

Accessible Inclusive Recreation

Accommodating Participants with Special Needs

Special Needs Information

Participants with special needs are encouraged and welcome to participate in any of our programs. In order for the participant to experience success it is important to consider the participant's ability, age, need, and the type of activities that take place within the program.

Every effort will be made to ensure programs are open to all members of our community whenever it is safe and enjoyable to do so. In order to do this we work closely with local agencies to co-ordinate resources to help make programs accessible.

Communication and co-operation between all parties will ensure a safe and fun environment for all participants and will help to remove any real or artificial barriers to participation.

How to Register

STEP 1

Prior to registering contact Roz Llewellyn (City of Orillia) (705) 329-7251 or Nancy Snow (Catulpa Community Services) at (705) 733-3227 ext. 245, for a participant assessment to ensure that your child's needs are fully understood.

STEP 2

If required, Parks and Recreation will work with the local agency to ensure that the program is modified to meet the participant's needs and to ensure that appropriate support is provided.

STEP 3

Register with the "S.U.N. System" or in person at the Parks and Recreation office, 50 Andrew St. South, Suite 300, Orillia.

Despite the best efforts, there will be occasions when an inclusionary program registration cannot be accommodated. The Recreation Program Supervisor will provide the rationale that supports why a registrant could not be accommodated.

Accessibility Advisory Committee

The City's Accessibility Advisory Committee is dedicated to solving accessibility challenges. If you have questions or concerns about accessibility, please contact Committee secretary Julia Montgomery at (705) 325-1311. The City's Accessibility Plan is available at www.city.orillia.on.ca as well as at City Centre.



Be a Best Buddy!

Are you interested in making a difference in the life of a child with special needs? This program will link a participant with special needs with a volunteer who is committed to providing support for integration in a recreational setting. Contact Parks and Recreation at 329-7251 for more information.

Best Buddy volunteers participate in the program to support their buddy free of charge.

ASK THE QUESTIONS . . .

- IS SUPPORT REQUIRED AT SCHOOL ?
- DOES A PHYSICAL, DEVELOPMENTAL AND/OR LEARNING DISABILITY EXIST THAT AFFECTS THE SAFETY OF THE PARTICIPANT OR THAT OF OTHER PROGRAM REGISTRANTS ?
- IS EXTRA SUPPORT NEEDED AT HOME FOR BASIC CARE SUCH AS DRESSING AND TOILETING ?
- IS THE PARTICIPANT CURRENTLY ASSOCIATED WITH A SUPPORT AGENCY ?