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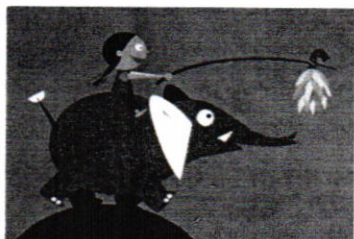
ARKANSAS DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION Newsletter

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Gettin' Down For Down Syndrome IS MOVING!!



The 8th Annual
Arkansas Down Syndrome
Association Dance
will be at

Woody's Sherwood Forest

1111 W. Maryland Avenue
Sherwood, Arkansas

October 6, 2012

Registration 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Dance and Activities

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Rockin'
with
Elvis



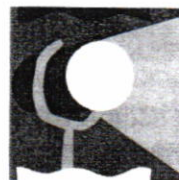
Dancin' with the DJ



Great Food

Lots of Activities.

Kid ID Program



In The Spotlight

NATHAN MCCLAIN

Nathan McClain is a 17 year old who loves all kinds of sports. He is a Special Olympics medalist in swimming who also loves horseback riding, basketball and weight lifting. Nathan is happiest when he is exercising or getting one of his family members to move with him! He loves following the Razorbacks and is an avid football fan. He is also passionate about the Catholic High Rockets and enjoys his managing duties for the football team there.



Nathan was excited to be chosen as the Hatton Wish Participant for the Darren McFadden Pro-Camps Football Camp, held at Maumelle High School on June 5-6. Following is an article written by Nathan about his experience at the camp.

The pro camp was fun and interesting. I got to meet Darren McFadden. I thought that he was cool. During the pro camp I met other people on the sideline. It was really fun. My first day was watching and examining the kids working on the basic rules like "yes sir" or "no sir", like that. My second day was good although it was hot, but a cool wind kept me cool. I watched the kids do their competitions and it was fun watching the kids run over the field. I remember that Darren threw the ball for two time touchdown passes with the kids. What's pretty cool is that once in awhile you'll hear a nick name like D Mac (that will be Darren's nick name from the kids when they want him to throw the ball to them). Watching kids play is fun to me. The most fun is watching the kids focused on the goal of the game

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HAPPENINGS

A New Mom's Brunch, hosted by Dawn Adams and DeAnn Hunt, was held on June 9 at DeAnn's home. Eleven Moms and babies enjoyed the event. ☺



"Central Arkansas Buddy Talk" has been formed by a group of parents of younger children under the auspices of Arkansas Down Syndrome Association. Below is a list of summer and fall Events planned by Central Arkansas Buddy Talk.

Traveler's Game—August 5 @ 6 p.m.
 Dickey-Stephens Park, North Little Rock
 Adults: \$5; Children (3-14): \$4
 Price includes admission to park and seating in the grassy outfield section. Registration form and fees must be received before July 28. Registration forms available online at www.ardownsyndrome.org or email cent.ark.buddytalk@gmail.com

Little Rock Zoo—September 8 @ 10 a.m.
 Price: \$5 per person plus \$2 parking fee
 To receive the \$5 group discount, you must RSVP by August 24 by calling 501-940-9691 or emailing cent.ark.buddytalk@gmail.com

Museum of Discovery—November 4 @ 1 p.m.
 Admission: \$1 per person (children 12 months and under are free; free with military ID). ☺

Buddy Walk. Northwest Arkansas Buddy Walk will be October 6 at Randall Tyson Park in Springdale. Registration is at 10:00 a.m. For more information see the web site www.dscnwa.com. ☺

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EDITORIAL

DENTAL CARE AND DOWN SYNDROME

Arkansas Medicaid's dental care for adults began in July 2009. It provides minimal basic dental care under the headline on its brochure "healthy teeth=healthy body". Medicaid does provide sedation for children who may need it, but not for adults.

Dr. Kent McKelvey, at the Genetics/Down Syndrome Clinic has a number of patients who have difficulty handling dental procedures and need anesthesia. He says, "It's very frustrating and counterintuitive that people with Down syndrome often receive fewer preventive services as adults. They don't stop having Down syndrome when they turn 21. Individuals who have Down syndrome and need sedated dental care in childhood often have the same sensory issues in adulthood. The adults just have little or no recourse at present and so they go without care and this compounds their medical issues."

If you have internet access, you may be very interested to see a recent PBS program on the dental care crisis in the US entitled "Dollars and Dentists" on June 26th. The website is Video.pbs.org/program/frontline. The second half of the program covers Sarrell Medicaid Dental Clinics in Alabama. They do cover patients on Medicaid successfully but only those age 20 and under.

Though it would be worthwhile to start something similar in Arkansas, people who have Down syndrome over age 21 would be faced with the same conundrum---how to get the coverage that they need. —Suzanne Hicks ☺

SOMETHING SPECIAL AT GETTIN' DOWN FOR DOWN SYNDROME

Our wonderful Chef, Fred Norman, has received a grant that will allow him to prepare "heart healthy" food at the annual dance. Bring your appetite and look forward to a delicious lunch! Many thanks Fred. ☺

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