



On Your Mark, Get Set, PLAY! Exploring AT for Living and Adapted Recreation



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Georgia's Assistive Technology Act Program



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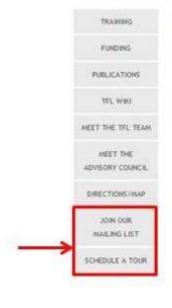
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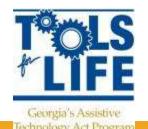






Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Exploring the Positive Effects of Adapted Recreation & Sports
- Using Assistive Technology
- Danny Housley- Disability Link
- Heather Ferro-Dicks- Center for the Visually Impaired
- Questions





Positive Effects of Recreation and Sports

- Builds Self-Confidence
- Relieves Stress
- Focuses on Teamwork
- Physical exercise
- Improves physical health and wellbeing





Positive Effects of Recreation and Sports on People with Disabilities

- Builds Self-Confidence
- Relieves Stress
- Focuses on Teamwork
- Physical exercise
- Improves physical health and well-being
- ✓ Build social awareness, self confidence, and self advocacy skills
- Enhance functional capacity especially among older adults
- ✓ Helps maintain quality of life and independence
- ✓ Counters stigmatization
- ✓ Focuses on abilities and moves disability to the background





Huge Victory!

- January 2013, The Obama Administration is requiring schools to offer students with disabilities the same sport opportunities as other children
- Must include students with disabilities in existing athletic programs or provide with equal alternatives
 - Example: Using a visual cue along side of starter pistol
- No firm timelines when this will be put in place





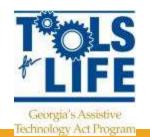


Disabled Sports USA Survey (2008)

- Those participating in the Disabled Sports USA programs, when compared to other adults with disabilities in the US population
- Findings:
 - Employment (52% vs. 33%)
 - Physically active (64% vs. 30%)
 - Lead a healthy lifestyle (52% vs. 25%)
 - Lead a fulfilling life (72% vs. 46%)
 - Enjoy socializing more (80% vs. 70%)
 - Look forward to the rest of their life (81% vs. 61%)

http://www.disabledsportsusa.org/about-us/survey/







Variety of Adaptive Sports

- Quad Rugby
- Basketball
- Golf
- Tennis
- Kickball
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Archery
- Snow Skiing
- Water Skiing
- Racing
- Bowling





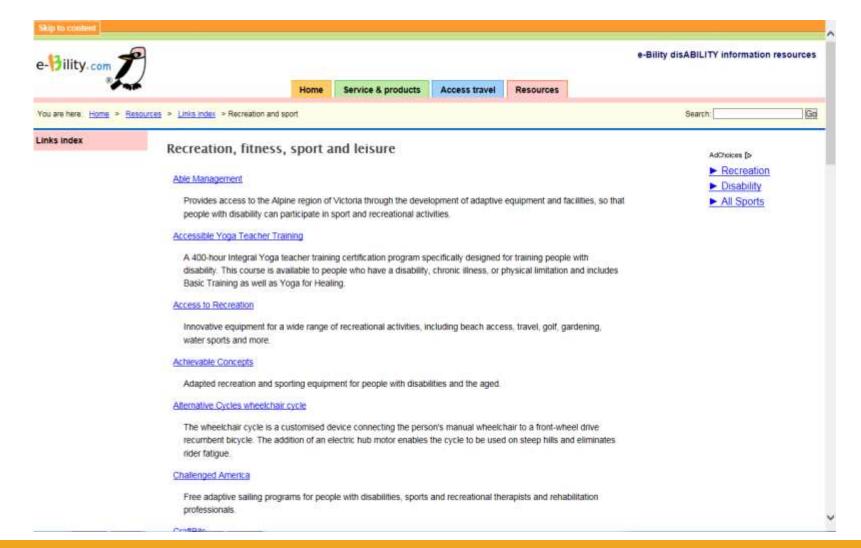


- Track
- Scuba
- Cycling
- Fishing
- Lacrosse
- Wrestling
- Bocce ball
- Goal Ball
- Swimming
- Football
- Soccer
- Canoeing



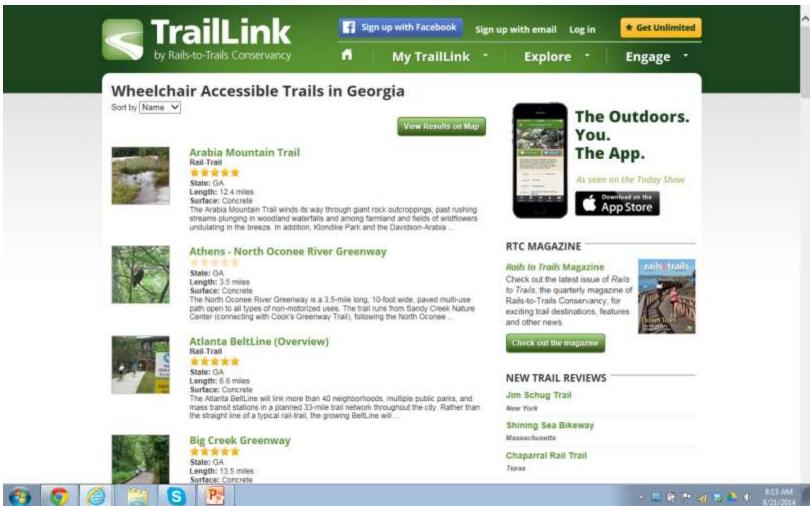


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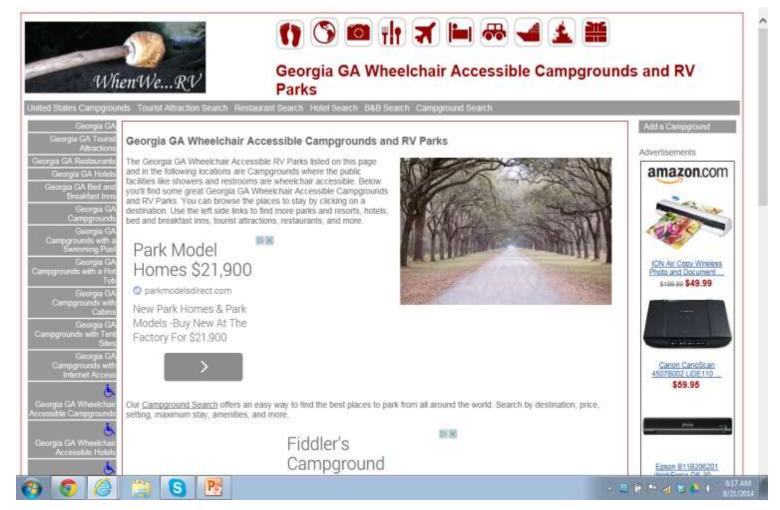


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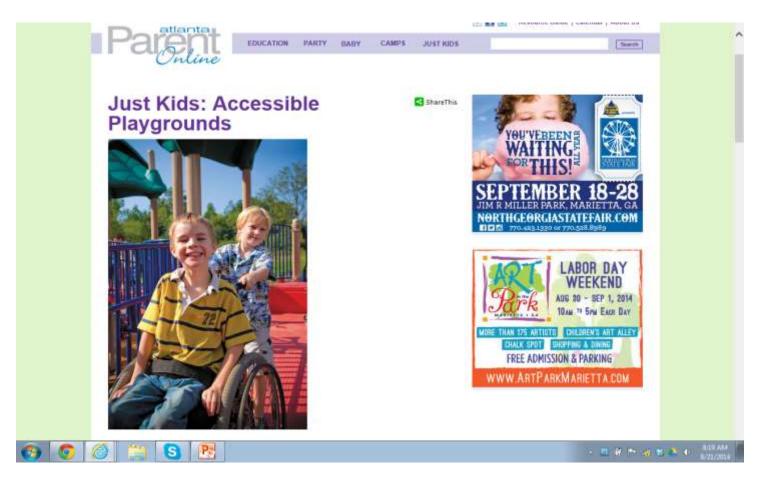


www.whenwerv.com





www.atlantaparent.com





www.meetup.com



- Look for a group
- Create own group
 - Matches people who are interested
- All kinds of activities
- Free



Video Games

- Gaming is HUGE
- Over 33 million gamers have a disabilities
- Advancement of technology has made it more accessible
- Safe Place
 - "Virtual World"
 - "No one can see disability"

 Oct. 10, 2012, AbleGamers Foundation opened the world's first permanent Accessibility Arcade at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library in Washington, D.C.





Challenged Athlete Foundation

- Recognizes the athletic greatness is inherent in all people with physical disabilities and supports their athletic endeavors
- Sports Clinics
- Mentor Programs
- Grants
 - Access for Athletes
 - Operation Rebound



Technology Act Program

www.challengedathletes.org



Blaze Sports

 The purpose of the Blaze Network is to establish a network of local communitybased clubs and organizations providing programs that promote physical activity, healthy lifestyle and competitive sports opportunities for children and adults with a physical disability





Who Can Join Blaze?

 Any sports program, club, parks and recreation department or other organization who is providing opportunities for children and adults with physical disabilities to take part in sport, physical activity and/or fitness.





Blaze Sports

- Driven by a desire to provide all children and adults with physical disabilities the chance to play sports and live healthy, active lives.
- Money for equipment chairs came from Department of Labor in Georgia when first started
- 26 different Sport programs
 - Geared mostly towards children and teens
 - Do have equipment for adults



Loan Program Fees

- No Fees to loan/ borrow equipment
 - Have to be a member of Blaze
 - Fill out written loan agreement form
 - Come in for chair fitting and skills assessment
 - Sign written waiver
- Can loan to groups that have teams
 - Rockdale County, Albany, Augusta
 - Fort Stewart : basketball chairs for military team



Loan Program- Responsibility

- Athletes are responsible for other equipment needed
 - Cushions, tapes, gloves, etc
- Blaze monitors and maintains equipment while in use
 - 6 months to a year
 - Funds for major repairs



Loan Program Equipment

- Variety of equipment
 - Racing chairs
 - Track chairs
 - Tennis chairs
 - All court chairs
 - Rugby chairs
 - Basketball chairs
- Blaze Day in Schools
 - Chairs not in use

- Occasionally loan around Southeast
 - One day events
 - Always with staff





Contact for Blaze

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www.blazesports.org

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What We Do USA Boccia Get Involved Ways To Give





May 27th - 30th 2014







Military Sport and Recreation Camp

Read More

For veterans and active duty service members with a physical disability

The spirit lives on in BlazeSports - the Legacy of the 1996 Atlanta Paralympic Games



Triumph of the Human Spirit™

Our Mission - Changing the lives of

Upcoming Events

2014 Certified Disability Sport Specialist (CDSS) Training Dates

and CDSS Online Available

June 10-14 BlazeCamp, Registration Open June 10-14 Trailblazers Leadership Camp, Registration Open

Visit Event Calendar

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USA Boccia is wrapping up Day 1 of their 2014 National Championships at Michigan State University.

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Double your donation. #Bert&JoyBurns MatchingChallenge.Change the life of a young person & veteran with a disability. eepurl.com/UPsir

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Beep Kickball

- Created for individuals who have vision loss
- Every player is blindfolded except the umpire
- Kickball and Bases make different beeping sounds





- There is a league in Ga
- Founded in 2010 by Judy Byrd
- Can purchase equipmentaround \$300 or less
- www.beepkickball.com
- Mission is to enrich the lives of all people, young and old, who are visually impaired through participation in sports



HOME BEEP KICKBALL FOR FUN

EQUIPMENT

RULES FOR COMPETITION

FAQ:

ABOUT US

Welcome to BeepKickball!

an adapted sport for the visually impaired

Our mission is to enrich the lives of all people, young and old, who are visually impaired through participation in sports.

Visit our Store



Your Shopping Cart

Donations Appreciated

Beep Kickball

Vour cart is empty



Shepherd Center







AMAC Therapeutic Recreation

- Focus on returning to an active lifestyle
 - Sports (Quad rugby, basketball, fencing, racing)
- Try before buy
 - Closet with sports equipment
 - Rental program
 - Long- term loan of equipment while playing
- Do not have to be a current patient





Rental

- Individuals can try before making a huge purchase
- \$10/day or \$25 for weekend
- Written Rental Agreement
 - Responsible for equipment
 - Demonstrates the use
- Variety of equipment
 - Quickie tennis chair
 - Quickie All Court basketball chairs
 - Eagle rugby chairs
 - Eagle and Top End racing chairs



- Shark, Top End
 Excelerator XLT, and
 Excelerator handcycles
- Red Dagger (solo) kayak
- Green Dagger (solo)kayak
- Old Town 2 man kayak
- Green Canoe
- Red Canoe



Long-Term Loans

- Athletes that play the sport
 - Quad rugby, basketball, fencing, etc
- Athletes are responsible for equipment
 - Tubes for tires
 - Minor repairs
 - Funds for major repairs
- Athletes are responsible additional items for the sport
 - Gloves, tape, cushions, etc

- Bring back at end of season
- Shepherd cleans and sanitizes after each rental and loan



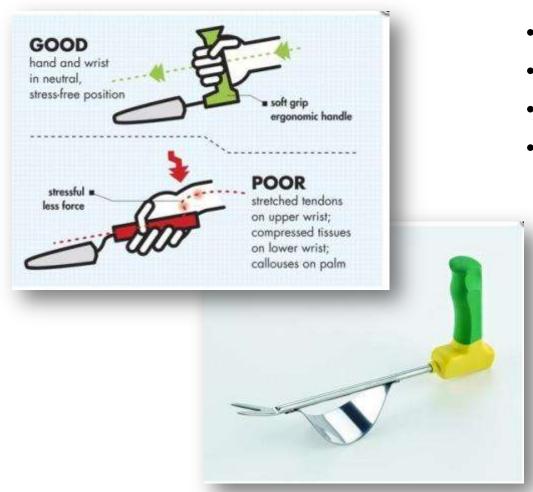
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Adapted Recreation Activities Gardening



- Gardening
- Angled ergonomic handle
- Non-slip waterproof finish
- Ergonomically angled handle keeps hand and wrist in a natural position





Basketball

 Basketball is a widely popular sport for both those who sport expensive sneakers or others that use sport chairs to play





Wheelchair Rugby

 Wheelchair Rugby is an aggressive sport created to allow individuals who do not have the ability to shoot a basketball to participate in sports competitively. It was invented by quads who felt left out from competitive adaptive sports.





Handcycling



For getting outside and traveling a distance
Handcycles are a great choice.
They offer the ability to travel further with less effort than a wheelchair via multiple gears.
You can enjoy a leisurely trek along a trail or the thrill of racing against others





Sit-n-Ski





 Water skiing can be enjoyed by those of various levels of function and skill. From those who may need some help with balancing to individuals jumping wakes.





Scuba





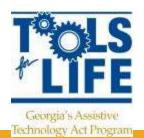
Being on the water is great but once you're immersed it's the grand equalizer. Whether you have a disability or not Scuba diving is a wonderful activity. The experience of the weightlessness is immensely therapeutic to those who have limited use of their limbs or use wheelchairs daily.



Adapted Recreation Activities Swimming



- Swimming
- Pool lifts enable someone
 who has difficulty or is unable
 to transfer get in and out of
 the pool with little to no
 assistance safely
- Up to 90% of the swimmers body is carried by the water
- Improves muscle strength and coordination





Access 2 Independence

- Mission Access 2
 Independence aims to provided members of the disabled community with services, support and advocacy, to empower them to participate in the community and live independently.
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Apps for Creativity

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About disABILITY LINK

- Center for Independent Living serving Metro Atlanta
- Located in Decatur (but not for long)
- Our mission

Nothing About Us Without Us

Join us for an exciting series of activities that will empower, educate and excite! Each meeting will include different ways of engaging participants, through role play, video, discussions, poetry and other ways of keeping the discussion lively and informative.

This series will be held on the first Thursday of each month from 10am-noon. participants are then welcome to bring their lunch and continue the conversation from noon-1:00pm. Space is limited, please RSVP with Linda Pogue at 404-687-8890 ext 114 or e-mail: greenpogue@disabilitylink.org

Schedule:

July 3rd: "Our Life, What the ADA Has to Do With It"

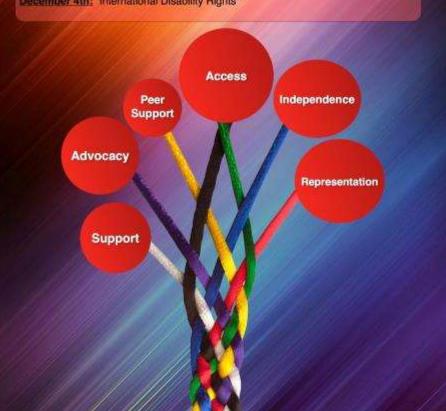
August 7th; "Back to School, Back to the Classroom? Integration and Segregation"

September 4th: "Accessing Employment and Your Rights"

October 2nd: "From Grabbers to Dogs, Assistance Options and Resources"

November 6th: "Veterans and the Independent Living Movement"

December 4th: "International Disability Rights"



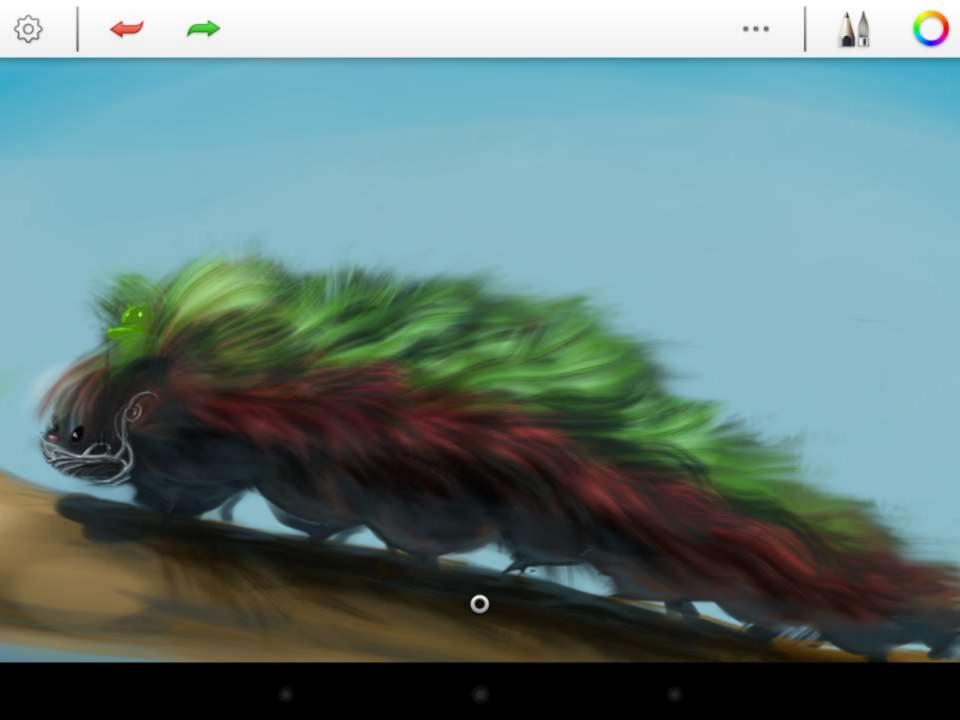


To volunteer for this event, contact Doug Jones at dougnwhites 250 gmall.com or call 770-315-4911 Friday, September 5th 10:00am-2:00pm The Shepherd Center 2020 Peachtree Road, NW charge or a donation of 50% of your sales. Contact Carol Jones at 404-293-3928 to register. you are a crafter, baker, artist or small vendor and wish to be at this fair, there will be a \$30 fair register.

Apps for Creativity

AutoDesk

- Apps for iOS Devices
- App for OSX
- Known for drafting software
- Huge success with their creative products







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Center for the **Visually Impaired**

Empowering people impacted by vision loss to live with independence and dignity

Located in MidTown Atlanta A United Way Funded Agency **Providing services for 52 years**





Services We Provide

- Early intervention for infants, assisting in their development and preparedness for the school system
- Youth transitional, social, and academic support for grades K through 12
- Adult vocational rehabilitation, Providing training in all aspects of independence and job preparedness





Services We Provide Continued

- Senior adult support to maximize independence in the home
- Low Vision Clinic, providing comprehensive evaluations
- VisAbility Store, offering devices and aids available for purchase





Social Therapeutic Academic Recreational **Services**

Cornerstone programs:

- After School Enrichment Program
- Mentoring
- **Summer Camp**
- Retreats
- **Monthly Social/Recreational Outings**





Eligibility and Referral for STARS Programs

School-aged youth (grades K-12) who have vision impairment as a primary diagnosis who have ability to manage personal hygiene needs during participation

Referrals are accepted from schools, parents, eye care professionals, and self referral. Intake managed by the Program Counselor and involves application and a visit to the Center





Socialization and Recreation at STARS







The Importance of Socialization and Recreation in Our Program

Recreational activities provide peer connection, increase confidence and abilities in a safe and trustworthy environment.

Socialization breaks down the barrier of fear and uncertainty and helps our students become more self aware and proactive in advocating for their needs.



Examples of Local Adaptative Opportunities

- Goal Ball and Beep Baseball: Recognized as Paralympic sports
- Beep Kickball gaining popularity
- **Tandem bicycling**

Note: A person does not have to be visually impaired to enjoy these activities!





What to Consider When You Have Youth With Vision Impairment Participating in Your Activities







Resources

The Encyclopedia of Sports and Recreation for People With Visual Impairments
by Andrew Liebs

www.AFB.org

www.usaba.org

<u>www.teachingvisuallyimpaired.com/recreation-leisure</u>





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