

# DSPTC News

Affiliate, National Down Syndrome Congress & National Down Syndrome Society

May 2007

## Save the Dates!

### Saturday, July 14th

Summer Pool Party at Chisholm Park in Hurst

### Saturday, September 29

*Co-Sponsored by the DSPTC and Green Oaks School*

**Fall Conference:** Social Skills for Teens, Young Adults & Adults with Down Syndrome and Similar Developmental Delays.

Sessions will be available for parents and educators. There will be a separate session for individuals with Down syndrome and similar developmental delays, followed by dinner and a social event at which they can practice what they have learned. Watch for more details to come!

### Monday, October 15th

DSPTC Golf Tournament  
at the Texas Star Golf Course

## Let's See a Movie . . .

The Studio Movie Grill in Arlington (located at I-20 and Matlock) is presenting several movies just for families of children with special needs. Admission is FREE for children and \$5.00 for adults. Upcoming shows are as follows:

Shrek	May 19 at 11:00 a.m.
Surf's Up	June 9 at 11:00 a.m.
Ratatouille	June 30 at 11:00 a.m.

For more information, visit their website at <http://www.studiomoviegrill.com/variety.html>.

## Thank You!

Many thanks to Leigh Weedman, Cindi Paschall and Casie Hough for all the great information at the mini-workshops held Saturday, April 21st at Green Oaks School. It was a wealth of information for the parents who attended!

## National Down Syndrome Congress Convention

Have you ever attended the NDSC Convention? If not, you might want to consider making the trip. This year's event will be held from Friday, August 3 through Sunday, August 5 in Kansas City, Missouri. It is truly a wonderful experience! The weekend includes workshops, keynote speakers, a banquet on Saturday night, activities for teens & young adults and more. Some of the workshop topics include:

- Families
- Health and medical concerns—including the latest in therapies
- Education, including preschool, transition and post-secondary
- Employment

- Options for independent living
- Friendships and social relationships
- Advocacy and systems change, including legislation
- Communication needs
- Leisure opportunities
- Positive behavior support
- Person-centered planning

Don't wait - hotels fill up fast! For more information, go to [www.ndscenter.org](http://www.ndscenter.org).

(Note: There are a group of moms and teen daughters who are planning to go. Call 817-496-5100 and talk to Kim if you are interested in joining us).

# Summer Activities

These are not DSPTC sponsored events

## • Flint Academy - Fun & Educational Summer Days Camp

Note: Participants need to enroll in at least six of the eight summer weeks.

(Ages 3-5 and 5-7)

Each week consists of a thematic unit with a field trip.

June	4-7	Community Helpers	July	2-5	Jungle Animals
	11-14	Gardening		9-12	Circus
	18-21	Little Artists		16-19	Dinosaurs I
	25-28	Little Theater		23-26	Dinosaurs II

Call 817-277-0620

Tuition: Full Day, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., M-Th \$250 per week plus \$10 per week for field trip.  
Half Day, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., M-Th \$150 per week

## • Flint Academy - Skill Improvement with Games, Crafts & Cooking

(Ages 6-9 and 10-13)

Note: Participants need to enroll in at least six of the eight summer weeks (see dates above).

9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Fun with Reading and Phonics
12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Bring your sack lunch
12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Fun with Math

Tuition: Full Day, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., M-Th \$250 per week  
Half Day, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., M-Th (Reading OR Math) \$150 per week

Call 817-277-0620

## • Green Oaks School Summer Language Camp

Ages 4-10 (approx. & depending on disability)

Students may have Down syndrome, a similar developmental delay, or be typically developing. All children must meet admission criteria, including being completely toilet trained. This camp is designed to encourage the development of speech in a stimulating and language-rich environment. Classes are held Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

June 4-7 "Fun with Books" July 16-19 "It's a Party!" August 13-16 "More Fun With Favorite Books"

Tuition is \$120.00/week plus \$10.00 supply fee (one-time) for children with special needs and \$60.00/week plus \$10.00 supply fee (one time) for children who are typically developing. For more information, contact Green Oaks School at 817-496-5100.

## • Green Oaks School Enrichment Camp

(Ages 10 - Young Adult)

For students who have Down syndrome or a similar developmental delay. Appropriate students for this program are those who have mild to moderate intellectual delay and minimal behavior or medical involvement. A maximum of 30 students will be accepted for each summer school week.

Program dates are June 18-22 and July 23-27. Classes are from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day.

Cost per week is \$160, which includes all class materials, program and field trip expenses, and one t-shirt per student.

Students may register for either one or both weeks.

For additional information, or to receive an application for summer admission, please call 817-496-5100.

## • Green Oaks School L.I.F.E. Club (Learning Is Fun and Educational!)

(Ages 13-Young Adult)

Tuesdays and Thursdays on the following dates:

Session I: June 12, 14, 26 & 28. Session II: July 3, 5, 10 & 12. Session III: July 31, August 2, 7 & 9

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (After Hours care available at an additional charge until 5:45 p.m.)

Cost: \$120 per session or \$300 for all three sessions. \$25 one-time supply fee per student.

Each day will include the following four courses: **The Best Me I Can Be** (manners, character and social skills); **Cooking & Nutrition 101** (meal planning, prep and cooking; kitchen safety and etiquette); **Games Galore** (leisure time activities, good sportsmanship, physical activity); **Girls Just Wanna Have Fun! OR Guys Rock!** (Girls will learn about hair and nail care, fashion, make-up and jewelry. Guys will learn about hygiene and fashion for men, complete some "manly" crafts and interact with male speakers. Call Green Oaks School for more information, 817-496-5100.

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# Summer Activities (cont.)

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## • Apache's Rowdy Wranglers Summer Camp at Stajduhar Stables

The goal of this camp (located in Colleyville) is to promote communication with peers and develop motor skills in equestrian based activities.

Tuition: \$525 (\$100 non-refundable deposit due May 15)

Level I: Youth ages 12 - 18 Mondays, June 4 - 25, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Level II: Youth ages 8 - 11 Mondays, July 9 - 30, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

All campers should be able to walk independently, participate in a group activity for 30 minutes with verbal redirection, follow simple commands, and communicate using simple sentences.

Camp Leaders are Lisa Stajduhar, MMSc, PT; Casie Hough, MOT, OTR and Patricia Martinez, CCC-SLP. For more information, call 817-849-1999 or 817-656-7240.

## • Monkey Mouths 2nd Annual Communication Camp

(Ages 3-5 and 5 1/2-8)

Summer communication camp is a time for kids to have fun and try something new and exciting while practicing communication skills with friends. Camps include three weeks of "Monkeys in the Kitchen" and three weeks of "Monkey Magic". There are six one-hour weekly sessions which run from June 10th to July 22nd, skipping the week of July 4th. Times are as follows:

Wednesdays 9:00-10:00 (3-5 years) 10:15-11:15 (5-8 years) 11:30-12:30 (3-5 years)

Thursdays 9:00-10:00 (5-8 years) 10:15-11:15 (3-5 years) 11:30-12:30 (5-8 years)

Sessions will be limited to eight children. Parents are welcome to observe. Location is 401A Harwood Road in Bedford. Cost is \$200 for the first child, \$75 for a sibling. For more information, call Monkey Mouths Pediatric Speech Therapy at 817-656-7240.

# Sibling Workshop

UT Arlington School of Social Work, June 1-2, 2007

Questions? 817/877-1474

• **Brothers and Sisters of People with Special Needs: Unusual Concerns, Unusual Opportunities** Fri, June 1, 9 am-noon

• **A Panel of Brothers and Sisters.** Friday, June 1, 1-2:30 p.m.

Fee: \$30 No charge for siblings who attend **Workshops on Starting Your Own Sibshop**...Please note: registrants for this workshop should also plan on attending the previous workshop June 1.

• **Sibshops: Getting Started.** Friday, June 1, 2:45-4 p.m. **Demonstration Sibshop.** Saturday, June 2, 9 am-3 p.m.

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**Things to Remember . . . .**

**Mom's Night Out**

May 18  
Buck 'n Loons  
Arlington on S. Cooper St.

RSVP to Cyndi Anderson at  
cyndi0633@yahoo.com or call her  
cell phone, 817-501-2358. Hope to  
see you there!

**Down Syndrome Clinic**

Upcoming Clinic Dates:

**May 18**  
**June 22**  
**July 20**  
**August 17**

For more information or an appointment, call  
Sarah Stringer at 682-885-2181.

**Northeast  
Play Group**

Contact Sessalie  
Shapley  
at (817) 358-1879

**Arlington  
Play Group**

**Saturday, May 19**  
from 10am -12pm at  
Green Oak School (5508  
Chaperito Trl, Arlington,  
TX, 76016). Hope to see  
you there!! Wendy  
Behnke, 817-829-7812 or  
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**Bienvenidos!**

La Asociacion Syndrome de Down  
de Tarrant County prove recursos y  
apoyo para gente con syndrome de  
down y sus familias. Mas  
informacion: Favor de llama a la  
Sra. Julia Barbosa, (817) 923-3628.

**Dads**

The Dads group will be making the carnival  
game booths on

**Saturday, May 12**

Contact Mike Nelson at 817-723-9051 or  
Fnelson@bbar.com for the specific time and  
place. Thanks!

The DSPTC qualifies as a 501c(3) non-profit charitable organization and contributions are tax deductible to the extent the law allows.