

Monday, June 26, 2017



TIME AND LOCATION

10:30-2:00 pm
1771 S. Wiesbrook Rd. Wheaton
(Connection of Friends is not affiliated with Hope Presbyterian Church)
Upon arrival call (630) 260-0922 and will let you in.

LOOKING FOR ENGAGING, SUPPORTED AND STRUCTURED PROGRAMMING FOR THE FALL?

Whether you are looking for programming to help fill hours after school or have a student that is completing their transition program, Connection of Friends can help meet your needs!



WHO WE ARE

Open since October 2012, Connection of Friends is a community-based organization which provides a place for teens, age 16 and older, and adults with special needs to gather socially with an emphasis on life skill, volunteer and fitness activities on a daily basis and Saturday evenings.

WHAT WE OFFER

Participants sign up for 13-week sessions and select specific days and time options

<u>Monday, Wednesday & Thursday</u>	<u>NEW for Tuesday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Noon-6:00 pm	9:00 am –3:00 pm OR	9:00 am-3:00 pm
Noon-3:00 pm	Noon-3:00 pm	
3:00-6:00 pm		
<u>Dinner & Dancing with Friends</u>		<u>Saturday Night Socials</u>
Mondays 3-6:00 pm		6:00-9:00 pm

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

For a complete list of our activities, or to download Participant Forms visit www.connectionoffriends.org.

What Makes COF Unique?



Socialization

All our programming is centered on socialization and finding ways to encourage and support our participants as they develop relationships with one another.. Activities are supported visually and scripts are available to aide in the development of conversation skills.

Supports

We offer a wide variety of individualized supports, (both written and visual), to help our participants remain engaged and organized. Supports include schedules, sequential "steps", (recipes, job tasks), as well as behavior supports, (Expected/Unexpected).

Ratios

We operate primarily as a 3:1 organization but do offer more individualized, assigned support when needed. Our 3 hour section size remains small, (capping at either 4, 6 or 9 participants depending on which day), allowing all our participants to benefit.

After School Programming

While typical peers have the opportunity to join a variety of after school clubs and activities, these options are limited for special needs students. Connection of Friends offers programming beginning at 3:00 pm Monday through Thursday.

Post Transition Programming

Once transition is completed, Connection of Friends reinforces the many skills acquired including life skills, cooking skills, technology skills, volunteering skills as well as navigating within the community.

Dinner & Dancing with Friends

Held on Monday from 3-6:00 pm, Dinner & Dancing focuses on the preparation and eating of an evening meal. Participants prepare dinner and continue to work on life skill activities including setting the table, manners, table conversation and cleaning up. Past dinners have included Shepherd's Pie, Lasagna Primavera and Pizza Casserole.

Saturday Night Programming

Connection of Friends offers theme based Saturday Night Socials from 6:00-9:00 pm every Saturday night which includes dinner and dessert!

Constant Communication

Connection of Friends is committed to supporting our participants so they can successfully navigate activities offered during programming. Staff speaks to families regularly to not only share successes, but to actively problem solve any challenges seen during programming.

CONNECTION OF FRIENDS 2017 SESSION SCHEDULES

SUMMER SESSION—MAY 29-AUGUST 26, 2017

REGISTRATION CLOSED



FALL SESSION—AUGUST 28-NOVEMBER 25, 2017

MONDAY, JULY 3RD
REGISTRATION OPENS—CURRENT PARTICIPANTS

FRIDAY, JULY 7TH
REGISTRATION OPENS—CURRENT PARTICIPANTS

MONDAY, JULY 17TH
REGISTRATION CLOSES

LAST DAY FOR FALL SESSION IN-TAKES—JULY 21ST

WINTER 2017-2018 SESSION—NOVEMBER 27-FEBRUARY 24, 2018

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2ND
REGISTRATION OPENS—CURRENT PARTICIPANTS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6TH
REGISTRATION OPENS—CURRENT PARTICIPANTS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16TH
REGISTRATION CLOSES



LAST DAY FOR FALL SESSION IN-TAKES—OCTOBER 20TH