

DSAOC's **Mission** is to create a place for connection, information and hope for people with Down syndrome and their families throughout greater Orange County, to promote Down syndrome awareness through community outreach, and to offer programs, services and support that aim to empower individuals with Down syndrome to reach their full potential. Our **Vision** is to be a one-stop-shop for all things Down syndrome related, and to be a model organization for community collaboration and Down syndrome awareness, to change perceptions and change lives.

## Looking Forward

**DSAOC Golf Tournament, Banquet & Auction** – Monday, June 8, Los Coyotes Country Club

**Fishing, Outdoor Fun & BBQ with the Orange Elks Lodge at Irvine Lake** – Sunday, June 14, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Ages 10 years and up.

**DSAOC Sibshops** – Saturday, June 20, DSAOC Center

**OC Bike Camp** – August 10 – August 14 at SOKA University

**Mini-Conference “Parents as Partners”: Navigating the IEP process and steps to become more involved within your student’s SELPA and District** – Saturday, August 15

**DSAOC’S “Trick-or-Trunk”** – Saturday, October 24, Garden Grove Elks Lodge

**OC Buddy Walk** – Sunday, November 1, Angel Stadium

\*\*Summer Programs are BACK! [See reverse for flyer.](#)

For more information about DSAOC events visit  
[www.dsaoc.org](http://www.dsaoc.org)

## Support/Networking Groups

**Circle of Friends** – Please note that there is no Circle of Friends for June due to a special event.

### Homeschool Friends

**Monday, June 15**

**from 1—2:30 p.m. at the DSAOC Center**

For parents of children with Down syndrome that are currently home schooling or are considering this educational option. Children and siblings are welcome. Join us - the 2nd Monday of each month beginning at 1 p.m.

## OC Buddy Walk

It's not too early to start thinking about DSAOC's 2015 Orange County Buddy Walk!

**Save the Date—Sunday, November 1**

Angel Stadium of Anaheim

9 a.m.—2 p.m.



Start getting your team and sponsors together!

*\*Website is launching soon...*

## OC Bike Camp

### OC Bike Camp

**Monday, August 10 – Friday, August 14**

**at Soka University**

**The Orange County Bike Camp:** A great place for youth as well as older individuals with disabilities to learn to ride a 2-wheeler in a safe, air-conditioned environment!

**Just think:** After a week of riding sessions, you could be riding around your neighborhood, riding to the store, riding on your bike path, taking a ride at the beach with your friends or your family – This could be you!

<http://dsaoc.org/pdfs/bikecamp/2015-bike-camp-information.pdf>

<http://dsaoc.org/pdfs/bikecamp/2015-bike-camp-registration-form.pdf>

*If you have any questions please call DSAOC at 714-540-5794.*

**Volunteers needed for Bike Camp! Ages 16 and up.**

<http://dsaoc.org/pdfs/bikecamp/2015-bike-camp-volunteer-application.pdf>

## DSAOC Sibshops

This is a monthly program, the third Saturday of each month, from 1 – 4 p.m. at the DSAOC Center.

Not too late to sign up for the June 20th Sibshop

No Sibshop July/August, but **resuming Saturday, September 19**

**What to Expect:** DSAOC's Sibshops, for kid's ages 8-12 years old who have a brother or sister with Down syndrome, is decidedly fun to attend. It provides peer support and information within a recreational context. It may be "therapeutic" to attend, but it is not therapy. It is a wonderful blend of making friends, having fun, receiving information, and sharing their lives with others. Friendship is a cornerstone component, as these siblings will likely support one another over the years.

**Facilitators:** DSAOC volunteers, Autumn Trail and Renae Eichenmuller. Autumn and Renae each have an older sister with Down syndrome.

To register contact DSAOC at [programs@dsaoc.org](mailto:programs@dsaoc.org) and please provide the name & age of the interested sibling(s).

**Unless otherwise stated, activities are held at the DSAOC Center, 151 Kalmus Drive, M-5, Costa Mesa, 92626.**

**Please contact the Center to sign up for activities: 714-540-5794 or email [admin@dsaoc.org](mailto:admin@dsaoc.org)**