

## 2015 Fall Calendar of Events: September through Mid-December

[Arranged by Location, then by Date]

### National Events of Interest:

- **Disability Unity Festival and Parade**, Saturday, September 26, 11:00am – 3:00pm, **San Francisco, CA**. Hosted by various Independent Living Centers. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact the Festival staff at 408-673-7590 or [duf2015@svilc.org](mailto:duf2015@svilc.org) or visit the [DUF website](#).
- **USBLN JAN Academy: Navigating the Disability Employment Process**, Monday, September 28, 9:00am – 12:00pm OR 2:00pm – 5:00pm, **Austin, TX**. Hosted by the US Business Leadership Network (USBLN) and Job Accommodation Network (JAN). Cost: \$65; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [USBLN website](#).
- **USBLN 18<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference and Biz2Biz Expo: From Compliance to Competitive Advantage: The Legacy of the ADA and the Next 25 Years**, September 28 – October 1, **Austin, TX**. Hosted by the US Business Leadership Network (USBLN). Cost: Varies; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [USBLN website](#).
- **OpenAir 2015 Global Web Accessibility Challenge Kick-Off Event**, Thursday, October 1, 6:00pm. Held at the Shoal Crossing Event Center, **Austin, TX**. Hosted by Knowbility. Cost: \$100 for team of 4; Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact Jessica Looney at 512-527-3138 or [jessica@knowbility.org](mailto:jessica@knowbility.org) or visit the [OpenAir website](#).

### Online Webinars and Workshops:

- **Webinar: Accessibility Open Q&A**, Thursday, September 3, 1:30pm – 3:00pm. Presented by Accessibility Online. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [Accessibility Online website](#).
- **Webinar: The Expanding Disability Market: Serving Customers with Disabilities**, Wednesday, September 9, 12:00pm – 1:00pm. Presented by the ADA National Network. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [ADA National Network website](#).
- **Webinar: FEMA Promising Practices: Preparedness for People with Chemical Sensitivity and People with Developmental Disabilities**, Thursday, September 10, 9:30am – 11:00am. Presented by the ADA National Network. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [ADA National Network website](#).
- **Webinar: Ask the Special Ed Director: Honest Answers to Your Burning Questions (Back to School Series)**, Thursday, September 10, 10:00am. Presented by Partners Resource Network (PRN). Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact Brenda Nelson at 979-616-0393 or [bnelsonprnteam@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bnelsonprnteam@sbcglobal.net) or visit the [PRN website](#).
- **Webinar: Beginner/Intermediate PowerPoint: 4-Part Series**, Thursdays, September 10 – October 1, 1:00pm – 2:00pm. Presented by EASI (Equal Access to Software and Information). Cost: Varies; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [EASI website](#).

- **Webinar: Top 5 Tips on Preparing for the ARD Meeting (Back to School Series)**, Tuesday, September 15, 10:00am. Presented by Partners Resource Network (PRN). Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact Brenda Nelson at 979-616-0393 or [bnelsonprnteam@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bnelsonprnteam@sbcglobal.net) or visit the [PRN website](#).
- **Webinar: Effective Communication and the ADA**, Wednesday, September 16, 1:00pm – 2:30pm. Presented by ADA Online Learning. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [ADA Legal Issues website](#).
- **Webinar: Community First Choice in Managed Care**, Thursday, September 17, 10:00am – 12:00pm. Presented by Texas Health and Human Services Commission. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [HHSC website](#).
- **Webinar: How Do I Know If My PDF is Accessible?** Thursday, September 17, 1:00pm – 2:30pm. Presented by ADA Online Learning. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [ADA Online website](#).
- **Webinar: PEAT Talks: Policy-Driven Adoption for Accessibility**, Thursday, September 17, 1:00pm – 1:30pm. Presented by Partnership on Employment and Accessible Technology (PEAT). Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [PEAT website](#).
- **Webinar: Update on NFB-Newsline**, Tuesday, September 22, 1:00pm – 2:00pm. Presented by EASI (Equal Access to Software and Information). Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [EASI website](#).
- **Webinar: Engaging Employers to Increase Workplace Access**, Tuesday, September 22, and Thursday, September 24 10:00am – 11:15am. Presented by University of Arkansas Bridgeworks. Cost: \$100; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [UA website](#).
- **Webinar: Transition Matters! (Back to School Series)**, Wednesday, September 23, 10:00am. Presented by Partners Resource Network (PRN). Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact Brenda Nelson at 979-616-0393 or [bnelsonprnteam@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bnelsonprnteam@sbcglobal.net) or visit the [PRN website](#).
- **Webinar: Next Generation Science Standards and Students with High-Incidence Disabilities: Effective Teaching Strategies**, Thursday, September 24, 3:00pm – 4:00pm. Presented by the Council for Exceptional Children in collaboration with the Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders. Cost: Varies; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [CEC website](#).
- **Webinar: Training Series on Treatment and Rehabilitation of Adults with Personality Disorders**, Monday, October 5, Tuesday October 6, and Friday, October 9, 12:00pm – 1:00pm. Presented by University of Arkansas Bridgeworks. Cost: \$100; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [UA website](#).
- **Webinar: Word 2013: Beyond the Basics: 4-Part Series**, Tuesdays, October 6 – 27, 1:00pm – 2:00pm. Presented by EASI (Equal Access to Software and Information). Cost: Varies; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [EASI website](#).
- **Webinar: Backs in a Flash**, Wednesday, October 14, Thursday, October 15, and Friday, October 16, 10:00am – 11:15am. Presented by University of Arkansas Bridgeworks. Cost: \$100; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [UA website](#).

- **Webinar: PEAT Talks: Embracing the Concept of Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)**, Thursday, October 15, 1:00pm – 1:30pm. Presented by Partnership on Employment and Accessible Technology (PEAT). Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [PEAT website](#).
- **Webinar: Calculation and Word Problems Interventions for Elementary Students with Mathematics Difficulty**, Thursday, October 22, 3:00pm – 4:00pm. Presented by the Council for Exceptional Children in collaboration with the Division for Learning Disabilities. Cost: Varies; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [CEC website](#).
- **Webinar: Ethics for Rehabilitation Professionals**, November 9, 13, 16, 18, and 20, 10:00am – 11:15am. Presented by University of Arkansas Bridgeworks. Cost: \$100; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [UA website](#).
- **Webinar: Goal Setting, Plans, and Services for Individuals Experiencing Mental Illness**, Tuesday, November 10 and Thursday, November 12, 10:00am – 11:30am. Presented by University of Arkansas Bridgeworks. Cost: \$100; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [UA website](#).
- **Webinar: Serving Youth with Mental Health Needs**, Tuesday, November 10 and Thursday, November 12, 2:00pm – 3:30pm. Presented by University of Arkansas Bridgeworks. Cost: \$100; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [UA website](#).
- **Webinar: Improving Math Problem Solving for Students with Learning Disabilities**, Wednesday, November 18, 3:00pm – 4:00pm. Presented by the Council for Exceptional Children in collaboration with the Division for Learning Disabilities. Cost: Varies; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [CEC website](#).
- **Webinar: Social Media, Accessibility and Disability Inclusion**, Thursday, November 19, 1:00pm – 2:30pm. Presented by ADA Online Learning. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [ADA Online website](#).
- **Webinar: PEAT Talks: Small Business Accessibility through Biz Ability**, Thursday, November 19, 1:00pm – 1:30pm. Presented by Partnership on Employment and Accessible Technology (PEAT). Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [PEAT website](#).
- **Webinar: Using Transition Assessment Results to Write Indicator 13-Compliant Transition Plans**, Thursday, December 10, 3:00pm – 4:00pm. Presented by the Council for Exceptional Children in collaboration with the Division on Career Development and Transition. Cost: Varies; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [CEC website](#).

### Statewide Events of Interest:

- **Symposium on Disability and the Church**, Sunday, September 13, 3:00pm; Dinner at 6:00pm. Held at White Rock United Methodist Church, **Dallas**. Hosted by White Rock United Methodist Church. Cost: FREE for the Symposium; \$12 per person for dinner; Registration for dinner is required. For more information and to register, contact White Rock UMC at 214-324-3661 or [nmoseley@wrumc.org](mailto:nmoseley@wrumc.org) or visit the [White Rock website](#).
- **Texan of the Year Gala: Honoring the Late John Santikos**, Wednesday, September 16, 6:00pm Cocktails, 7:00pm Dinner. Held at Embassy Suites Convention Center, 7600 John Q. Hammons Drive, **Frisco**. Hosted by Variety: The Children’s Charity of Texas. Cost: Varies;

Fundraiser for Variety Texas; Sponsorships are available; Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact Variety at 512-328-5437 or visit the [Variety website](#).

- **68<sup>th</sup> Annual Variety Golf Tournament**, Thursday, September 17, 7:30am Breakfast, 9:00am Shotgun Start. Held at Stonebridge Ranch Country Club, 5901 Glen Oaks Drive, **McKinney**. Hosted by Variety: The Children's Charity of Texas. Cost: Varies; Fundraiser for Variety Texas; Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact Variety at 512-328-5437 or visit the [Variety website](#).
- **The Art of Rehabilitation Annual Conference**, September 27 – 29. Held at Hilton Galveston Island Resort, **Galveston**. Hosted by Texas Rehabilitation Association. Cost: Varies; Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact Marilyn Padgett at 800-935-6582 x1 or 281-488-6872 or [mpadgett01@comcast.net](mailto:mpadgett01@comcast.net) or visit the [TRA Conference website](#).
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- **Walk4Hearing**, Saturday, October 10, 8:00am, Registration; 9:00am, Walk begins. Held at University of Houston Lynn Eusan Park, 4500 University Drive, **Houston**. Hosted by Hearing Loss Association of American. Cost: Varies; Fundraiser; Sponsorships are available; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Lois Davis at [lois.davis09@yahoo.com](mailto:lois.davis09@yahoo.com) or visit the [HLAA website](#).
- **Lex Frieden Employment Awards ceremony**, Wednesday, October 21, 11:30am – 1:30pm. Held at the Fort Worth Convention Center, **Fort Worth**. Presented by the Texas Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities; Hosted by the Fort Worth Mayor's Committee on Persons with Disabilities. Cost: \$30; Sponsorships are available; Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact Sherley Spears at [mcpdconference@gmail.com](mailto:mcpdconference@gmail.com) or visit the [GCPD website](#) or the [Fort Worth Mayor's Committee website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: A Very Special Celebration: There's No Place Like Home**, Friday, December 4, 6:30pm – 9:00pm. Held at Special Olympics Texas Chapter Headquarters, 1804 Rutherford Lane, **Austin**. Cost: \$50 per person; Sponsorships are available; Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Courtney Shelton at 512-491-2927 or [cshelton@sotx.org](mailto:cshelton@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **31<sup>st</sup> Annual Texas Brain Injury Symposium**, Friday, December 11. Held at the University of Texas J.J. Pickle Research Center, **Austin**. Hosted by The Texas Brain Injury Alliance. Cost: Varies; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [TBIA website](#).

## Abilene:

- **Computer Class: Surf the Net**, Every other Monday, 11:00am – 12:00pm. Hosted by Disability in Action. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Tim Evans at [tim.evans@disabilityinaction.org](mailto:tim.evans@disabilityinaction.org) or 325-672-5460 or visit the [Disability in Action website](#).
- **Worship with the Folks**, Second Tuesday of Each Month, 7:00pm. Held at DRI, 3602 North Clack. Open to all. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Disability Resources Inc (DRI) at 325-677-6815 or [info@driabilene.org](mailto:info@driabilene.org) or visit the [DRI website](#).
- **Kenpo Self-Defense: Defense for Everyone**, Each Wednesday of the month, 1:30pm – 2:30pm. Hosted by Disability in Action. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Tim Evans at [tim.evans@disabilityinaction.org](mailto:tim.evans@disabilityinaction.org) or 325-672-5460 or visit the [Disability in Action website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Area Bocce Competition**, September 24 – 26, 9:00am – 4:00pm. Held at Centennial Park, 2501 Maple Street. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Luann Chastain at 325-677-3200 or [lchastain@sotx.org](mailto:lchastain@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

## Addison:

- **DFW Walk for Brain Injury: Anytime, Anywhere, Anyone**, Saturday, September 26, Check-in at 8:00am. Fundraiser for Brain Injury Association of America – Texas Division. Held at Addison Circle Park, 4950 Addison Circle. Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact William Dane at 512-987-0101 or [wdane@biausa.org](mailto:wdane@biausa.org) or visit the [BIA website](#).

## Alvin:

- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Gulf Coast Family Support Groups**, Third Thursday of every month from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Held at NAMI Gulf Coast, 2206 North Gordon. Hosted by NAMI Gulf Coast. Cost: FREE; No registration is required. For more information, contact NAMI Gulf Coast at 281-585-3100 or 888-554-2264 or [namgc@namigulfcoast.org](mailto:namgc@namigulfcoast.org).
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Gulf Coast Individuals living with mental illness Support Groups**, Third Thursday of every month 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Held at Westover Cove, 2200 Mustang Road. Hosted by NAMI Gulf Coast. Cost: FREE; No registration is required. For more information, contact NAMI Gulf Coast at 281-585-3100 or 888-554-2264 or [namgc@namigulfcoast.org](mailto:namgc@namigulfcoast.org).

## Amarillo:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Cops On Top: The Donut Stop**, September 4 – 6. Held at The Donut Stop, 5815 I-40 West. Cost: Varies; Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Mitch Tybroski at 806-374-7171 or [mtybroski@sotx.org](mailto:mtybroski@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Fire Truck Pull**, Saturday, November 7, 9:00am – 1:00pm. Held at Mr. Gatti's Pizza, 4412 Western Street. Cost: Varies; Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Mitch Tybroski at 806-374-7171 or [mtybroski@sotx.org](mailto:mtybroski@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

- **Special Olympics Texas: Area Bowling Competition**, Saturday, November 14, 9:00am – 5:00pm. Held at Western Bowl, 5120 Canyon Drive. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Mitch Tybroski at 806-374-7171 or [mtybroski@sotx.org](mailto:mtybroski@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Area Flag Football Competition**, Saturday, December 5, 8:00am – 5:00pm. Held at Memorial Park, 2501 South Washington Street. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Mitch Tybroski at 806-374-7171 or [mtybroski@sotx.org](mailto:mtybroski@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

### **Arlington:**

- **Wheelchair Hockey**, Selected Sundays, 3:00pm – 5:00pm. Held at UT Arlington, 801 West Greek Row Drive. Hosted by Camp Craig Allen. Cost: FREE for any person with a physical disability. For more information, contact Miles at 940-577-0473 or visit the [Camp Craig Allen website](#).
- **Financial Planning for Disabled Children Seminar**, Thursday, September 10, 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Held at Helping Restore Ability Office, 4300 Beltway Place, Suite 130. Hosted by Helping Restore Ability. Cost: FREE; \$40 for CEUs; Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact Julia Lopez at 817-635-6029 or [jlopez@hratexas.org](mailto:jlopez@hratexas.org) or visit the [HRA Texas website](#).

### **Austin:**

- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Family Support Groups**, held at various locations, dates and times throughout the Austin area. Hosted by NAMI. Cost: FREE; No registration is required. For more information about groups in your area, contact NAMI at [info@namiaustin.org](mailto:info@namiaustin.org) or 512-420-9810 or visit the [NAMI website](#).
- **International Autism Ministry Special Needs Support Group**, First Monday of each month, 11:00am – 1:00pm. Held at Plaza Level Waterfall Park, 111 Congress Avenue. Hosted by IAM. Cost: FREE; Bring a brown-bag lunch. For information, contact IAM at [info@internationalautismministry.com](mailto:info@internationalautismministry.com) or 512-876-9418 or 737-247-8142 or visit the [IAM website](#).
- **Making Literacy Accessible: StorySign Storytime**, First Monday of each month, 10:15am. Held at Austin Public Library, Twin Oaks Branch, 1800 South 5th Street. Cost: FREE. For information, contact the Twin Oaks Library at 512-974-9980 or visit the [APL website](#).
- **SibKids Club: For Siblings Ages 7 – 11 of Children with Disabilities**, First Tuesday of each month, 5:30pm – 7:00pm. Held at Easter Seals Central Texas, 1611 Headway Circle. Hosted by Easter Seals Central Texas. Cost: FREE; RSVP is requested. For more information, contact Shalyn Shanks at [sshanks@eastersealstx.org](mailto:sshanks@eastersealstx.org) or 512-615-6833 or visit the [Easter Seals website](#).
- **Brain Injury Support Group** First Tuesday of each month, 7pm, hosted by the Austin Chapter Support Group of the Brain Injury Association of Texas, Austin Chapter; held at Mary Lee Foundation Community Center, 1327 Lamar Square Dr. Cost: FREE. For information, visit the [Mary Lee Foundation website](#) or phone 512-453-1344.

- **Parents of Adults with Disabilities Meeting**, First Tuesday of each month, 7:00pm – 9:00pm. Held at the IHOP Restaurant, 1101 South Mopac. Hosted by the Autism Society of Greater Austin. Cost: FREE. For information, contact Susan Maxwell at [smildredmaxwell@gmail.com](mailto:smildredmaxwell@gmail.com) or visit the [Autism Society website](#).
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Connection Peer Support Group**, First and Third Tuesday of each month, 6:30pm – 8:00pm. Held at Hillcrest Baptist Church, 3838 Steck Avenue. Hosted by NAMI. Cost: FREE; No registration is required. For more information, contact NAMI at [info@namiaustin.org](mailto:info@namiaustin.org) or 512-420-9810 or visit the [NAMI website](#).
- **Social Security Work Incentives Orientation**, First Wednesday of each month, 10am (for general public) hosted by Workforce Solutions Ticket to Work program for anyone receiving SSI or SSDI; held at 6505 Airport Blvd Suite 101-A. Cost: FREE. For information, contact Marcela Ramirez at [Marcela.ramirez@twc.state.tx.us](mailto:Marcela.ramirez@twc.state.tx.us) or phone 512-597-7278.
- **Austin Mayor's Committee on People with Disabilities** monthly meeting, Second Monday of each month, 12pm to 2pm, at City Hall, 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street: open to the public. Cost: FREE. Visit the [AMCPD website](#) or contact Dolores Gonzalez at [Dolores.gonzalez@ci.austin.tx.us](mailto:Dolores.gonzalez@ci.austin.tx.us) or phone 512-974-3256.
- **Austin Autism Society Monthly Support Meeting**, Second Tuesday of each month, 9:30am – 11:30am. Held at La Madeleine Lakeline, 14028 Highway 183. Hosted by the Austin Autism Society. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Lisa Whitted at [lisa1810@gmail.com](mailto:lisa1810@gmail.com) or visit the [Austin Autism Society website](#).
- **Brain Injury & Health Care Information**, Second Tuesday of each month, 7pm, sponsored by the Brain Injury Association of Texas, Austin Chapter; for family members, survivors, and professionals; held at Mary Lee Foundation Community Center, 1327 Lamar Square Dr. Cost: FREE. For information, visit the [Mary Lee Foundation website](#) or phone 512-443-5777.
- **AISD Family Support Co-Op Series**, Second Tuesday of each month, 7pm (Free Pizza and childcare at 6:30pm), a cooperative effort among AISD, Austin Travis Country Integral Care and the Arc of the Capital Area to inform and support families of children with disabilities. Rosedale School, 2117 W. 49<sup>th</sup> St. Cost: FREE. For information, visit the [Eanes Parent Network website](#).
- **The Arc of the Capital Area Bowling at Dart Bowl**, Second Wednesday of each month, 2:00pm – 6:00pm. Held at Dart Bowl, 5700 Grover Avenue. For information, contact The Arc at 512-476-7044 or [information@arcofthecapitalarea.org](mailto:information@arcofthecapitalarea.org) or visit [The Arc website](#).
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Connection Peer Support Group**, Second and Fourth Wednesday of each month, 6:30pm – 8:00pm. Held at St. John's United Methodist Church, 5904 Wynona Avenue. Hosted by NAMI. Cost: FREE; No registration is required. For more information, contact NAMI at [info@namiaustin.org](mailto:info@namiaustin.org) or 512-420-9810 or visit the [NAMI website](#).
- **Brain Injury Support Groups**, Every Third Wednesday of the Month, 7:00pm; Sessions available for people with brain injury and for family members. Held at Core Health Care, 3215 Steck Avenue #100. Hosted by Core Health Care. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Austin Sheffield at [asheffield@corehealth.com](mailto:asheffield@corehealth.com) or 512-792-4087 or visit the [Core Health website](#).

- **Body Shift: Elements of Dance**, Every Third Saturday of the Month, 2:30pm – 4:30pm. Cost: Varies; No registration necessary. Held at Town Lake YMCA, 1100 West Cesar Chavez Street. Hosted by Body Shift and VSA Texas. For more information, contact Lynn Johnson at [lynn@vsatx.org](mailto:lynn@vsatx.org) or 512-454-9912 or visit the [Body Shift website](#).
- **American Sign Language Book Club**, Every Third Sunday of the Month, 2:00pm. Cost: FREE. Held at Barnes & Noble Arboretum, 10000 Research Blvd. For more information, phone B&N Arboretum at 512-418-8985 or visit the [B&N website](#).
- **Movie Night at The Arc Studio and Gallery**, Fourth Wednesday of each month, 3:30pm – 8:00pm. Held at Arc of the Arts Studio and Gallery, 4902 Grover Ave. For information, contact The Arc at 512-476-7044 or [information@arcofthecapitalarea.org](mailto:information@arcofthecapitalarea.org) or visit [The Arc website](#).
- **Bridging Apps Local Meeting: Bridging the Gap Between Technology and People with Disabilities**, Last Wednesday of Every Other Month, 6:00pm – 7:00pm. Held at Easter Seals of Central Texas, 1611 Headway Circle. For more information, visit the [Bridging Apps website](#).
- **Child and Youth Mental Health Planning Partnership meeting**, Last Thursday of Each Month, 9:00am – 10:30am. Held at Austin Travis County Integral Care, 1700 South Lamar. For more information, visit the [CYMHP website](#).
- **Texas Rowing For All: Community Rowing Program for Veterans and People with Physical Disabilities**, Every Saturday morning 7:30am – 9:00am. Held at the Texas Rowing Center, 1541 West Cesar Chavez. Cost: Varies. For more information, contact Tony Kuhn at [tony@texasrowingcenter.com](mailto:tony@texasrowingcenter.com) or visit the [Texas Rowing website](#).
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### **Beaumont:**

- **Southeast Texas Self Advocate Meeting**, Every First Thursday of the Month, 7:00pm – 8:00pm. Held at Foundation for Southeast Texas Auditorium, 700 North Street. Hosted by The Arc of Greater Beaumont. For more information, contact Teri Hawthorne at 409-838-9012 or [teri.hawthorne@arcofbmt.org](mailto:teri.hawthorne@arcofbmt.org) or visit [The Arc website](#).
- **Grow and Play Program (Children Ages 0 – 4)**, Every Second Tuesday of the Month, 11:00am – 12:00pm. Held at STARS Pediatric Outpatient Clinic, 160 Dowlen Road. Hosted by The Arc of Greater Beaumont. For more information, contact Teri Hawthorne at 409-838-9012 or [teri.hawthorne@arcofbmt.org](mailto:teri.hawthorne@arcofbmt.org) or visit [The Arc website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Fire Truck Pull**, Saturday, October 24, 8:30am, Registration; 9:00am, Opening Ceremonies. Held at Jack Brooks Regional Airport, North Hwy 69. Cost: Varies; Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Cary Simonds at 832-492-5097 or [csimonds@sotx.org](mailto:csimonds@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Murder Mystery Dinner**, Saturday, November 7, 6:00pm – 9:00pm. Held at Edison Plaza, 350 Pine Street. Cost: \$60 per person; Sponsorships are available; Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Cary Simonds at 832-492-5097 or [csimonds@sotx.org](mailto:csimonds@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Greater Beaumont Area Bowling Competition**, Saturday, December 12, 9:00am – 2:00pm. Held at Crossroads Bowling Center, 4370 Dowlen Road. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Norm Arias at 512-491-2935 or [narias@sotx.org](mailto:narias@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

### **Bellaire:**

- **Special Olympics Texas: Fire Truck Pull**, Saturday, October 17, 8:00am, Registration; 9:15am, Opening Ceremonies. Held at Bellaire City Hall, 7008 South Rice Avenue. Cost: Varies; Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Cary Simonds at 832-492-5097 or [csimonds@sotx.org](mailto:csimonds@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

### **Belton:**

- **HOYO: Home of Your Own Program** for people with disabilities. Every Third Tuesday at 9:00am. Hosted by Heart of Central Texas Independent Living Center. Held at the HOXTILC Belton office. For more information, call 254-933-7487 or email [HOCTILC@hochtinc.org](mailto:HOCTILC@hochtinc.org).

## **Borger:**

- **Special Olympics Texas: Bowling Tournament**, Saturday, October 31, 9:00am – 5:00pm. Held at Wildcatters Bowling Alley, 1500 South Main. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Mitch Tybroski at 806-374-7171 or [mtybroski@sotx.org](mailto:mtybroski@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

## **Brownsville:**

- **Special Olympics Texas: Bowling Competition (ages 8 – 15)**, Friday, November 13, 8:00am – 3:00pm. Held at Galaxy Bowl, 3451 Pablo Kisel Blvd. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Lauro Garza at 956-630-3434 or [lgarza@sotx.org](mailto:lgarza@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Bowling Competition (ages 16 and older)**, Friday, November 20, 8:00am – 3:00pm. Held at Galaxy Bowl, 3451 Pablo Kisel Blvd. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Lauro Garza at 956-630-3434 or [lgarza@sotx.org](mailto:lgarza@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

## **Bryan:**

- **Tuesday Talks**, Second Tuesday of Each Month, 11:30a, - 1:00pm. A monthly series of presentations on various topics related to disabilities; also available via live stream online. Held at the Family Health Clinic, 3370 Texas Avenue. Hosted by the Family Support Network. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Texas A&M University at 979-845-4612 or [fns@tamu.edu](mailto:fns@tamu.edu) or visit the [Family Support Network website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Area Golf Competition**, Thursday, September 24, 8:00am – 2:30pm. Held at Briarcrest Country Club, 1929 Country Club Drive. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Norm Arias at 512-491-2935 or [narias@sotx.org](mailto:narias@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

## **Burton:**

- **Camp LIFE (Leadership, Independence and Friends through Experiences)**, October 23 – 25. Held at Camp For All, 6301Rehburg Road. Hosted by Texas A&M Center on Disability and Development; for children with disabilities age 5-21 and their siblings. Cost: Varies; Application is required. For more information and to register, contact Aimee Day at 979-862-2913 or [aday@tamu.edu](mailto:aday@tamu.edu) or visit the [Camp Life website](#).

## **Caldwell:**

- **International Autism Ministry Special Needs Support Group**, Third Monday of each month, 3:00pm – 4:00pm. Held at the Caldwell Library, 704 Highway 21. Hosted by IAM. Cost: FREE. For information, contact IAM at [info@internationalautismministry.com](mailto:info@internationalautismministry.com) or 737-247-8142 or visit the [IAM website](#).

## Canyon:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Area Softball Competition**, Saturday, September 12, 8:00am – 2:00pm. Held at Schaeffer Park, West Texas A&M campus. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Mitch Tybroski at 806-374-7171 or [mtybroski@sotx.org](mailto:mtybroski@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

## Clute:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Regional Softball Competition**, Saturday, September 12, 8:00am – 5:00pm. Held at Stratton Ridge Sportsplex, Stratton Ridge Road. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Pam Hollaway at 281-218-6024 or [phollaway@sotx.org](mailto:phollaway@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

## College Station:

- **Sensory-Friendly Movie Screenings**, Every Second Saturday of the Month, 10:00am. Held at Cinemark Theater, 1401 Earl Rudder Freeway. Hosted by Families of Autistic Children Engaged Together for Support (FACETS). Cost: Regular matinee ticket price. For more information, contact Aimee Day at [facetsbcs@gmail.org](mailto:facetsbcs@gmail.org) or visit the [FACETS website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Area Bocce Competition**, Saturday, September 26, 8:00am – 5:30pm. Held at Veterans' Park and Athletic Complex, 3101 Harvey Road. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Norm Arias at 512-491-2935 or [narias@sotx.org](mailto:narias@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

## Conroe:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Fire Truck Pull**, Saturday, September 12, 8:00am, Registration; 9:00am, Opening Ceremonies. Held at Armstrong Elementary School, 110 Gladstell Street. Cost: Varies; Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Cary Simonds at 713-290-0049 or [csimonds@sotx.org](mailto:csimonds@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Area Bowling Competition**, Saturday, November 14, 8:00am – 6:30pm. Held at 300 Bowl, 902 Wilson Road. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Norm Arias at 512-491-2935 or [narias@sotx.org](mailto:narias@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Area Powerlifting Competition**, Saturday, November 21, 9:00am – 2:00pm. Held at Iron Junior High School, 16780 Needham Road. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Norm Arias at 512-491-2935 or [narias@sotx.org](mailto:narias@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

## Corpus Christi:

- **Corpus Christi Committee for Persons with Disabilities**, First Wednesday of each Month, 3:30pm; Monthly meeting; Open to the public. Location: City Hall, City Council Chambers, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 1201 Leopard Street. Cost: FREE. For more information, visit the [CFPWD website](#) or contact Leon Bazar at [leonb@cctexas.com](mailto:leonb@cctexas.com) or 361-826-3190.
- **Removing Barriers to Gaining, Maintaining or Regaining Employment for People with Disabilities**, First Wednesday of each Month, 10:00am to 3:00pm. Hosted by Disability

Rights Texas. Held at Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend, 520 North Staples. Cost: FREE; first-come, first served. For more information, contact the office at 361-882-7491 or [info@workforcesolutionscb.org](mailto:info@workforcesolutionscb.org) or visit the [Workforce Solutions website](#).

- **Employment Alliance for People with Disabilities (EAPD)**, Third Thursday of each Month, 9:00am – 10:30am; Monthly meeting; Open to the public. Held at Del Mar College, Harvin Center Board of Regents Room 170. For more information, contact Darren Bates at [employmentalliancepwd@gmail.com](mailto:employmentalliancepwd@gmail.com) or visit the [EAPD website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Birdie on the Bay**, Friday, September 25, 11:00am, Check-In, 1:00pm, Tee-Off. Held at Lozano Golf Center, 4401 Old Brownsville Road. Cost: Varies; Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Alice Fulton-Garza at 361-857-5679 or [agarza@sotx.org](mailto:agarza@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Bowling Competition**, December 3 – 5, 7:30am – 5:00pm. Held at AMF Saratoga Lanes, 6116 Ayers Street. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Alice Fulton-Garza at 361-857-5679 or [agarza@sotx.org](mailto:agarza@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

### Cypress:

- **Special Olympics Texas: 2015 Regional Golf Tournament**, Monday, September 21, 8:00am – 4:00pm. Held at Cypress Lakes Golf Course, 18700 Cypresswood Drive. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Aaron Keith at 713-290-0049 or [akeith@sotx.org](mailto:akeith@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

### Dallas:

- **Adjustment to Disability Training**, Twice Monthly on Tuesdays, 1:30pm – 3:00pm. Held at REACH of Dallas, 8625 King George Drive, Suite 210. Hosted by REACH of Dallas. Cost: FREE: Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Kiowanda Jasso at [reachdallas@reachcils.org](mailto:reachdallas@reachcils.org) or 214-630-4796 or visit the [REACH of Dallas website](#).
- **Diabetes Prevention and Management Workshop**, Second Tuesday of Each Month, 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Held at REACH of Dallas, 8625 King George Drive, Suite 210. Hosted by REACH of Dallas and American Diabetes Association. For more information and to register, contact Janie Peachee at [jpeachee@reachcils.org](mailto:jpeachee@reachcils.org) or visit the [REACH of Dallas website](#).
- **Dallas Jr Mavericks Junior Wheelchair Basketball Team**, Weekly practices; various days and times. Held at Bachman Recreation Center, 2750 Bachman Drive. Hosted by the Dallas Junior Mavericks. Cost: \$75 for fall session. For more information and to register, contact Michelle Torina at 214-668-1121 or [jrwcmavsprep@gmail.com](mailto:jrwcmavsprep@gmail.com) or visit the [Junior Mavs website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Golf Competition**, Saturday, September 12, 7:00am – 1:00pm. Held at Tenison Park Golf Course, 3501 Samuel Blvd. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Katy Williams at 214-943-9981 or [kwilliams@sotx.org](mailto:kwilliams@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Symposium on Disability and the Church**, Sunday, September 13, 3:00pm; Dinner at 6:00pm. Held at White Rock United Methodist Church, 1450 Old Gate Lane. Hosted by White Rock United Methodist Church. Cost: FREE for the Symposium; \$12 per person for

dinner; Registration for dinner is required. For more information and to register, contact White Rock UMC at 214-324-3661 or [nmoseley@wrumc.org](mailto:nmoseley@wrumc.org) or visit the [White Rock website](#).

- **Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) – Proloquo2Go Workshop**, Tuesday, September 22, 9:00am – 3:30pm. Held at Ability Connection Texas, 8802 Harry Hines Blvd. Hosted by Ability Connection Texas (ACT). Cost: \$30; Lunch is included; Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact Leah Gardner at [lgardner@abilityconnectiontexas.org](mailto:lgardner@abilityconnectiontexas.org) or 214-247-4539 or visit the [ACT website](#).
- **2015 employAbility Career Expo**, Monday, September 28, 10:00am – 2:00pm. Held at Sheraton Dallas Hotel, 400 North Olive Street. Hosted by the Dallas Mayor’s Committee for the Employment of People with Disabilities: employAbility. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [employAbility website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Chapter Sailing and Kayaking Competition**, October 3 – 4. Held at Corinthian Sailing Club, 441 East Lawther Drive. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Alex Hubbard at 214-943-9981 or [ahubbard@sotx.org](mailto:ahubbard@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Sailing Competition**, Wednesday, October 7, 6:00pm – 9:00pm. Held at Corinth Sailing Club, White Rock Lake, 441 East Lawther Drive. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Alex Hubbard at 214-943-9981 or [ahubbard@sotx.org](mailto:ahubbard@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Greater Dallas Area Bowling Competition**, October 26 – November 6, Various times. Held at USA Bowl, 10920 Composite Drive. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Katy Williams at 214-943-9981 or [kwilliams@sotx.org](mailto:kwilliams@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Over the Edge**, November 6 – 7. Held at The Bank Tower at Oak Cliff, 400 South Zang Blvd. Cost: Varies; Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Doug Ray at 214-943-9981 or [dray@sotx.org](mailto:dray@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Flag Football Competition**, Saturday, November 14, 8:00am – 6:00pm. Held at St. Mark’s School of Texas, 10600 Preston Road. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Alex Hubbard at 214-943-9981 or [ahubbard@sotx.org](mailto:ahubbard@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Volleyball Competition**, Saturday, November 21, 8:00am – 6:00pm. Held at SMU Dedman Center, 600 Airline, and Highland Park Middle School, 3555 Granda. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Katy Williams at 214-943-9981 or [kwilliams@sotx.org](mailto:kwilliams@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

### **Edinburg:**

- **Special Olympics Texas: Bocce Competition**, Saturday, October 17, 9:00am – 2:00pm. Held at UT-RGV, 1201 West University Drive. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Lauro Garza at 956-630-3434 or [lgarza@sotx.org](mailto:lgarza@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

## Elgin:

- **International Autism Ministry Special Needs Support Group**, Second Friday of each month, 11:00am – 1:00pm. Held at the Elgin Library, 404 North Main Street. Hosted by International Autism Ministry. Cost: FREE. For information, contact International Autism Ministry at [info@internationalautismministry.com](mailto:info@internationalautismministry.com) or 737-247-8142 or visit the [IAM website](#).

## El Paso:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Fire Truck Pull**, Saturday, September 19, 8:00am. Held at Casa Ford, 5815 Montana Avenue. Cost: Varies; Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Marsha Baray at 915-533-8229 or [mbaray@sotx.org](mailto:mbaray@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Gene Calabro/Freeway Lady Keglers Bowling Tournament**, Saturday, October 3, 12:00pm – 4:00pm. Held at Bowl El Paso, 11144 Pellicano Drive. Cost: Varies; Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Marsha Baray at 915-533-8229 or [mbaray@sotx.org](mailto:mbaray@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: “Double Talk” Extravaganza Gala**, Friday, October 9, 5:00pm – 11:00pm. Featuring Ventriloquist Ronn Lucas and Juggler Charles Peachock. Held at Wyndham El Paso Airport Hotel, 2027 Airway Blvd. Cost: \$65; Sponsorships are available; Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Marsha Baray at 915-533-8229 or [mbaray@sotx.org](mailto:mbaray@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Bocce Tournament**, Saturday, October 24, 8:00am – 12:00pm. Held at Veterans Park Softball Field, 5301 Salem. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Catherine Waradzyn at 915-533-8229 or [cwaradzyn@sotx.org](mailto:cwaradzyn@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Fall Games Softball Tournament**, Saturday, November 7, 8:00am – 12:00pm. Held at Fort Bliss Softball Complex. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Catherine Waradzyn at 915-533-8229 or [cwaradzyn@sotx.org](mailto:cwaradzyn@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Powerlifting Tournament**, Tuesday, November 10, 6:00pm – 9:00pm. Held at Fred Loya Family YMCA, 2044 Trawood. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Catherine Waradzyn at 915-533-8229 or [cwaradzyn@sotx.org](mailto:cwaradzyn@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Fall Games Bowling Tournament**, Saturday, November 14, 8:00am – 7:00pm. Held at Bowl El Paso, 11114 Pelicano. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Catherine Waradzyn at 915-533-8229 or [cwaradzyn@sotx.org](mailto:cwaradzyn@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Fall Games Figure Skating Competition**, Sunday, November 15, 9:00am – 11:00am. Held at Sierra Providence Equestrian Event Center, 4100 East Paisano Drive. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Catherine Waradzyn at 915-533-8229 or [cwaradzyn@sotx.org](mailto:cwaradzyn@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Volleyball Tournament**, Tuesday, November 17, 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Held at Multipurpose Center, 9031 Viscount Blvd.. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For

more information, contact Catherine Waradzyn at 915-533-8229 or [cwaradzyn@sotx.org](mailto:cwaradzyn@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

### **Farmer's Branch:**

- **Special Olympics Texas: Bocce/ Softball Competition**, Saturday, September 19, 8:00am – 6:00pm. Held at Oran Good Park, 13401 Tom Field Road. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Alex Hubbard at 214-943-9981 or [ahubbard@sotx.org](mailto:ahubbard@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

### **Florence:**

- **International Autism Ministry Special Needs Support Group**, Third Friday of each month, 6:00pm – 7:30pm. Held at the Florence Diner, 208 East Main Street. Hosted by IAM. Cost: FREE. For information, contact IAM at [info@internationalautismministry.com](mailto:info@internationalautismministry.com) or 512-876-9418 or visit the [IAM website](#).

### **Fort Worth:**

- **Fort Worth Mayor's Committee on People with Disabilities**, Every Third Thursday of the First Month of each Quarter, 8:15am. Held at the Hazel Harvey Peace Center, 818 Missouri Avenue. For more information, visit the [FWMCPD website](#).
- **Weekly Job Club for Job Seekers with Disabilities**, Every Tuesday (with some exceptions – call to confirm), 10:00am – 11:00am. Held at Easter Seals of North Texas, 1424 Hemphill Street. Hosted by Easter Seals of North Texas. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Tempe Mays at 817-319-7078 or [tpate@ntx.easterseals.org](mailto:tpate@ntx.easterseals.org).
- **Hearing Loss Association of America, Fort Worth Chapter Monthly Meeting**, Second Saturday of each month, 9:30am. Held at the Goodrich Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, 2500 Lipscomb Street. Hosted by HLAA, Fort Worth Chapter. For more information, contact David Edmondson at [david\\_edmondson@att.net](mailto:david_edmondson@att.net) or 817-564-3764 or visit the [Hearing Loss website](#).
- **Mom's Night Out for parents of children with Down syndrome**, Third Friday of each month, 6:30pm – 10:00pm. Held at various locations. Hosted by Down Syndrome Partnership of North Texas. For more information, contact Mattie Gabbert at 682-597-6656 or [MNO@dspnt.org](mailto:MNO@dspnt.org) or visit the [DSPNT website](#).
- **Community Connection Dance**, Third Friday of each month, 7:00pm – 9:00pm. Held at The Resource Connection, 2300 Circle Drive. Hosted by The Arc of Tarrant County. For more information, visit [The Arc website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Steaks & Stetsons Kick-Off Party**, Thursday, September 3, 7:30pm – 10:30pm. Held at Pop's Garage, 3709 Cockrell Avenue. Cost: \$75; Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Alex Thieroff at 817-332-3433 or [athieroff@sotx.org](mailto:athieroff@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **LakeFest**, Saturday, September 12, 9:00am – 4:00pm. Held at Marine Creek Lake, Marine Creek Parkway. Hosted by Turning Point Nation; Various sports activities; lunch provided by Camp Craig Allen. Cost: FREE; RSVP is required for waterskiing activities. For more

information and to register, contact Blaine at [blaine@youcanski.org](mailto:blaine@youcanski.org) or 214-803-9955 or visit the [Turning Point Nation website](#).

- **Special Olympics Texas: Golf Competition**, Saturday, September 19, Dawn – 3:00pm. Held at Rockwood Golf Course, 1851 Jacksboro Highway. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Cheryl Bledsaw at 817-332-3433 or [cbledsaw@sotx.org](mailto:cbledsaw@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Kayaking Competition**, Sunday, September 20, 9:00am – 12:00pm. Held at Marine Creek Lake, 4700 Huffines Blvd. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Alex Hubbard at 214-943-9981 or [ahubbard@sotx.org](mailto:ahubbard@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Bowling Competition**, November 4 – 7, Various times. Held at City View Lanes, 6601 Oakmont Blvd. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Cheryl Bledsaw at 817-332-3433 or [cbledsaw@sotx.org](mailto:cbledsaw@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

### **Flower Mound:**

- **Special Olympics Texas: Steaks & Stetsons 2015**, Saturday, September 26, 7:00pm – Midnight. Held at The Circle R Ranch, 5901 Cross Timbers Road. Cost: Varies; Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Alex Thieroff at 817-332-3433 or [athieroff@sotx.org](mailto:athieroff@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

### **Fort Hood:**

- **Special Olympics Texas: Bowling Competition**, Thursday, November 19, 10:00am – 1:30pm. Held at Phantom Warrior Lanes, Clear Creek Road at Santa Fe Avenue. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Tommy Smith at 254-230-4824 or [tsmith@sotx.org](mailto:tsmith@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

### **Frisco:**

- **Texan of the Year Gala: Honoring the Late John Santikos**, Wednesday, September 16, 6:00pm Cocktails, 7:00pm Dinner. Held at Embassy Suites Convention Center, 7600 John Q. Hammons Drive. Hosted by Variety: The Children's Charity of Texas. Cost: Varies; Fundraiser for Variety Texas; Sponsorships are available; Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact Variety at 512-328-5437 or visit the [Variety website](#).

### **Galveston:**

- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Gulf Coast Family Support Groups**, First Tuesday of every month, 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Held at Moody Methodist Church, 2803 53rd Street. Hosted by NAMI Gulf Coast. Cost: FREE; No registration is required. For more information, contact NAMI Gulf Coast at 281-585-3100 or 409-944-4328 or 888-554-2264 or [namgc@namigulfcoast.org](mailto:namgc@namigulfcoast.org).
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Gulf Coast Individuals living with mental illness Support Groups**, First Tuesday of every month, 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Held at Moody Methodist Church, 2803 53rd Street. Hosted by NAMI Gulf Coast. Cost: FREE; No registration is

required. For more information, contact NAMI Gulf Coast at 281-585-3100 or 409-944-4328 or 888-554-2264 or [namgc@namigulfcoast.org](mailto:namgc@namigulfcoast.org).

- **International Autism Ministry Special Needs Support Group**, Fourth Monday of each month, 11:00am – 1:00pm. Held at the Galveston Rosenberg Library, 2310 Sealy Street. Hosted by International Autism Ministry. Cost: FREE. For information, contact IAM at [info@internationalautismministry.com](mailto:info@internationalautismministry.com) or 737-247-8142 or visit the [IAM website](#).
- **Moody Gardens Adaptive Sports Day**, Saturday, September 12, 10:00am – 4:00pm. Held at Moody Gardens, One Hope Boulevard. Hosted by Moody Gardens, TIRR, Texas Adaptive Aquatics, and Turning Point Nation. Cost: FREE for participants with disabilities; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [Turning Point Nation website](#).
- **The Art of Rehabilitation Annual Conference**, September 27 – 29. Held at Hilton Galveston Island Resort, 5400 Seawall Blvd. Hosted by Texas Rehabilitation Association. Cost: Varies; Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact Marilyn Padgett at 800-935-6582 x1 or 281-488-6872 or [mpadgett01@comcast.net](mailto:mpadgett01@comcast.net) or visit the [TRA Conference website](#).

### **Gatesville:**

- **Special Olympics Texas: Fire Truck Pull**, Saturday, November 7, 1:45pm – 5:00pm. Held at Fauntleroy Park, South 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Cost: Varies; Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Tommy Smith at 254-230-4824 or [tsmith@sotx.org](mailto:tsmith@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

### **Georgetown:**

- **International Autism Ministry Special Needs Support Group**, Second Monday of each month, 11:00am – 1:00pm. Held at the Georgetown Library, 402 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Hosted by IAM. Cost: FREE. For information, contact IAM at [info@internationalautismministry.com](mailto:info@internationalautismministry.com) or 737-247-8142 or visit the [IAM website](#).

### **Graham:**

- **Special Olympics Texas: Area Bowling Competition**, Saturday, December 5, 8:00am – 5:00pm. Held at Steer Bowl, 1444 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Mike Strickland at 940-692-2986 or [mstrickland@sotx.org](mailto:mstrickland@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

### **Harlingen:**

- **Special Olympics Texas: Run with Heroes RGV 5K**, Saturday, September 26, 8:00am – 12:00pm. Held at Harlingen Downtown District, West Jackson Avenue. Cost: Varies; Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Orlando Gonzalez at 956-244-2482 or [ogonzalez@harlingenpolice.com](mailto:ogonzalez@harlingenpolice.com) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Bowling Competition (ages 8 to 15)**, Monday, November 2, 8:30am – 3:00pm. Held at Creasey's Bowling Alley, 644 North Ed Carey Drive. Hosted by Special

Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Lauro Garza at 956-630-3434 or [lgarza@sotx.org](mailto:lgarza@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

- **Special Olympics Texas: Bowling Competition (ages 16 and older)**, Monday, November 9, 8:30am – 3:00pm. Held at Creasey's Bowling Alley, 644 North Ed Carey Drive. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Lauro Garza at 956-630-3434 or [lgarza@sotx.org](mailto:lgarza@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

## **Houston:**

- **Houston Council of the Blind Monthly Meetings**, First Monday of Each Month, 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Held at Houston Lighthouse, 3602 West Dallas. Open to the public. For more information, contact the Houston Council of the Blind at 713-520-9237 or visit the [Houston Council of the Blind website](#).
- **National MS Society Lone Star Chapter: After Hours**, First Monday of Each Month, 6:30pm – 9:00pm. Held at Lupe Tortilla, 2414 Southwest Freeway. Social Networking for people with MS, ages 18 – 30-ish. For more information and to RSVP, contact Chris Mays at 832-334-9023 or [chmays23@yahoo.com](mailto:chmays23@yahoo.com) or visit the [NMSS Lone Star Chapter website](#).
- **Families CAN Support Group**, First Tuesday of Each Month, 10:00am to 12:00pm. Held at Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd. Cost: FREE. For more information, call 713-743-5435 or 713-743-5592.
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Houston Family Support Group**, First and Third Tuesday of Each Month, 7:00pm. Held at Bay Area Unitarian Universalist Church, 17503 El Camino Real. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Patsy Crum at 281-471-3123 or [patsy.crum@att.net](mailto:patsy.crum@att.net) or visit the [NAMI Houston website](#).
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Houston Family Support Group**, First and Third Wednesday of Each Month, 7:00pm. Held at Cypress Bible Church, 11711 Cypress. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Jane Easterwood at 281-376-8735 or [janeesterwood@aol.com](mailto:janeesterwood@aol.com) or visit the [NAMI Houston website](#).
- **Information and Hope for Families: For Spanish Speaking Parents of Children with Disabilities**, First Thursday of Each Month, 6:45pm to 9:00pm. Volunteer to help with Inspiration Day, honoring students and encouraging parent participation. Held at the Graceview Baptist Church, 25510 Tomball Parkway. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Carmen Pulger at 281-773-8318 or [mcpulger@att.net](mailto:mcpulger@att.net).
- **Autism Playgroup of Fort Bend County**, First Saturday of Each Month, 10:00am to 12:00pm. Held at Lost Creek Park and various other parks in Fort Bend County. RSVP required. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Susan Garczynski at 281-726-2665 or [susan@susangar.com](mailto:susan@susangar.com).
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Houston Family Support Group**, Second and Fourth Sunday of Each Month, 2:30pm. Held at Pines Presbyterian Church, 12751 Kimberly. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Vi Napolitano at 281-893-2493 or [philnapolitano@yahoo.com](mailto:philnapolitano@yahoo.com) or visit the [NAMI Houston website](#).
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Houston Family Support Group: Faith-Based**, Second and Fourth Sunday of Each Month, 2:30pm. Held at Bridgepoint Bible Church, 13277

Katy Freeway. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Pat or Leon Alderfer at 713-467-3764 or [lpalderfer@comcast.net](mailto:lpalderfer@comcast.net) or visit the [NAMI Houston website](#).

- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Houston Family Support Group**, Second Tuesday of Each Month, 7:00pm. Held at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 5501 Maine Street. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Phil or Lesley Blackburn at 832-367-4943 or [Lesley.blackburn@invesco.com](mailto:Lesley.blackburn@invesco.com) or visit the [NAMI Houston website](#).
- **Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) Monthly Meetings**, Second Tuesday of Each Month (except for June and December), 9:30am. Held at Bethany United Methodist Church, 3511 Linkwood Drive. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Jan Connolly at [janpatrice@att.net](mailto:janpatrice@att.net) or Rikki Martinez at [martinezenriqueta@yahoo.com](mailto:martinezenriqueta@yahoo.com) or visit the [HLAA website](#).
- **Spanish-Speaking National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Houston Family Support Group**, Second and Fourth Tuesday of Each Month, 7:00pm. Held at Comunidad Catolica St. Cecilia, 11720 Joan of Arc. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Dora Pozzi at 713-772-5688 or [dcpozzi@central.uh.edu](mailto:dcpozzi@central.uh.edu) or visit the [NAMI Houston website](#).
- **Bridging Apps Local Meeting: Bridging the Gap Between Technology and People with Disabilities**, Second Wednesday of Each Month, 6:30pm – 7:30pm. Held at Easter Seals of Greater Houston, 4500 Bissonnet, Suite 337, Bellaire. For more information, visit the [Bridging Apps website](#).
- **Special Education 101**, Second Wednesday of Each Month, 11:00am – 1:00pm. Held at The Arc, 3737 Dacoma Street. Cost: \$25; Registration is necessary; Scholarships available. For more information, contact Karen Snead at [karen@aogh.org](mailto:karen@aogh.org) or 713-957-1600 x114 or visit [The Arc website](#).
- **Houston Commission on Disabilities (HCOD) meeting**, Second Thursday of Each Month, 4:00pm – 6:00pm. Held at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray Street. Cost: FREE; open to the public. For more information, contact June Eaton at 832-394-0814 or [june.eaton@houstontx.gov](mailto:june.eaton@houstontx.gov) or visit the [HCOD website](#).
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Houston Family Support Group**, Second Thursday of Each Month, 7:00pm. Held at Seven Acres Jewish Senior Services, 6200 North Braeswood. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Jane Dorothy Susberry at 713-641-1879 or visit the [NAMI Houston website](#).
- **North Houston Autism Playgroup**, Third Saturday of Each Month, 10:00am to 12:00pm. Held at Bear Branch Park, 5200 Research Forest Drive. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Janet Cooper at 281-231-2262 or [visit the website](#).
- **Families Coping with Mental Illness: Public Meeting**, Third Monday of Each Month, 7:15pm to 9:00pm. Held at Memorial Drive Methodist Church, 12955 Memorial Drive. Cost: FREE. For more information, visit the [NAMI website](#).
- **South Texas College of Law (STCL) Direct Representation Legal Clinic**, Third Thursday of Each Month, 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Addresses family law, probate and estate planning issues. Held at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1175 West Gray. Hosted by the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) and STCL. Cost: FREE to qualified applicants. For more information, contact MOPD at 832-394-0814 or [mopdmail@houstontx.gov](mailto:mopdmail@houstontx.gov) or visit the [MOPD website](#).

- **Spanish-Speaking National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Houston Family Support Group**, Third Thursday of Each Month, 9:00am (Seasonal; Call to confirm). Held at Ninfa Lorenzo ECC, 205 North Delmar Street. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Sergio Aguirre at 832-265-8402 or [saguirre.nami-hou@yahoo.com](mailto:saguirre.nami-hou@yahoo.com) or visit the [NAMI Houston website](#).
- **Spanish-Speaking National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Houston Family Support Group, Faith-Based**, Third Friday of Each Month, 9:00am. Held at Grace Community Church, 14505 Gulf Freeway. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Sergio Aguirre at 832-265-8402 or [saguirre.nami-hou@yahoo.com](mailto:saguirre.nami-hou@yahoo.com) or visit the [NAMI Houston website](#).
- **Families Coping with Adult Mental Illness: Public Meeting**, First and Third Sunday of Each Month, 4:00pm to 5:30pm. Held at St. Peter's United Methodist Church, 20775 Kingsland Blvd. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Pat or Leon Alderfer at 713-467-3764.
- **Families Coping with Adult Mental Illness: Public Meeting**, Second and Fourth Sunday of Each Month, 2:30pm to 4:00pm. Held at Pines Presbyterian Church, 12751 Kimberley. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Vi Napolitano at 281-893-2493.
- **Families Coping with Children and Adolescent Mental Illness: Public Meeting**, Second and Fourth Sunday of Each Month, 2:30pm to 4:00pm. Held at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church, 12955 Memorial Drive. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Bonnie Cord at 713-984-2538.
- **Special Education 101**, Wednesday, September 2, 11:00am – 1:00pm. Held at MHMRA Conference Center, 7033 Southwest Freeway, Room B. Hosted by The Arc Greater Houston. Cost: \$25; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Karen Snead at 713-957-1600 x114 or [karen@aogh.org](mailto:karen@aogh.org) or visit the [AOGH website](#).
- **Opening Minds, Opening Doors: Promoting Self-Advocates as Speakers Workshop**, Deadline for Applications: Monday, September 14; Classes held Saturdays from October 24 through December 5 (No Class on November 28), 1:00pm – 4:00pm. Held at Houston Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray Street. Hosted by VSA Texas and OMOD. Cost: FREE; Approved Application is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Eric Clow at 512-454-1944 or [eric@vsatx.org](mailto:eric@vsatx.org) or visit the [VSA Texas website](#).
- **How to Write Successful, Individualized Goals for Students with Special Needs**, Tuesday, September 15, 11:00am – 1:30pm. Held at MHMRA Conference Center, 7033 Southwest Freeway, Room B. Hosted by The Arc Greater Houston. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Karen Snead at 713-957-1600 x114 or [karen@aogh.org](mailto:karen@aogh.org) or visit the [AOGH website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Area Bocce Competition**, Saturday, September 19, 9:00am – 5:00pm. Held at Kincaid School, 201 Kincaid School Drive. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Aaron Keith at 713-290-0049 or [akeith@sotx.org](mailto:akeith@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Area Aquatics Meet**, Saturday, October 3, 8:30am – 4:00pm. Held at Cy Fair ISD Natatorium, Cy Ranch High School campus. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Renee Klovenski at 713-290-0049 or [rklovenski@sotx.org](mailto:rklovenski@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

- **Special Education 101**, Wednesday, October 7, 11:00am – 1:00pm. Held at MHMRA Conference Center, 7033 Southwest Freeway, Room B. Hosted by The Arc Greater Houston. Cost: \$25; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Karen Snead at 713-957-1600 x114 or [karen@aogh.org](mailto:karen@aogh.org) or visit the [AOGH website](#).
- **All Diverse 5K Walk, Run and Roll**, Saturday, October 10, 7:00am – 12:00pm. Held at HISD Dyer Stadium, 2020 Mangum Street. Hosted by Barbara Jordan Ambassadors. Cost: Varies; Fundraiser; Sponsorships and booths are available; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact BJE at [bjendeavors@att.net](mailto:bjendeavors@att.net) or visit the [Barbara Jordan Endeavors website](#).
- **Walk4Hearing**, Saturday, October 10, 8:00am, Registration; 9:00am, Walk begins. Held at University of Houston Lynn Eusan Park, 4500 University Drive. Hosted by Hearing Loss Association of American. Cost: Varies; Fundraiser; Sponsorships are available; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Lois Davis at [lois.davis09@yahoo.com](mailto:lois.davis09@yahoo.com) or visit the [HLAA website](#).
- **White Cane Safety Day March and Exhibits**, Thursday, October 15, 9:00am. March begins at Houston City Hall, 901 Bagby Street. Hosted by Texas RehabACTion Network, in partnership with various organizations. For more information, phone 832-819-4343 or email [WhiteCaneSafetyDay@gmail.com](mailto:WhiteCaneSafetyDay@gmail.com) or visit the [Barbara Jordan Endeavors website](#).
- **Accessibility Professionals Association (APA) Continuing Education Program**, Friday, October 16, 8:00am – 5:00pm (Half-Day options are available). Held at United Way Building, 50 Waugh Drive. Hosted by APA. Cost: Varies; CEUs are available; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Shirley Knox at 512-415-5938 or [executivedirector@accessibilityprofessionals.org](mailto:executivedirector@accessibilityprofessionals.org) or visit the [APA website](#).
- **Understanding the Best Special Education Services for Students with Autism**, Tuesday, October 20, 11:00am – 1:30pm. Held at MHMRA Conference Center, 7033 Southwest Freeway, Room B. Hosted by The Arc Greater Houston. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Karen Snead at 713-957-1600 x114 or [karen@aogh.org](mailto:karen@aogh.org) or visit the [AOGH website](#).
- **Special Education 101**, Wednesday, November 4, 11:00am – 1:00pm. Held at MHMRA Conference Center, 7033 Southwest Freeway, Room B. Hosted by The Arc Greater Houston. Cost: \$25; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Karen Snead at 713-957-1600 x114 or [karen@aogh.org](mailto:karen@aogh.org) or visit the [AOGH website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Over the Edge**, November 13 - 14. Held at Embassy Suites Downtown, 1515 Dallas Street. Cost: Varies; Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Cary Simonds at 832-492-5097 or [csimonds@sotx.org](mailto:csimonds@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: 2015 Area Volleyball Tournament**, Saturday, November 14, 8:00am – 5:00pm. Held at Willowbrook Sports Complex, 12539 Perry Road. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Aaron Keith at 713-290-0049 or [akeith@sotx.org](mailto:akeith@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Response to Intervention and Universal Design in School Settings**, Tuesday, November 17, 11:00am – 1:30pm. Held at MHMRA Conference Center, 7033 Southwest Freeway, Room B. Hosted by The Arc Greater Houston. Cost: FREE; Registration is necessary. For more

information and to register, contact Karen Snead at 713-957-1600 x114 or [karen@aogh.org](mailto:karen@aogh.org) or visit the [AOGH website](#).

- **Special Education 101**, Wednesday, December 2, 11:00am – 1:00pm. Held at MHMRA Conference Center, 7033 Southwest Freeway, Room B. Hosted by The Arc Greater Houston. Cost: \$25; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Karen Snead at 713-957-1600 x114 or [karen@aogh.org](mailto:karen@aogh.org) or visit the [AOGH website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: 2015 Area Bowling Tournament: Ages 8 – 11**, Friday, December 4, 8:30am – 3:00pm. Held at Copperfield Bowling Center, 15615 Glen Chase Drive. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Renee Klovenski at 713-290-0049 or [rklovenski@sotx.org](mailto:rklovenski@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: 2015 Area Bowling Tournament**, Saturday, December 5, 8:00am – 7:00pm. Held at Copperfield Bowling Center, 15615 Glen Chase Drive. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Renee Klovenski at 713-290-0049 or [rklovenski@sotx.org](mailto:rklovenski@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

### **Hurst:**

- **Special Olympics Texas: Softball Competition**, Saturday, September 12, 8:00am – 1:00pm. Held at Hurst Athletics Complex, 2104 Precinct Line Road. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Cheryl Bledsaw at 817-332-3433 or [cbledsaw@sotx.org](mailto:cbledsaw@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

### **Hutto:**

- **Free Inclusion Soccer Clinic**, Saturday, September 12, 11:00am, Registration; 11:30am – 2:00pm, Clinic. Held at Hutto Youth Soccer Field, 1 Riverwalk Drive. Hosted by Austin Aztex and CTX Ability Sports in partnership with the Hutto Youth Soccer Association. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [Inclusion Soccer Clinic website](#).

### **Irving:**

- **Handcycling**, Second Saturday of Each Month, 10:00am – 12:00pm. Held at Sam Houston Trail Park, Valley Ranch. Hosted by Turning Point Nation. For more information, contact Tony Thrift at [tthrist@turningpointnation.org](mailto:tthrist@turningpointnation.org) or 817-262-3077 or visit the [TPN website](#).

### **Katy:**

- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Houston Family Support Group**, First and Third Sunday of Each Month, 4:00pm. Held at St. Peter United Methodist Church, 70775 Kingsland Blvd. Hosted by NAMI Houston. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Pat or Leon Alderfer at 713-467-3764 or [lpalderfer@comcast.net](mailto:lpalderfer@comcast.net) or visit the [NAMI Houston website](#).

### **Keller:**

- **Special Olympics Texas: Flag Football Competition**, Saturday, October 3, 8:00am – 1:00pm. Held at Keller High School, 601 Pate Orr Road North. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For

more information, contact Cheryl Bledsaw at 817-332-3433 or [cbledsaw@sotx.org](mailto:cbledsaw@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

### **Kingwood:**

- **Special Olympics Texas: SGS Mulligans and Mudbugs Charity Golf Classic**, Wednesday, September 23, 7:00am – 12:30pm. Held at Kingwood Country Club, 1700 Lake Kingwood Trail. Cost: Varies; Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Pam Hollaway at 281-218-6024 or [phollaway@sotx.org](mailto:phollaway@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

### **Lake Jackson:**

- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Family Support Groups**, Second and Fourth Thursday of every month, 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Held at Brazosport Regional Healthcare System, 100 Medical Drive. Hosted by NAMI Gulf Coast. Cost: FREE; No registration is required. For more information, contact NAMI Gulf Coast at 281-585-3100, 888-554-2264 or [namgc@namigulfcoast.org](mailto:namgc@namigulfcoast.org).
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Individuals living with mental illness Support Groups**, Second Thursday of every month, 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Held at Brazosport Regional Healthcare System, 100 Medical Center Drive. Hosted by NAMI Gulf Coast. Cost: FREE; No registration is required. For more information, contact NAMI Gulf Coast at 281-585-3100 or 888-554-2264 or [namgc@namigulfcoast.org](mailto:namgc@namigulfcoast.org).

### **La Marque:**

- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Gulf Coast Family Support Groups**, Second Monday of every month, 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Held at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 1601 Lake Road. Hosted by NAMI Gulf Coast. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact NAMI Gulf Coast at 281-585-3100 or 1-888-554-2264 or [namgc@namigulfcoast.org](mailto:namgc@namigulfcoast.org).
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Gulf Coast Individuals living with mental illness Support Groups**, Second Monday of every month, 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Held at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 1601 Lake Road. Hosted by NAMI Gulf Coast. Cost: FREE; No registration is required. For more information, contact NAMI Gulf Coast at 281-585-3100 or 888-554-2264 or [namgc@namigulfcoast.org](mailto:namgc@namigulfcoast.org).

### **Lampasas:**

- **International Autism Ministry Special Needs Support Group**, Third Friday of each month, 3:00pm – 5:00pm. Held at the Lampasas Library, 201 South Main. Hosted by IAM. Cost: FREE. For information, contact IAM at [info@internationalautismministry.com](mailto:info@internationalautismministry.com) or 737-247-8142 or visit the [IAM website](#).

### **Laredo:**

- **Special Olympics Texas: Bowling for Badges**, Thursday, September 3, 6:00pm. Held at Jett Bowl North, 5823 McPherson Road. Cost: \$25 per person, \$250 per team; Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Maribel Santoya-Maciel at 956-712-2144 or [msantoya-maciel@sotx.org](mailto:msantoya-maciel@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

- **Special Olympics Texas: Wine and Dine for Special Olympics Texas**, Monday, September 21, 7:30pm – 10:00pm. Held at Laredo’s Salsa Restaurant & Sushi Grill, 9902 McPherson Road. Cost: \$75 per person; Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Maribel Santoya-Maciel at 956-712-2144 or [msantoya-maciel@sotx.org](mailto:msantoya-maciel@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Area Bowling Fun League**, Friday, October 2, 10:00am – 1:00pm. Held at Jett Bowl North, 701 Gale Street. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Maribel Santoya-Maciel at 956-712-2144 or [msantoya-maciel@sotx.org](mailto:msantoya-maciel@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Aquatics Competition**, Wednesday, October 21, 9:00am – 1:00pm. Held at City of Laredo Inner City Pool, 202 West Plum. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Maribel Santoya-Maciel at 956-712-2144 or [msantoya-maciel@sotx.org](mailto:msantoya-maciel@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Softball Competition**, Thursday, October 22, 9:30am – 1:30pm. Held at UISD Student Activity Center Softball Field, 5207 Santa Claudia. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Maribel Santoya-Maciel at 956-712-2144 or [msantoya-maciel@sotx.org](mailto:msantoya-maciel@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Area Bowling Elementary Level Competition**, Wednesday, October 28, 8:30am – 2:00pm. Held at Jett Bowl North, 701 Gale Street. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Maribel Santoya-Maciel at 956-712-2144 or [msantoya-maciel@sotx.org](mailto:msantoya-maciel@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Bocce and Unified Bocce Competition**, Thursday, October 29, 9:30am – 1:00pm. Location TBA. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Maribel Santoya-Maciel at 956-712-2144 or [msantoya-maciel@sotx.org](mailto:msantoya-maciel@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Area Bowling Competition: Middle School Age and Masters**, Wednesday, November 4, 8:30am – 2:30pm. Held at Jett Bowl North, 701 Gale Street. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Maribel Santoya-Maciel at 956-712-2144 or [msantoya-maciel@sotx.org](mailto:msantoya-maciel@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Powerlifting Competition**, Friday, November 6, 9:30am – 1:00pm. Held at Border Region MHMR, 1500 Pappas. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Maribel Santoya-Maciel at 956-712-2144 or [msantoya-maciel@sotx.org](mailto:msantoya-maciel@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Golf Competition**, Friday, November 6, 1:00pm – 4:00pm. Held at Casa Blanca Golf Course, 3800 Casa Blanca Road. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Maribel Santoya-Maciel at 956-712-2144 or [msantoya-maciel@sotx.org](mailto:msantoya-maciel@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Area Bowling Competition: High School Age and Unified**, Tuesday, November 10, 8:30am – 2:30pm. Held at Jett Bowl North, 701 Gale Street. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Maribel Santoya-Maciel at 956-712-2144 or [msantoya-maciel@sotx.org](mailto:msantoya-maciel@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: MATP Challenge Day**, Friday, December 4, 9:30am – 12:00pm. Held at Bonnie Garcia Elementary, 1453 Concord Hills Blvd. Hosted by Special Olympics

Texas. For more information, contact Maribel Santoya-Maciel at 956-712-2144 or [msantoya-maciel@sotx.org](mailto:msantoya-maciel@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

### **Leander:**

- **International Autism Ministry Special Needs Support Group**, First Monday of each month, 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Held at the Leander Library, 1011 South Bagdad Road. Hosted by IAM. Cost: FREE; Bring a brown-bag lunch. For information, contact International Autism Ministry at [info@internationalautismministry.com](mailto:info@internationalautismministry.com) or 737-247-8142 or visit the [IAM website](#).

### **Longview:**

- **A.I.M. (Awareness, Information, Motivation) Group**, Third Tuesday of each month, 12:00pm – 1:00pm. Held at The Arc of Gregg County Downtown Coffee Shop, 107 East Tyler Street. Hosted by ETCIL. For more information, contact Karen Holt at 903-241-6021 or visit the [ETCIL website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: 2015 Bowling Competition**, November 5 – 6. Held at Oil Bowl Lanes, 1102 West Cotton Street. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Anthony Key at 936-639-1755 or [akey@sotx.org](mailto:akey@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

### **Lubbock:**

- **West Texas Archery**, Second and Fourth Thursdays of each month, 6:30pm. For sports enthusiasts with mobility impairments. Sponsored by Turning Point. Held at Lubbock Indoor Archery. For more information, visit the [Turning Point website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Bocce Competition**, October 1 – 2, 10:00am – 3:00pm. Held at Davis Park, 40<sup>th</sup> Street and Nashville. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Norm Arias at 512-491-2935 or [narias@sotx.org](mailto:narias@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Bowling Competition**, November 21 – 22. Held at South Plains Lanes, 5150 69<sup>th</sup> Street. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Norm Arias at 512-491-2935 or [narias@sotx.org](mailto:narias@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

### **Lufkin:**

- **Special Olympics Texas: Fire Truck Pull**, Saturday, November 21, 9:00am. Held at Pitsier Garrison Convention Center, 601 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Cost: Varies; Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Anthony Key at 936-639-1755 or [akey@sotx.org](mailto:akey@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

### **Manor:**

- **Special Olympics Texas: Area 13 Road Share Cycling Ride**, Saturday, November 14, 8:00am – 4:00pm. Held at Manor ISD Athletic Complex, 14832 FM973 North. Cost: Varies; Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Courtney Shelton at 512-491-2927 or [cshelton@sotx.org](mailto:cshelton@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

## McAllen:

- **Bridging Apps Local Meeting: Bridging the Gap Between Technology and People with Disabilities**, Fourth Thursday of Each Month, 5:30pm – 7:00pm. Held at Easter Seals of Rio Grande Valley, 801 South Main. For more information, visit the [Bridging Apps website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Bowling Competition – Ramps**, Tuesday, November 10, 8:00am – 3:00pm. Held at Flamingo Bowl, 3301 North 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Lauro Garza at 956-630-3434 or [lgarza@sotx.org](mailto:lgarza@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Bowling Competition – Non-Ramps**, Thursday, November 12, 8:00am – 4:00pm. Held at Flamingo Bowl, 3301 North 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Lauro Garza at 956-630-3434 or [lgarza@sotx.org](mailto:lgarza@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

## McKinney:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Texas Sand Games at the Beach**, Saturday, September 12, 9:00am – 7:00pm. Held at The Beach at Craig Ranch, 6145 Alma Road. Cost: Varies; Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Kristie Crone at 214-943-9981 or [kcrone@sotx.org](mailto:kcrone@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **68<sup>th</sup> Annual Variety Golf Tournament**, Thursday, September 17, 7:30am Breakfast, 9:00am Shotgun Start. Held at Stonebridge Ranch Country Club, 5901 Glen Oaks Drive. Hosted by Variety: The Children's Charity of Texas. Cost: Varies; Fundraiser for Variety Texas; Sponsorships are available; Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact Variety at 512-328-5437 or visit the [Variety website](#).
- **The Super Run: LifePath Systems Foundation**, Saturday, October 17, 8:00am – 11:00am. Held at Myers Park and Event Center, 7117 County Road 166. Fundraiser for LifePath Foundation. Cost: Varies; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [Super Run website](#).

## Mercedes:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Tennis Competition**, Monday, December 14, 8:00am – 12:00pm. Held at Mercedes High School, 1200 South Florida. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Lauro Garza at 956-630-3434 or [lgarza@sotx.org](mailto:lgarza@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Golf Competition**, Tuesday, December 15, 9:00am – 12:00pm. Held at Llano Grande Golf Course, 2215 East West Blvd. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Lauro Garza at 956-630-3434 or [lgarza@sotx.org](mailto:lgarza@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Flag Football Competition**, Thursday, December 17, 9:00am – 12:00pm. Held at Mercedes High School, 1200 South Florida. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Lauro Garza at 956-630-3434 or [lgarza@sotx.org](mailto:lgarza@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

## **Mission:**

- **Special Olympics Texas: RGV Fire Truck Pull and Strongman Competition**, Saturday, October 24, Check-In, 9:00am; Competition, 10:00am. Held at Leo Pena Placita Park, West 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Conway Avenue. Cost: Varies; Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas; Registration is necessary. For more information and to register, contact Lauro Garza at 956-630-3434 or [lgarza@sotx.org](mailto:lgarza@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

## **North Richland Hills:**

- **Special Olympics Texas: Volleyball Competition and Athlete Christmas Party**, Saturday, December 12, 7:30am – 4:00pm. Held at Fort Worth Christian School, 6200 Holiday Lane. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Cheryl Bledsaw at 817-332-3433 or [cbledsaw@sotx.org](mailto:cbledsaw@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

## **Odessa:**

- **Special Olympics Texas: Area Softball Competition**, Saturday, October 3, 8:30am – 5:00pm. Held at UTPB Softball Complex. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Norm Arias at 512-491-2935 or [narias@sotx.org](mailto:narias@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Bowling Competition**, Saturday, November 14, 9:00am – 5:00pm. Held at Diamond Lanes, 2208 East 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Norm Arias at 512-491-2935 or [narias@sotx.org](mailto:narias@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

## **Pampa:**

- **Special Olympics Texas: Area Golf Tournament**, Saturday, September 26, 9:00am – 3:00pm. Held at Hidden Hills Golf Course, Highway 60 North. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Mitch Tybroski at 806-374-7171 or [mtybroski@sotx.org](mailto:mtybroski@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

## **Plano:**

- **Wheelchair Hockey**, Selected Sundays, 3:00pm – 5:00pm. Held at Carpenter Park Recreation Center, 6701 Coit Road. Hosted by Camp Craig Allen. Cost: FREE for any person with a physical disability. For more information, contact Laura at [laurah@campcraigallen.org](mailto:laurah@campcraigallen.org) or visit the [Camp Craig Allen website](#).
- **Adaptive Archery Practice**, Sunday, September 27, 9:00am – 12:00pm. Held at Texas Archery Academy, 600 Accent Drive. Hosted by Turning Point Nation. Cost: FREE; Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the [Turning Point Nation website](#).

## **Robinson:**

- **Special Olympics Texas: Softball Competition**, Saturday, September 19, 9:00am – 2:00pm. Held at Robinson Little League – Youngblood Park, 200 East Moonlight Drive. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Tommy Smith at 254-230-4824 or [tsmith@sotx.org](mailto:tsmith@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

## San Angelo:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Area Softball Competition**, Saturday, October 3, 9:00am – 4:30pm. Held at Texas Bank Sports Complex, 1615 Rio Concho Road. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Luann Chastain at 325-677-3200 or [lchastain@sotx.org](mailto:lchastain@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Area Bowling Competition**, November 5 – 7, 9:00am – 4:00pm. Held at Stadium Lanes, 2105 Knickerbocker Road. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Luann Chastain at 325-677-3200 or [lchastain@sotx.org](mailto:lchastain@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

## San Antonio:

- **Eva's Heroes Special Presentations**, First and Third Tuesday of the Month, 5:30pm. Special showings of Hollywood's latest family-friendly films in a sensory-friendly and accepting environment. Hosted by Eva's Heroes and Santikos. Held at Santikos Embassy 14 and Santikos Silverado 16. Cost: Varies; guests with intellectual special needs admitted free. For more information, visit the calendar on the [DisabilitySA website](#).
- **Employment First San Antonio (EFSA) DisABILITY Employment Network Event**, Fridays, September 11 and November 13, 9:30am – 10:30am. Held at the Nellie Reddix Center, 4711 Sid Katz. Hosted by EFSA. Cost: Cash breakfast; Registration is required. For more information and to register, contact Joseph Kenney at 210-331-0835 or [joseph.kenney44@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.kenney44@gmail.com) or [joseph.kenney@dads.state.tx.us](mailto:joseph.kenney@dads.state.tx.us).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Softball Competition**, Saturday, September 19, 9:00am. Held at Koger Stokes Softball Complex, 611 West Myrtle Street. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Shawn Britt at 210-530-9898 or [sbritt@sotx.org](mailto:sbritt@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Softball Competition**, Tuesday, September 22, 1:00pm. Held at Republic Golf Club, 4226 Southeast Military Drive. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Shawn Britt at 210-530-9898 or [sbritt@sotx.org](mailto:sbritt@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Bocce Competition and Eunice Kennedy Shriver Day Celebration**, September 27 – 28. Held at Burbank High School, 1002 Edwards. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Shawn Britt at 210-530-9898 or [sbritt@sotx.org](mailto:sbritt@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Aquatics Competition**, Saturday, October 3, 9:30am. Held at San Antonio Natatorium, 1430 West Cesar E. Chavez Blvd. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Shawn Britt at 210-530-9898 or [sbritt@sotx.org](mailto:sbritt@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Flag Football Competition**, Saturday, October 31, 8:30am – 5:00pm. Held at McAllister Park, 13102 Jones Maltsberger Road. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Shawn Britt at 210-530-9898 or [sbritt@sotx.org](mailto:sbritt@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

- **Special Olympics Texas: Bowling Competition**, November 4 – 7. Held at Bandera Bowling Center, 6700 Huebner Road. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Shawn Britt at 210-530-9898 or [sbritt@sotx.org](mailto:sbritt@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Table Tennis Competition**, Thursday, November 19, 9:00am – 2:00pm. Held at Woodlawn Park, 1103 Cincinnati Street. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Shawn Britt at 210-530-9898 or [sbritt@sotx.org](mailto:sbritt@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Roller Skating Competition**, Monday, November 30, 10:00am – 2:00pm. Held at The RollerCade, 223 Recoleta Road. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Shawn Britt at 210-530-9898 or [sbritt@sotx.org](mailto:sbritt@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Polar Plunge**, Saturday, December 12, 8:30am – 12:00pm. Held at Aquatica SeaWorld Waterpark, 10500 SeaWorld Drive. Cost: Varies; Fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Anna Twitty at 210-530-9898 or [atwitty@sotx.org](mailto:atwitty@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

### Spring:

- **Special Olympics Texas: 2015 Area Softball Tournament**, Saturday, September 26, 8:00am – 4:00pm. Held at Collins Park, 6727 Cypresswood Drive. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Renee Klovenski at 713-290-0049 or [rklovenski@sotx.org](mailto:rklovenski@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

### Sugar Land:

- **Skate Therapy**, Every Saturday of Each Month, 9:30am. Held at Sugar Land Ice and Sports Center, 16225 Lexington Blvd. Hosted by Skate Therapy, a Program of STAR Skaters. For more information, contact [BL@STARskaters.org](mailto:BL@STARskaters.org) or visit the [Skate Therapy website](#).
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Houston Family Support Group**, Every Second and Fourth Thursday of Each Month, 7:00pm. Held at St. Laurence Catholic Church, 3103 Sweetwater Blvd. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Doris Osei at 281-494-5193 or [dma2852@ymail.com](mailto:dma2852@ymail.com) or visit the [NAMI Houston website](#).
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Houston Family Support Group: For Young Families**, Every Third Thursday of Each Month, 7:00pm. Held at St. Laurence Catholic Church, 3103 Sweetwater Blvd. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Pat or Ken Sumner at 281-265-1554 or [psumner1@comcast.net](mailto:psumner1@comcast.net) or visit the [NAMI Houston website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Aquatics Competition**, Saturday, September 19, 8:00am – 2:00pm. Held at Don Cook Natatorium, 16403 Lexington Blvd. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Pam Hollaway at 281-218-6024 or [phollaway@sotx.org](mailto:phollaway@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Bocce Competition**, Saturday, September 26, 8:00am – 12:30pm. Held at Constellation Field, 1 Stadium Drive. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Pam Hollaway at 281-218-6024 or [phollaway@sotx.org](mailto:phollaway@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

## Taylor:

- **International Autism Ministry Special Needs Support Group**, Fourth Friday of each month, 11:00am – 1:00pm. Held at the Taylor Library, 801 Vance Street. Hosted by IAM. Cost: FREE. For information, contact IAM at [info@internationalautismministry.com](mailto:info@internationalautismministry.com) or 737-247-8142 or visit the [IAM website](#).

## Temple:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Table Tennis Competition**, Thursday, December 3, 6:00pm – 8:30pm. Held at Wilson Park and Recreation Center, 2205 Curtis B. Elliott Drive. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Tommy Smith at 254-230-4824 or [tsmith@sotx.org](mailto:tsmith@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Volleyball Competition**, Thursday, December 3, 6:00pm – 8:30pm. Held at Wilson Park and Recreation Center, 2205 Curtis B. Elliott Drive. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Tommy Smith at 254-230-4824 or [tsmith@sotx.org](mailto:tsmith@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

## Texas City:

- **Special Olympics Texas: Volleyball Competition**, Saturday, November 7, 8:30am – 5:30pm. Held at Texas City High School, 1431 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Pam Hollaway at 281-218-6024 or [phollaway@sotx.org](mailto:phollaway@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

## Tomball:

- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Houston Share and Care Family Support Group**, First Tuesday of Each Month, 7:00pm. Held at Tomball Community Center, 221 Market Street. Cost: FREE. For more information, contact Lana Hand at 281-376-5368 or [fehandjr@msn.com](mailto:fehandjr@msn.com) or visit the [NAMI Houston website](#).

## Tyler:

- **Independent Living Skills Classes**, Each Week Tuesday through Friday, various times. Topics include Money Management, Basic Computer Skills, Reading, Kitchen Safety, Nutrition and Cooking. Held at East Texas Center for Independent Living, 4713 Troup Highway. Hosted by ETCIL. For more information, contact ETCIL at 903-581-7542 or visit the [ETCIL website](#).
- **M.O.V.E. (Mobility, Opportunity, Vocation, Encouragement) Support Group**, Fourth Tuesday of each month, 12:15pm – 1:00pm. Held at East Texas Center for Independent Living, 4713 Troup Highway. Hosted by ETCIL. For more information, contact ETCIL at 903-581-7542 or visit the [ETCIL website](#).
- **East Texas Area Council of the Blind meetings**, First Monday of each month, 5:30pm – 6:30pm. Held at East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind, 411 West Front Street. Hosted by East Texas Area Council of the Blind. Open to the public. For more information, contact Michelle Boyd at 903-593-3111 or [michelleb1631@gmail.com](mailto:michelleb1631@gmail.com).
- **Special Olympics Texas: 2015 Fall Games**, Saturday, September 12, 9:00am – 3:00pm. Held at Golden Park, 2300 MacDonald Road. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more

information, contact Anthony Key at 936-639-1755 or [akey@sotx.org](mailto:akey@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

### **Victoria:**

- **Special Olympics Texas: Golf Competition**, Wednesday, September 2, 5:30pm – 7:30pm. Held at Victoria Country Club, 14 Spring Creek Road. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Alice Fulton-Garza at 361-857-5679 or [agarza@sotx.org](mailto:agarza@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

### **Waco:**

- **Waco Mayor's Committee on People with Disabilities Monthly Meeting**. First Thursday of the month, 12:00pm to 1:00pm. Cost: FREE; open to the public. Held at the City of Waco Dr. Mae Jackson Development Center, 401 Franklin Ave. For more information, contact Kelly Yarbrough at [Kelly.yarbrough@dars.state.tx.us](mailto:Kelly.yarbrough@dars.state.tx.us) or phone 254-214-7253.
- **Deaf Day at Kiddieland**, Saturday, September 26, 5:00pm – 8:00pm. Held at Kiddieland, 1716 North 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. Hosted by Waco Founders Lions Club and Waco Association of the Deaf. Cost: FREE to deaf children and their parents and siblings, interpreters, and Deaf Education Professionals. For more information, contact Deborah Hensley at [bibi907@yahoo.com](mailto:bibi907@yahoo.com).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Flag Football Competition**, Saturday, November 7, 10:00am – 2:00pm. Held at Baylor University Intramural Fields, University Parks Drive and LaSalle Avenue. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Tommy Smith at 254-230-4824 or [tsmith@sotx.org](mailto:tsmith@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

### **Webster:**

- **Special Olympics Texas: Bowling Competition**, Saturday, December 5, 8:00am – 4:00pm. Held at Alpha Lanes, 318 West Bay Area. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Pam Hollaway at 281-218-6024 or [phollaway@sotx.org](mailto:phollaway@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

### **Weslaco:**

- **Special Olympics Texas: Powerlifting Competition**, Wednesday, December 2, 9:30am – 2:00pm. Held at Weslaco East High School, 810 South Pleasantview Drive. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Lauro Garza at 956-630-3434 or [lgarza@sotx.org](mailto:lgarza@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).

### **Wichita Falls:**

- **Special Olympics Texas: Area Bocce Competition**, Saturday, October 17, 9:00am – 4:00pm. Held at McNeil Junior High School, 4712 Barnett Road. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For more information, contact Mike Strickland at 940-692-2986 or [mstrickland@sotx.org](mailto:mstrickland@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).
- **Special Olympics Texas: Area Flag Football Competition**, Saturday, November 14, 10:00am – 1:00pm. Held at McNeil Field, 4712 Barnett Road. Hosted by Special Olympics Texas. For

more information, contact Mike Strickland at 940-692-2986 or [mstrickland@sotx.org](mailto:mstrickland@sotx.org) or visit the [SOTX website](#).