

Down in the Southland

Friends Don't Count Chromosomes!

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Ink from the Inc.

Information on the latest organizational happenings

Our First Annual Walk for Down in the Southland is really going strong! We have raised over 60% of our goal! If you haven't already registered, register today at www.downinthesouthland.kintera.org!

Please note, the deadline for T-shirts has passed. A limited number of shirts will be available the day of the walk.

We have received our tax exempt/501c3 status from the IRS! It's official!! Any donations to the group (monetary and items for the baskets for the walk) are now tax deductible.

Our Current Calendar is Under Construction!

If you are ever wondering what Down in the Southland is doing, check page 2 or our [website](#)! If you see an event on the calendar, and you don't receive an Evite at least one week prior to the event, please contact one of the board members to make sure your information is correct in the Evite system.

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Bowling Sessions Were Great Fun!

Join 'Kids Bowl Free' for free bowling



It has been a great way to beat the heat so far this summer! The kids are getting stronger and better each week! It's not too late to join us for weekly bowling Thursday's at 1:30pm, at Oak Forest Bowl please email downinthesouthland-owner@yahogroups.com, so that we can send an Evite to you. Bowling is \$1 a game on Thursdays, and shoes are \$3.45. If you join the "Kids Bowl Free" program your child can bowl for free, and you only have to pay for shoes! Each family is required to print and bring their coupons in order to receive free games.

Evites are sent so we know who to expect!

A Look at Our Past Outings!

Fun in the Park was held on a beautiful day for a picnic in the park. The entertainment was enjoyable, as always. The jumpy and the face painting were also a big hit!



August 2011 Under Construcion!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 1:30p Bowling Oak Forest Bowl	5	6
7 	8	9	10 	11 1:30p Bowling Oak Forest Bowl	12	13 
14	15	16	17	18 1:30p Bowling Oak Forest Bowl	19	20
21	22 	23	24 	25	26 1:30p '02-'04 Monthly Playdate	27
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ANNUAL PICNIC/WALK/FUNDRAISER

SAVE THE DATE!

Our first annual picnic/walk/fundraiser is scheduled for **Sunday, September 18th**, 2011 at Jaycee Grove (aka McCarthy Park) which is located at 168th and 80th Ave in Tinley Park. Mark your calendars!!

ON LINE FUNDRAISING

Registration is now open for our First Annual Walk! Simply go to www.downinthesouthland.kintera.org and register! Register today and don't delay!

T-Shirts

There will be a shirt pick up for team captains to pick up their team's t-shirts before the walk. Any team captains who do not pick up their shirts ahead of time, will need to pick up their team's shirts and distribute them to their team members on the day of the walk. The only individual shirts that will be given to individuals the day of the walk, are participants who are not registered as part of a team.

The exact date & times for the shirt pick up will be will be sent via email.

LITERACY/TUTORING PROGRAM

OUR MONTHLY UPDATE ON THE TUTORING PROGRAM

The literacy/tutoring program is still in its beginning stages. We are looking for anyone interested in helping as a tutor. If you know of someone, please have them email Lisa with their contact information to downinthesouthland-owner@yahoogroups.com with LITERACY in the subject field.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

There will be a Board of Directors meeting in September. The date is yet to be determined, but if you have anything that you would like to board to discuss, please contact any board member, or send an email to:

BoardofDirectors@downinthesouthland.org

GYM AND SWIM IN CRESTWOOD

We are working on setting up our next gym & swim date since the kids had so much fun last time. Hopefully we can make this a regular event come fall/winter. Siblings are also welcome and the fee is \$5 per child. Evites will be sent to those who have expressed interest in attending.

Down in the Southland Board of Directors:

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For more information about Down in the Southland email info@downinthesouthland.org with DOWN IN THE SOUTHLAND as the subject

Happy Birthday!!!

August Birthdays

Jimmy Contreras 8/10

Trey Gryga 8/7

Ryan Lewis 8/21

Matthew Soto 8/6

September Birthdays

David Blouin 9/19

Graci Contreras 9/22

Kylie Kratz 9/9

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

IN THIS SECTION OF OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, WE WILL PROVIDE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR GROUP, OUR DIRECTION, OR ANYTHING ELSE THAT ANYONE WANTS TO ASK (RELATING TO DOWN SYNDROME OF COURSE!). PLEASE EMAIL QUESTIONS TO OWNER-DOWNINTHESOUTHLAND@YAHOO.COM. IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR QUESTION TO BE ASKED ANONYMOUSLY, PLEASE INDICATE THAT IN YOUR EMAIL.

LOOK WHAT I DID!!

Each month, this space will be a place to share our children's recent accomplishments. Send your child's recent successes to owner-downinthesouthland@yahoo.com

**Gianna has learned to cut with scissors!
YAY!!!**

