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Spotlight On



Meeting **Jonah Zeichner**, one is easily captivated by his easy confidence, good looks, and strong enthusiasm for his work at the zoo. During one childhood visit to the Woodland Park Zoo, the orangutans were, as usual, doing their own thing, ignoring the visitors - until Jonah

walked up and put his face to the glass. The

Ready, Set, Kindergarten

The DSC's Ready, Set, Kindergarten is a coalition of parents committed to the inclusion of their children with Down syndrome in general education classrooms. Parents will meet the year before their children start Kindergarten to educate themselves, strategize, and form a support network. Once these students enter Kindergarten, the parents will continue to offer support, idea sharing and problem solving to ensure students are receiving an inclusive education.

The group will meet November 10th, January 19th, February 16th, March 16th and April 27th from 10am-1pm. The location is To Be Determined but will most likely be in the Seattle/Eastside area.

The cost for the program is \$100 to cover the cost of the materials and speakers. A limited number of scholarships are available for up to half of the class fee.

Registration deadline: September 15, 2018

Click [HERE](#) to register.

21st Annual Megarama Day - RSVP Today!

What better way to spend a Saturday than taking a ferry to picturesque Whidbey Island and playing cowpoke with your family - horseback rides, hayrides, and lunch-on the kid-friendly, expansive M-Bar-C Ranch.

For more information, please visit the official Megarama website at www.megaramaday.com.

When: Saturday, August 11, 2018, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Where: M-Bar-C Ranch, 5264 Shore Meadow Rd, Freeland, WA

Cost: FREE!

RSVP: If you are interested in attending Megarama Day or have any questions, email Ms. Kitty at MegaramaDay@comcast.net. She will send you an Evite to register.



22nd Annual Puget Sound Buddy Walk

Our biggest and most popular event brings together family, friends, professionals and community leaders from across Puget Sound for a day of celebration to promote acceptance, inclusion and respect of individuals with Down syndrome.

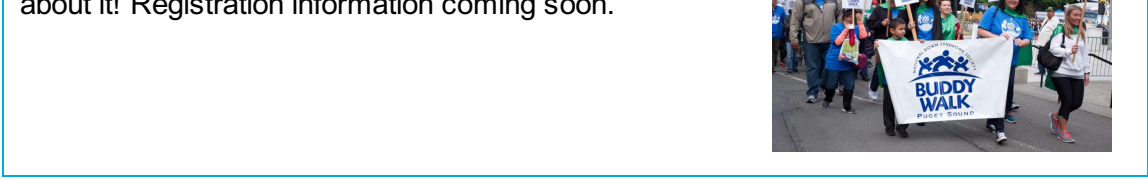
When: Sunday, October 14, 1:00 PM

Where: Seattle Center, Founder's Court *New Location*

Check out our [Facebook](#) page for the latest information about it! Registration information coming soon.



apes immediately came over and interacted with him from their side of the glass. Now, as a ZooCorps member, Jonah interacts with keepers, animals, and visitors to the zoo.



Why did you get involved in Woodland Park Zoo's ZooCorps? "It's my dream job!" Jonah, who is 18 years old and has Down syndrome, has always wanted to be a zookeeper. He explains "ZooCorps is an internship you can get for your dream job. The program is all about the zoo." Jonah needed an internship to fulfill community service requirements for high school graduation. When his parents asked the zoo about Jonah becoming part of ZooCorps, they responded with an overwhelming yes! And it's been a rewarding partnership for everyone involved.

To continue reading the *Spotlight On* article about Jonah Zeichner, check out the entire [post](#) on the DSC website.

Stay Connected



Save-the-Date for Upcoming DSC Events

There are a number of events coming up over the next few months. Our calendars fill up quickly so add these dates today.



Dementia Training with Dr. Kathleen Bishop

The DSC is co-sponsoring this 3-day conference for professionals which includes an evening for parents and caregivers. More information will be posted on our [Facebook](#) page and in the September Newsletter.

When: October 9-11, 2018

Where: Highline Community College

Holiday Party

Come celebrate the season at our traditional potluck extravaganza, complete with a decorated tree, festive music and a visit from Santa.

When: Saturday, December 15, 5:30 - 8:00 PM

Where: Mercer Island Community Center, 8236 SE 24th Street, Mercer Island 98040

DSC Friends Meet-Ups

*DSC Friends Meet-Ups are hosted by the DSC at no cost to you!
Please join us and have fun!*

Babies/Toddlers (ages 0-3)

Contact: Jessieca Graff at jessiecaj@gmail.com

August

For this month's outing, we will join Northwest Center, The Arc of King County, and Special Olympics Washington for a day of family fun to celebrate inclusion and diversity at their Community Inclusion Festival. Food and drinks provided, games, face painting, music, vendors, community resources, and more!

When: Saturday, August 11, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Where: Cromwell Park, 18030 Meridian Ave N, Shoreline, WA 98133

RSVP: [Jessieca Graff](#) or the Facebook [Event](#) page

Kids (ages 4-7)

Contact: Courtney Criss at courtney.spears@gmail.com and Jessica Voetmann at jessica.voetmann@gmail.com

August

POOL PARTY!! Enjoy the sunshine at one of Seattle best outdoor pools. It's a perfect place for the kids to hangout! Snacks provided. For the kiddos who need it, please use double diapers.

When: Saturday, August 4, 10:00 AM - Noon

Where: Wedgewood Swim Club, 7727 28th Ave NE, Seattle, Washington 98115

RSVP: [Jessica Voetmann](#) or the Facebook [Event](#) page

Tweens (ages 8-12)

Contact: Jessica Evertt at jessicaevertt@hotmail.com

August

Grab your towels, sun block, and beach toys and join the Tweens for a fun day at a beach club on Lake Washington!





Don't forget to use AmazonSmile while doing your online shopping and support the DSC! Click [HERE](#) to start shopping.

Please check the DSC online [Events Calendar](#) regularly!

When: Sunday, August 19, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Where: Windermere Beach Club in NE Seattle close to Children's Hospital

RSVP: [Alison Winfield](#)

Teens (ages 13-19)

Contact: Kate O'Leary at kate.oleary@outlook.com

Be looking for information or an event on our [DSC Friends Teen](#) Facebook page.

Moms' Night Out

Contact: Erika Mervin at erika@downsyndromecommunity.org

For August, the ladies will spend the evening in Bothell at the McMenamin's Anderson School. We hope you can join us for a fun evening out!

When: Tuesday, August 28, 7:00 PM

Where: [McMenamin's Anderson School](#), 18607 Bothell Way NE, Bothell, WA, 98011

RSVP: [Erika Mervin](#) or on our Facebook Event page

DADS Night Out

Contact: Justin Hanney at justin@hanney.net

Let's end summer with a barbecue with the DADS! It's a perfect opportunity to catch up with friends or meet new ones!

When: Saturday, September 15 6:00-9:00 PM

Where: Justin Hanney's house in Shoreline

RSVP: [Justin](#) or cell 425-553-7339 for address

Become an IEP Parent Partner

Does your child receive Special Education Services? Do you want to help other parents navigate the Special Education system? The Arc of King County and Parent to Parent are providing an opportunity for parents to support other parents as they navigate the special education system.



When: Saturdays, 9:00 AM - Noon, September 22, September 29, October 20, October 27, November 17

Where: The Arc of King County, 233 6th Ave N. Seattle, WA 98109

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Space is limited and there is an application to participate. Prior experience is not required, and participants will be selected based on a variety of criteria.

Contact [Rachel Nemhauser](#) or 206.380.8426 for questions or for information on how to apply.