

Blanchester Local Schools

# Updates For Special Ed



## Camps for Fun and Adventure

**Camp Nuhop**—weekly overnight camp for students with Learning Disabilities, ADHD, Behavior Nuances and Asperger's Syndrome (ASD) in Ashland County ages 6-18 [www.Nuhop.org](http://www.Nuhop.org) 419-289-2227

**Kamp Dovetail**—summer day camp for students with all handicaps at Rocky Fork Lake [www.kampdovetail.com](http://www.kampdovetail.com) 937-366-6657

**Stepping Stones**—Summer Day Camps for students with disabilities including autism at Camp Allyn or Camp Given—[www.steppingstonesohio.org](http://www.steppingstonesohio.org) 513-965-5118

**Countryside YMCA**—Several camps for all interests and all abilities—see attached flyer 513-932-1424

**Clinton County Board of DD Employment First Summer Camp** -ages 16-20 [www.co.clinton.oh.us/boardofdd](http://www.co.clinton.oh.us/boardofdd) - 937-382-7519

**Warren County ESC - Bike Camp** - for Students with Disabilities -8 years and up [www.warrencountyesc.com](http://www.warrencountyesc.com) 513-695-2961

**Camp Korelitz** - weeklong residential camp for students with diabetes at Camp Joy in Clarksville [www.diabetes-my-community/diabetes-camp/korelitz](http://www.diabetes-my-community/diabetes-camp/korelitz). 513-759-9330

**Camp Odakota**—day camp for children with occupational therapy and sensory integration needs from 6-12 in Loveland Ohio through COTI—Cincinnati Occupational Therapy Institute 513-791-5688 - [www.cintiotinstitute.com](http://www.cintiotinstitute.com)

**Signing Summer Camp** June 11-July 30t once a week for any child with any kind

### Numbers to call

Clinton County DD  
937-382-7519

Hopewell SERCC Center  
937-393 1904  
Parent Representative  
Mr. James Kidwell

Southern Ohio ESC  
Educational Service Center  
937-382-6921

The Counseling Source  
513-984-9838

Ohio Coalition for Students  
with Disabilities  
1-800-374-2806

Ohio Center for Autism and  
Low Incidence (OCALI)  
1-866-886-2254

Clinton County Mental Health  
(Solutions)  
937 383-4441

## Athletic Programs for a Special Summer

Fishing Has No Boundaries at Cowen Lake which is dedicated to the concept of opening up the great outdoors to people with disabilities of all ages. [Www.fhnbcinti.com](http://Www.fhnbcinti.com)

Joe Nuxhall Miracle League is for children with special needs from including both mental and physical disabilities 5-17. they play on a custom-designed synthetic turf field that accommodate wheelchairs and other assistive devices [www.nuxhallmiracleleague.org](http://www.nuxhallmiracleleague.org) 513-829-3019

Youth TOPSoccer is a soccer league, both indoors and out for students with special needs in Mason and Batavia [www.cincytopsoccer.com](http://www.cincytopsoccer.com) 513-588-4980

Clinton County Special Olympics offer year around sports trainings and competitions for students with mental and physical difficulties including track and field, bowling, basketball, and cheerleading [www.specialolympics@nikecenter.org](http://www.specialolympics@nikecenter.org) 937-382-7519-



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**Chris Branson,  
Director of Student Services**

**Robin Bolin  
Case Manager**

**Martin McGinley  
School Psychologist**

**Anna Southard, Jennifer Bruton  
Speech Therapists**

**You might be a special needs mom if:**

- You have ever created your own parking space
- You have your pediatricians fax number memorized
- You are most tempted to use foul language in conversations with educational or medical professionals
- You consider a power nap to be two minutes with one eye open
- Treating yourself consists of eating chocolate and drinking caffeine
- Your idea of a night out with the girls means hopping on facebook for ten minutes
- You have ever talked to complete strangers about their kids diagnosis
- You have ever taken pain pills BEFORE attending an IEP meeting

Hopefully you are laughing!

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Courage  
doesn't always  
roar. Sometimes  
courage is the  
quiet voice at  
the end of the  
day saying, "I  
will try again  
tomorrow."

—Mary Anne  
Radmacher



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[www.weareteachers.com](http://www.weareteachers.com)



# Great Web Sites for Learning

- ✓ Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence [www.ocali.org](http://www.ocali.org)
- ✓ Central Ohio Branch of International Dyslexia Association [www.cobida.org](http://www.cobida.org)
- ✓ VSA Ohio, the Organization of Arts & Disability [www.vsao.org](http://www.vsao.org)
- ✓ Assistive Technology Internet Modules [www.atinternetmodules.org](http://www.atinternetmodules.org)
- ✓ Ohio Coalition for Students With Disabilities [www.ocecd.org](http://www.ocecd.org)
- ✓ Autism Society [www.autism-society.org](http://www.autism-society.org)
- ✓ Ohio Department of Education [www.ode.state.oh.us](http://www.ode.state.oh.us)
- ✓ ADD / SLD resources [www.helpguide.org](http://www.helpguide.org)
- ✓ JASON Learning [www.jason.org](http://www.jason.org)
- ✓ CyberSleuth Kids [www.cybersleuth-kids.com](http://www.cybersleuth-kids.com)
- ✓ FactMonster [www.factmonster.com](http://www.factmonster.com)
- ✓ Ed Helper [www.edhelper.com](http://www.edhelper.com)
- ✓ Smithsonian Kids [www.si.edu/kids](http://www.si.edu/kids)
- ✓ Homework Spot [www.homeworkspot.com](http://www.homeworkspot.com)
- ✓ Discovery Education [discoveryeducation.com](http://discoveryeducation.com)
- ✓ NationalGeographis Education [www.educatin.nationalgeographic.com](http://www.educatin.nationalgeographic.com)
- ✓ PBS Kids [www.pbskids.org](http://www.pbskids.org)
- ✓ Sesame Street [www.sesamestreet.org](http://www.sesamestreet.org)
- ✓ A&E Classroom [www.aetv/classroom](http://www.aetv/classroom)
- ✓ Time for Kids [www.timeforkids.com](http://www.timeforkids.com)
- ✓ IXL Math and Reading Games [www.ixl.com](http://www.ixl.com)
- ✓ Yahoo Kids [wwwkids.yahoo.com](http://wwwkids.yahoo.com)
- ✓ Google Earth [earth.google.com](http://earth.google.com)
- ✓ NASA Kids Club [NASAeducation.com](http://NASAeducation.com)
- ✓ BrainPop [www.brainpop.com](http://www.brainpop.com)
- ✓ How Stuff Works [www.howstuffworks.com](http://www.howstuffworks.com)
- ✓ Disney Fun School [www.Funschool.com](http://www.Funschool.com)
- ✓ INFOhio [www.INFOhio.org](http://www.INFOhio.org) (see article next page)

## ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE

**Preschool literacy** [www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)

- ✓ Khan Academy - [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)
- ✓ Math practice online [www.linktolearning.com](http://www.linktolearning.com)
- ✓ Vocabulary and Spelling Games online [www.SpellingCity.com](http://www.SpellingCity.com)
- ✓ ShowMe—video demonstrations of all academic subjects [www.showme.com](http://www.showme.com)[www.homeworkspot.com](http://www.homeworkspot.com)
- ✓ School Express [www.schooexpress.com](http://www.schooexpress.com)
- ✓ Kidlink [www.kidlink.org](http://www.kidlink.org)

# Great Apps to Make Learning Fun

**IPads and Kindles are great tools for students with disabilities. All of our intervention rooms utilize these devices so your child is probably pretty proficient on them. Following are some great free and low cost apps for your home tablets.**

- McGraw-Hill math games (*math K-6*)
- Doodle Buddy (*art all ages*)
- Laugh and Learn series (*preschool*)
- News-O-Matic, Daily for Kids (*news*)
- Splash Math series (*math grades K-6*)
- Fit Brains (*visual perception all ages*)
- Sphyrical (*art—all ages*)
- Pettson's Inventions (*thinking*)
- Questionit (*language arts*)

- FairwayHD (*math—all ages*)
- Mystery Math Town (*math elem-JH*)
- The Word Monsters (*reading elem*)
- Articulation Station (*speech*)
- Tell Me About It (*autism*)
- Abilipad (*AAC communication*)
- Electric Company series (*elem-JH*)
- Shelby's Quest (*visual perception*)
- Dexteria (*fine motor*)
- PBS Parents Play and Learn (*prek*)
- Kid in Story (*social stories*)
- Barefoot World Atlas (*ss -elem/JH*)

- ansel & clair series (*ss/sc—elem*)
- Brain Pop series (*sc/ss elem-jh*)
- Monster Physics (*sc- elem*)
- Toca Boca series (*life skills*)
- Piano DustBuster (*music—all ages*)
- Scene Speak (*AAC communication*)
- Sign4Me (*signing app*)
- Clicker Docs (*writing—all ages*)
- Storybook Rhymes vol 1 & 2 (*prek*)
- Fotobabble (*creativity all ages*)
- Puppet Pals HD (*creativity elem*)
- Wolfram series (*sc / ss JH-HS*)
- Math Mathews (*math—multiplication*)

# Therapeutic Riding

4 great programs in our area are dedicated to helping disabled people, both children and adults find new freedom through their experience with horses. All these programs utilize PATH certified instructors as well as trained volunteers

1. **Bridge Riding** is located at 743 West Perkin Road in Lebanon (937-654-4693). It has been around for 25 years. They serve individuals with a variety of disabilities ranging from cerebral palsy, autism, cognitive disabilities, and multiple sclerosis. The horses and volunteers help work through issues with balance, tight muscles, communication skills and improving overall independence

2. **Stepping Stones Ranch** is on 2567 Gum Grove Road in Clarksville, OH (937-289-0100). This faith based non profit started in 2010 and their goal is to provide equine assisted learning for youth and their families who are facing challenges. They help students struggling with ADD, OCD, depression, anger, grief, anxiety, and eating issues.

3. **CTRH, Cincinnati Therapeutic Riding and Horsemanship** is located at 1342 State Route 50 in Milford. (513-831-7050). They provide Hippotherapy, a physical, occupational, and speech therapy treatment strategy that utilizes equine movement. They also provide recreational riding in groups of from 2-5 with up to two side walkers per student and ground lessons including grooming and leading.

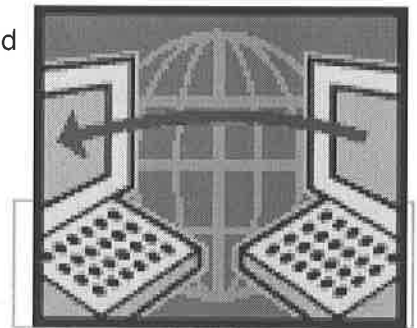
4. **Cherry Ridge Farms** at 4158 Vinegar Hill Road in Georgetown Ohio (937-444-3757) has a therapeutic horsemanship program, Hope, Healing, and Horses. It is for any child who is challenged physically, mentally, or emotionally



## INFOhio Digital Resources

INFOhio is Ohio's PreK-12 digital library. It works with public libraries to provide a collection of digital resources to anyone in the state, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Students and parents are able to access all online resources, and parents can be confident the information is of good quality, is from recognized sources, and is educationally reliable and current.

Included are sites for info for parents, homework help, videos, resources and lots and lots of books. Particular links include the Learning Express Library, Science Online, Searchasaurus, World Book, Kids and World Book Student, Digital Video Collection, Bookflix, Cat in the Hat Fun and Games, Ancestry Library, Explora, Biography Reference Bank, Student Research Center, and Early World of Learning to name just a few. Please take advantage of this wonderful resource!



## John Peterson Scholarship

✓ Any child on an IEP may be qualified for the Autism Scholarship or the Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship. These programs allow your child to attend a special education program that implements your child's IEP and yet is operated by an alternative public provider or registered private provider approved by the Ohio Department of Education. You as a parent design the program you want for your student and apply through the school you choose. Information on the Scholarships and approved lists of programs are available online at [www.ode.state.oh.us](http://www.ode.state.oh.us) under the special education tab. You can also contact our board office or call me at 937-783-3523.