



Magnifying Abilities

Summer 2022

For adults with unique learning abilities

Welcome to Magnifying Abilities

Magnifying Abilities is a social/recreational program for persons with intellectual and physical disabilities. The program is designed to enhance community involvement and lifelong learning of adults with disabilities. Adults who participate in the program reside within Carver and Scott County.

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HELLO

from the new Magnifying Abilities Specialist

My name is Susan Meyer and I am so thrilled to be a part of Magnifying Abilities! I am excited for the opportunity to coordinate fun and enriching experiences that connect MA participants with each other and the greater community in Carver and Scott Counties.

My background includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation and Leisure Services and professional roles in a Transition Program, an Adult Day Program, and a Residential Group Home. I feel so fortunate to be able to continue to work with amazing individuals with unique abilities in my new role as the Magnifying Abilities Specialist.

Outside of Magnifying Abilities, you might find me trying to keep track of my three busy teenagers, my two cats, Lucy and Latte, or my rescue pup, Daisy. You might also find me digging in the dirt in my garden or camping with my husband and children at one of our beautiful MN parks!

I can't wait to meet you in-person at our upcoming Summer 2022 events. Take a look at our MA newsletter and hopefully you will find a few activities to join! If you have questions about any of our events or ideas for a future event, please feel free to contact me at (952) 556-6434 or email me at meyers@district112.org. I look forward to meeting you soon!

Volunteer

Magnifying Abilities is in need of caring volunteers to lend a hand at our events. Most events are less than 2 hours, primarily early evenings and occasional weekends, and are a lot of fun!! No experience needed, just a friendly attitude and a willingness to get to know and support some amazing people with disabilities in your community! If you would like to become a volunteer, please reach out to Susan Meyer with Magnifying Abilities at (952) 556-6434 or meyers@district112.org

We're Hiring

Magnifying Abilities is searching for an individual to join us as a Magnifying Abilities Paraprofessional. This fun, casual, support position is very part-time requiring just 5 to 15 hours per month to help facilitate our events. Interested individuals with experience supporting individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply at district112.org under Employment Opportunities. Please contact Susan Meyer with any questions at (952) 556-6434 or email meyers@district112.org.

June

Tie-Dye T-Shirts

Get creative with Sandi and design your own T-Shirt! We will use this less-mess technique with permanent marker color blending. You can choose which colors and designs best reflect your personal style! When we are done creating, we'll have a snack and show off our designs! White T-Shirts are included with your registration fee. Please indicate your T-Shirt size when registering. Participants needing physical and/or behavioral support must be accompanied by a caregiver. Caregivers do not need to register for this event. Registration & Cancellation Deadline: June 1st Led by Sandi Picka.

1119-1 Family Learning Center, Room 204
110600 Village Road
Monday, June 6

\$13
Chaska
6:30 - 7:30 PM

Bingo Night



LET'S PLAY BINGO! Hang out with friends, play Bingo and win prizes! Snacks included! This event will be held at the Watertown-Mayer Community Learning Center but is open to all Magnifying Abilities participants. Guardians and/or staff are welcome to stay and play but must also register. Registration & Cancellation Deadline: June 15th

1121-1 Watertown-Mayer Community Learning Center
313 Angel Ave NW
Wednesday, June 22

\$5
Watertown
6:30 - 7:30 PM

1121-Staff Watertown-Mayer Comm Learning Cntr
313 Angel Ave NW
Wednesday, June 22

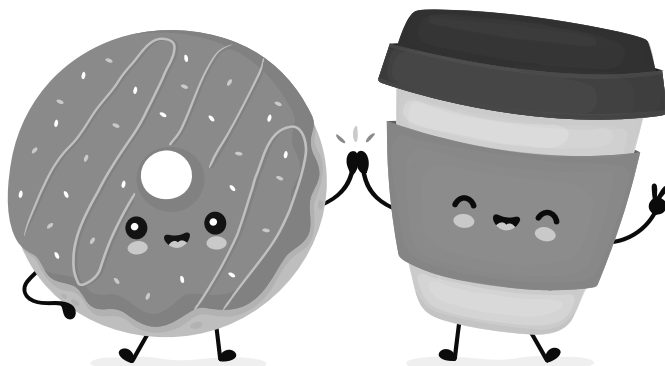
\$5
Watertown
6:30 - 7:30 PM

Coffee Connection

Let's meet for coffee and donuts! Come to Dunkin' Donuts in Chaska for this daytime event to have a treat and chat with other Magnifying Abilities friends. No fee to register but bring your own money to purchase food and beverages. Participants needing supports must be accompanied by a caregiver. Please register as space is very limited! Registration Deadline: June 20th

1125-1 Dunkin' Donuts Chaska
710 N Chestnut Street
Monday, June 27

Free
Chaska
10:00 - 11:00 AM



July

My Summer Garden!

You won't want to miss this!! Join Sandi for a fun evening of creating and painting! Participants will use different skills and materials to create unique stepping stones and windchimes. Enjoy a snack with your friends when you are done creating! Registration & Cancellation Deadline: July 1st Led by Sandi Picka.

1436-Garden Family Learning Center, Room 205
110600 Village Road
Monday, July 11

\$34
Chaska
6:30 - 7:30 PM

STEM Night!

Join us for an evening of creativity and science! Participants will learn about principles of engineering and chemistry as they create their own Scooterbots, Mystical Crystal Trees, and Homemade Slime! Have fun showing off your scientific creations to your Magnifying Abilities friends! Snacks included! Participants needing physical or behavioral assistance must be accompanied by a caregiver. Caregivers do not need to register for this class. Registration and Cancellation Deadline: July 15 Led by Sandi Picka.

1435-STEM Family Learning Center, Room 205
110600 Village Road
Monday, July 25

\$29
Chaska
6:30 - 7:30 PM

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang by RVTC

Join your Magnifying Abilities friends at this amazing theater production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang presented by the River Valley Theatre Company! It will be a fantastic musical adventure with an out-of-this-world car that flies through the air and sails the seas. Based on the beloved 1968 film version of Ian Fleming's children's book, and featuring an unforgettable score by the Sherman Brothers (Mary Poppins), Chitty Chitty Bang Bang is one family-friendly blockbuster that audiences will find "Truly Scrumptious." This performance will include an ASL interpreter as well! Participants requiring any physical or behavioral supports must be accompanied by a caregiver. Each participant and caregiver must register and provide payment. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the show! Registration & Cancellation Deadline: July 1st

1124-1 Shakopee High School, Studio Theater
100 17th Ave West
Sunday, July 31

\$15
Shakopee
2:00 - 3:30 PM

1124-Staff Shakopee High School, Studio Theater
100 17th Ave West
Sunday, July 31

\$15
Shakopee
2:00 - 3:30 PM

August

Cooking with Sandi

Enjoy the flavors of summer with this tasty and healthy seasonal snack! Sandi will teach Magnifying Abilities participants to make TWO delicious recipes. First, Cucumber Sandwiches with a savory herb cream cheese spread. Second, Fruit Pizza which has a cookie crust topped with sweetened cream cheese and a variety of fresh fruits and berries. Participants can create their own flavor combinations! Participants requiring physical or behavioral supports must be accompanied by a caregiver. Caregivers do not need to register for this event. Registration & Cancellation Deadline: August 1st

1123-1 Shakopee High School
100 17th Ave West
Wednesday, August 10

\$15
Shakopee
6:30 - 7:30 PM

Archery and Pizza

Let's enjoy the great outdoors with an Archery Class at beautiful Lake Minnewashta Regional Park. Archery equipment and instruction will be provided by Carver County Parks staff to make this a fun and safe experience for everyone-no experience necessary. Your registration includes a pizza picnic with beverages which will be held following the Archery lesson. Participants requiring physical or behavioral supports must be accompanied by a guardian or staff. Accompanying staff may join the pizza picnic with reduced fee, but will need to register separately. Magnifying Abilities is unable to accommodate special diet requests at this event and cannot prorate fees for those not dining on pizza, but participants are welcome to bring a meal that meets their dietary needs if desired. Participation waivers are required for archery and must be signed before the class begins. Registration & Cancellation Deadline: August 8th

1120-1 Lake Minnewashta Regional Park
6900 Hazeltine Blvd
Monday, August 15

\$15
Excelsior
4:30 - 6:00 PM

1120-Staff Lake Minnewashta Regional Park
6900 Hazeltine Blvd
Monday, August 15

\$8
Excelsior
4:30 - 6:00 PM

Let's Stress Less

Do you sometimes feel stressed-out??? Stress is a part of life but we can learn ways to manage stress using our five senses. Magnifying Abilities participants will explore these stress-reducing methods in class AND make your own stress ball to take with you! Snacks included! Participants needing physical or behavioral support must be accompanied by a caregiver. Caregivers do not need to register separately for this class. Participants being dropped off must be picked up NO LATER than 7:30 Registration & Cancellation Deadline: August 16th

1126-1 Family Learning Center, Room 122
110600 Village Road
Tuesday, August 23

\$7
Chaska
6:30 - 7:30 PM

Once a month

Yoga with "Good and Twisted"

Yoga with "Good and Twisted Yoga" is back in-person! Join Instructor Wendy from "Good and Twisted Yoga" and your Magnifying Abilities friends for 3 yoga sessions to improve your physical, mental and emotional well-being. Your registration fee includes all 3 sessions so please make sure you can attend all 3 sessions as fees cannot be prorated for missed sessions. Bottled water and a snack are included! Beginners are welcome, no experience is required! Participants are encouraged to bring a yoga mat, towel, or any other yoga props you may have (optional). Participants needing physical or behavioral supports must be accompanied by a caregiver. Caregivers do not need to register for this event. Come enjoy this relaxing form of exercise for the body and the mind! Registration & Cancellation Deadline: June 1st

1122-1 Family Learning Center, Multi-purpose Room
110600 Village Road
Thursdays, June 2, July 7, August 4

\$30
Chaska
6:30 - 7:30 PM

Summer Saturday Bowling

We are so excited to offer this Magnifying Abilities favorite! Join your friends for an hour of fun-filled bowling at Shakopee Bowl. We will have one session each month. Choose one, two, or all three! Your fee of \$10 per session includes one hour of bowling and shoe rental, if needed. Bring extra \$\$\$ to purchase food and beverages if desired. Space is limited so register early to reserve your spot! Bowling is reserved for Magnifying Abilities participants only, however, participants requiring physical and/or behavioral supports will need to be accompanied by a caregiver. Caregivers do not need to register. See you at The Bowl! Registration & Cancellation Deadlines: June 8th, July 6th, August 10th

1118-1 Shakopee Bowl
3020 133 St West
Saturday, June 18

\$10
Shakopee
10:00 - 11:15 AM

1118-2 Shakopee Bowl
3020 133 St West
Saturday, July 16

\$10
Shakopee
10:00 - 11:15 AM

1118-3 Shakopee Bowl
3020 133 St West
Saturday, August 20

\$10
Shakopee
10:00 - 11:15 AM

Special Event

Concert at City Center Park Plaza

Spend an evening listening to the tunes of the Westwind Swing Band! Join your Magnifying Abilities friends and enjoy this jazz music style popular in the 1930's and 1940's. Bring your chair or blanket to sit on. This event will be cancelled if there is any threat of rain. This event is sponsored by the City of Chanhassen and Old National Bank.

City Center Park Plaza
7700 Market Blvd
Thursday, July 21

Free
Chanhassen
6:30 - 8:00 PM

June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Last day to register/cancel Tie Dye & Yoga	2 Yoga 6:30-7:30 PM Chaska	3	4
5	6 Tie Dye T-shirts 6:30-7:30 PM Chaska	7	8 Last day to register/cancel Bowling June	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Last day to register/cancel Bingo	16	17	18 Bowling 10:00-11:15 AM Shakopee
19 Father's Day	20 Last day to register/cancel Coffee Connection	21	22 Bingo Night 6:30-7:30 PM Watertown	23	24	25
26	27 Coffee Connection 10:00-11:00 AM Chaska	28	29	30		

July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Last day to register/cancel Summer Garden & Chitty Chitty Bang Bang	2
3	4 Independence Day	5	6 Last day to register/cancel Bowling July	7 Yoga 6:30-7:30 PM Chaska	8	9
10	11 My Summer Garden 6:30-7:30 PM Chaska	12	13	14	15 Last day to register/cancel STEM Night	16 Bowling 10:00-11:15 AM Shakopee
17	18	19	20	21 Concert in the Park 6:30-8:00 PM Chanhassen	22	23
24 Parents' Day	25 S.T.E.M Night 6:30-7:30 PM Chaska	26	27	28	29	30
31 Chitty Bang Bang 2:30-3:30 PM Shakopee						

August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Last day to register/cancel Cooking with Sandi	2	3	4 Yoga 6:30-7:30 PM Chaska	5	6
7	8 Last day to register/cancel Archery & Pizza	9	10 Last day register/cancel Bowling August Cooking with Sandi 6:30-7:30 PM Shakopee	11	12	13
14	15 Archery & Pizza 4:30-6:00 PM Lake Minnewashta	16 Last day to register/cancel Let's Stress Less	17	18	19	20 Bowling 10:00-11:15 AM Shakopee
21	22	23 Let's Stress Less 6:30-7:30 PM Chaska	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Changes and Cancellation Policy

All Magnifying Abilities events are subject to changes and cancellations. In the event that MA needs to change or cancel an activity, we will notify registered participants via email and/or phone. A full voucher refund will be provided for the applicable event if the event is canceled by Magnifying Abilities. If the event location needs to be changed, but held on the original date, no refund will be provided.

Cancellations or changes are made before 4 pm for weeknight activities or 2 hours before the event on weekends.

If a participant needs to cancel his/her registration prior to the cancellation deadline, please call (952) 556-6434 for a full voucher refund. Cancellation deadlines are listed with each event description. Magnifying Abilities cannot issue refunds after the cancellation deadline.

THANK YOU!

A big THANK YOU to the following organizations and individuals for partnering with Magnifying Abilities! We appreciate all the ways you support our program and our participants!

Good & Twisted Yoga - Jennifer and Wendy

Sandi Picka

Carver County Parks

Shakopee Bowl

River Valley Theatre Company

Shakopee Lions

Scott County Pork Producers

We are so excited to be coming back to in-person events. We can't wait to see you!
Please review these reminders regarding Magnifying Abilities.

First Time Participants

Must be accompanied by a staff or family member for the first few events.

Some participants may need a family member or home staff to attend with them indefinitely due to medical, safety, or behavioral concerns.

Guidelines for Participating in Activities

The following guidelines have been developed to ensure participants' safety and enjoyment. The Magnifying Abilities staff supervising each activity will enforce these guidelines.

- Show respect and be supportive of each other. Use proper names when speaking to each other and avoid teasing.
- Use appropriate language.
- Be respectful of other participant's personal space.
- Be able to navigate in a large facility or crowd.
- Be respectful of and responsible for the facilities used for events/classes.
- Avoid activities that may hurt or injure other participants (physically or emotionally)
- Be able to take care of personal hygiene
- No consumption of alcoholic beverages are allowed at MA events.

If concerns arise regarding participants, the supervising Magnifying Abilities staff will discuss the situation with involved parties. If needed, families, home staff, or other individuals will be contacted regarding the incident. If issues cannot be rectified, individuals may be required to attend activities with a supervisor or will be asked to not attend the activity for a period of time.

Expectations of Participant's Staff

- Assist with any medical/emergency concerns that arise with participant
- Cell phone turned on vibrate
- Assist your participant with bathroom breaks
- All district properties are tobacco and alcohol free
- Assist with any behavior issues
- Assist your participant in any way that is needed
- Speak respectfully to all participants
- Notify Magnifying Abilities staff of any issues with participants
- Only give permission to your participants regarding restrooms/leaving activity

Drop Off/Pick Up

For the safety of our participants, staff, parents and care providers are required to accompany the participant to and from the activity area. Please arrive no sooner than 15 minutes prior to the start of events. If dropping off participants, please arrive back 15 minutes before the activity is scheduled to end.

Magnifying Abilities does not provide support staff at our events. Attending support staff/caregivers will need to register separately as indicated in each event description.

Transportation

Magnifying Abilities is unable to provide transportation at this time. Participants needing transportation are encouraged to contact local transportation agencies to arrange individual transportation. The following transportation agencies are for reference only and not sponsored or endorsed by Magnifying Abilities:

Metro Mobility (651) 602-1100 for Chaska and Chanhassen Residents Only

Metro Mobility (651) 602-1180 for Prior Lake, Shakopee, and Savage Residents Only

WeCAB (844) 743-3932 for Carver County Residents Only

SW Prime (952) 797-7463 for Chaska, Chanhassen, Carver, and Victoria Residents Only

Transit Link (952) 496-8341 Option 1 for Scott County Residents Only

Dietary Concerns

Magnifying Abilities is unable to accommodate individual diet requests at our events, however, participants with special diet concerns are welcome to bring their own food to any MA event at which snacks or food are provided, unless otherwise indicated.

COVID-19 Safety

Magnifying Abilities prioritizes the health and safety of our participants and will follow the Safe Learning Plan established by ISD 112 for all events held within the district. More information about current protocols can be found at www.district112.org/district/safe-learning-plan. Since MA events are held throughout Carver and Scott Counties, protocols may vary due to the location the event is being held. Changes to COVID protocols will be communicated in the registration confirmation and reminder emails. Participants and staff will be expected to follow all COVID protocols at each event location.



Magnifying Abilities Registration

Summer 2022

Name _____ Phone _____

Email for confirmation receipt _____

Address _____ City & Zip _____

We love to capture and share photos of our Magnifying Abilities events! If you prefer NOT to be published, please initial here. _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Private Home _____ Group Home (name of group home) _____

Please list special accommodations for consideration _____

June Activities

1119-1 Tie-Dye T-shirts \$13 _____

Adult t-shirt size: Small Medium Large Xlarge XXLlarge

1121-1 Bingo Night \$5 _____

1121-Staff Bingo if guardian playing Bingo \$5 _____

1125-1 Coffee Connection Free _____

July Activities

1436-Garden My Summer Garden \$34 _____

1435-STEM STEM Night \$29 _____

11124-1 Chitty Chitty Bang Bang \$15 _____

11124-Staff Chitty Chitty Staff/Guardian \$15 _____

August Activities

1123-1 Cooking with Sandi \$15 _____

1120-1 Archery & Pizza \$15 _____

1120-Staff Pizza for Staff/Guardian \$8 _____

1126 Let's Stress Less \$7 _____

Once-a-Month

1122-1 Yoga 6/2, 7/7, 8/4 \$30 _____

1118-1 Bowling June 18 \$10 _____

1118-2 Bowling July 16 \$10 _____

1118-3 Bowling August 20 \$10 _____

Special Event

1127-1 Concert at City Center Free _____

Registration and Payment

All participants must be registered for Magnifying Abilities events. We are not able to accommodate drop-ins. Payment for each activity is required at the time of registration. The easiest way to register and pay is to visit our website:

Online (credit card) ce4all.org/programs/adults/magnifying-abilities

Mail or Drop Off Complete registration form (one per participant)

Return registration form with check payment to:

Magnifying Abilities

110600 Village Road Chaska, MN 55318

Office hours (M-F 8 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)

Via Phone (credit card) 952-556-6434

A confirmation receipt will be emailed to you specifying the activities that you are enrolled in.

Registration deadlines are listed with each event description. Please register early! Registration will close before the deadline if enrollment capacities are reached. MA cannot guarantee a spot for any registration received after the deadline.

Please note, most events will require participants with physical or behavioral needs to be accompanied by staff or a caregiver.

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