

Summer 2016

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Bridges

Fall 2016 Class Schedule

We are thrilled to offer a great variety of classes this fall, something to please every member. Additions to our traditional offerings of TaeKwonDo, Cooking, Art, Acting, Theater, Speed Stacking, Service Dog Training and Zumba, include:

- Friday Night Social Club
- Discovery Life Skills
- Photography
- Health and Nutrition
- Girl Time

EmployAbility classes also resume, and will include IC PawsAbilities hands-on job skill training as well. We are excited to again partner with the Olathe YMCA to offer swimming/exercise, and Halloween and Christmas dances.

IC PawsAbilities - *it's new!*

Did you know that only 1 out of 3 people with disabilities is employed? Our members want and need jobs in order to fulfill their desire for independent living. Starting September 6, Inclusion Connections kicked off a hands-on job training program called IC PawsAbilities. Interns (young adults who have recently graduated) are learning new skills and putting them into practice: baking and packaging, marketing, and delivering dog treats and toys. Our team-oriented environment builds self-esteem while offering training in a secure, controlled environment. Please join us at our Open House - Chamber



Our Mission is to strengthen the lives of individuals with disabilities by creating inclusive opportunities for community involvement, access to meaningful employment and better options for independent living.

Peer Mentor Volunteers

Peer mentors are a key component of IC's programming – it sets us apart and makes everything we do truly inclusive. Volunteering with IC influences the futures of local teens by focusing on developing leadership skills, giving them opportunities to teach classes, and helping them become fantastic future community leaders and advocates. Here's what one of our peers, Caroline Jacobs, had to say after volunteering at IC: “Through volunteering I realized how much I love to help people and that made me decide to major in speech language pathology to hopefully help kids with disabilities learn how to better express themselves and communicate.”

Another devoted Peer, Jack Lewis, attended almost every day of camp and brought his friends along to see how fun it is to be an IC volunteer. Jack describes his experiences: “I used to only want to have resume fluff for employment and college, but now I have achievements and commitment that I am genuinely proud of. It is not about flaunting your

billion, have made a difference.”



Did you know.....

that IC is offering more than 1,000 HOURS of programming this year? From **Art** to **Zumba**, classes are designed to meet the needs of our members and are offered year-round. If you want to learn more about all the programs at IC, you can read more by clicking on [IC Programs](#).

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Current Needs

We currently have a number of pressing needs! At the top of our list:

- Commercial Oven
 - Ipads
 - Desktop Computer
 - Printer/Scanner
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SAVE THE DATE

FashionAbility Gala

February 16, 2017

In the Spotlight

The rumors are true – Rachel Zink, a member of the IC Speed Stacking team, attended the Junior Olympics in Houston, TX in July. She is a member of the IC Stackers, a competitive team which practices and competes all year long. Congratulations to Rachel as she represented Inclusion Connections on a National stage!



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