benefits visit: [www.rrb.gov](http://www.rrb.gov) or call 1-877-772-5772; if you are a veteran visit [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) or contract your local VA facility for more information.

### Calendar of Events



**May**

8 Taney County Case Management Program changes meeting, United Methodist Church Of Branson, 1208 W. St. Hwy 76, Branson

10 **Mother's Day**

13\* 4:30 PM—5:30 PM Bowling, Dogwood Lanes 2126 E. State Hwy 76. Branson

15-17 Gridiron Golf Classic, Ledgestone County Club, Stonebridge

25 **Memorial Day**



**June**

10\* 4:30 PM—5:30 PM Bowling, Dogwood Lanes 2126 E. State Hwy 76. Branson

14 **Flag Day**

21 **Father's Day** and summer begins



**July**

4 **Independence Day**

8\* 4:30 PM—5:30 PM Bowling, Dogwood Lanes 2126 E. State Hwy 76. Branson

\* Bowling sessions are sponsored by Champion Athletes of the Ozarks. You must register your athlete by calling 417-890-1599

Summer Notes:

1. Champion Athletes is planning on having golfing dates starting in June. Please call 417-890-1599 for more information about schedules and locations.
2. Branson Meadows Cinema hasn't published it's free movie schedule. Please call 417-332-0464 for schedule information.

**From Developmental Connections:**

**Enjoy yourselves, your families and friends and have a wonderful, safe summer!**

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*Developmental Connections seeks to be the central resource of services and supports for all individuals with developmental disabilities in Taney County.*

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