

## Event Etiquette

My Places Community Events is not a licensed Developmental Disabilities Agency or Day Care Facility. All our staff are volunteers. For everyone's safety, 'Drop-Offs' are not allowed. Support Staff are expected to remain present during the entire event with their participant. By attending our events you agree that My Places and/or its Volunteers are not liable for accidents or injuries that may occur. Please put Safety First!

### Expected Behavior

Be considerate and respectful to all community members.

Refrain from demeaning, discriminatory, or harassing behavior, materials, and speech.

Speak up if you observe anything at an event that conflicts with our Event Etiquette.

Have Fun and give constructive feedback if you have any issues, concerns, or suggestions.

### Unacceptable Behavior

Intimidating, harassing, abusive, discriminatory, derogatory, or demeaning speech, materials, or conduct by any Participants of the event and related event activities. Many event venues are shared with members of the public; please be respectful to all patrons of these locations.

Violence, threats of violence, or violent language directed against another person.

Sexist, racist, homophobic, transphobic, or otherwise discriminatory jokes, language, or insults.

Any boisterous, lewd, offensive, or destructive behavior or language, including but not limited to using sexually explicit or offensive language, materials or conduct, or any language, behavior, or content that contains profanity, obscene gestures, or racial, religious, sexual, or ethnic slurs.

Failure to obey any rules or regulations of the Event Location.

## Join US!

### FAQs:

#### How Do I Join or Sign Up?

To join us, simply show up at a scheduled event and join the fun. If the event requires RSVP or tickets purchasable prior to the event, that information will be under the description.

#### Are there membership fees?

No. My Places does not charge for hosting or running events. However, if an Event is held within a business that charges for their products or services, or we are providing food and materials, that cost will be listed on the event.

#### Do you provide Staff or Transportation?

No. We do not provide staff or transportation.

#### Where are you located?

Currently we do not have an independent location. All our event spaces are either donated, held within a local business, or at public locations.

#### Where do I find your events online?

All our Events can be located at: <https://myplacesce.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/MyPlacesCE.org>

#### Do you charge for Support Staff?

Whenever possible, support staff are included in the price for the participant.

#### Who runs and schedules these events?

All our events are run by volunteers. Our volunteer Board of Directors meets monthly. If you want to volunteer, or have an event idea please email: [ContactUS@myplacesce.org](mailto:ContactUS@myplacesce.org)

#### Who can come to your events?

Unless noted in the event description, our events are all age and abilities appropriate. Our events are open to all people with disabilities, their staff, family, friends, or anyone wanting to join our community. Please read over the Event Etiquette to assist us in providing the best experience for all participants.

#### Are donations Tax Deductible?

Yes. We are an official 501c3 with the State of Idaho in good standing since 2015. Receipts upon request.



# Community Handbook

### Our Mission:

To Provide Individuals with Physical, Developmental, and Mental Disabilities with Safe, Adaptive, and Integrated Activities, giving them the opportunities for growth and connection with the community at large.

### Connect with Us At:

Website: [MyPlacesCE.org](http://MyPlacesCE.org)  
Email: [ContactUS@MyPlacesCE.org](mailto:ContactUS@MyPlacesCE.org)  
Phone/Text: 208-495-5951  
PO Box 4065 Boise, ID 83711

# Event Types

## Open Events

Open Events are held at public locations within the community for 2 to 6 hours in length. These events do not have a set schedule and participants may come and go as their schedule permits.

## Scheduled Events

Scheduled Events are activities with a set start and end time. Everyone must arrive on time for these events to participate with US.



## Socials

Socials are events that include a scheduled meal, socializing, and an activity. You may bring your own meal, donate to enjoy the meal provided, or come during the activity. Socials usually last between 2-4 hours and you may come and go as your schedule allows. Socials have scheduled start and end times for meals, so please plan accordingly.

## Costs

### Free

Free means Free. Whenever possible, we provide activities at no cost through fund raising, donations, or sponsorships. Please make us your nonprofit of choice for donations!

### Pay Venue

Some events are scheduled at a business or public location that charges for their products or services. This price will be listed on the event and paid to the venue.

### RSVP / Ticketed

Some events require one payment per group or involve payment to several merchants, like our Dances. When this happens, My Places collects the price for each participant.



# Activities!



## Adventure:

Participants see animals, learn about nature, art, go fishing, hiking, or anything else we can find that will be an adventure! The types of places we visit include: Zoo Boise, Discovery Center, Linder Farms, Aquarium of Boise, & Babby Farms



## Birthdays:

Each month we celebrate all the Birthdays for that month with cake, music, and socializing! If it is your birthday month, you will get a Birthday Button.

## Bingo:

The classic group activity loved by many people with the chance to win prizes! You can't win if you don't play and everyone who comes gets 1 free card. Each additional card is a \$1.00 donation towards the prizes.



## Crafts:

From painting and bead work to fudge making and tie-dye, crafts can be fun and relaxing for people of any ability level. Each Craft event will include a description of what we are making and any material costs. Places we visit regularly include Wood Creations and Procraftinating.

## Dances:

Who doesn't love to dance? We will take care of the space, snacks, drinks, and music, YOU bring your friends for the fun!

## Fitness:

Everyone needs physical activity to stay happy and healthy. We offer a wide range of activities such as: bowling, soccer, adaptive dance classes, hiking, and fishing. Our Fitness activities are held at: Idaho Indoor Soccer Center, Nampa Bowl, Meridian Bowl, Deerflat Wildlife Refuge

## Games:

Games are a great way to have fun. Whether you prefer video games, board games or party games, everyone has an option. We hold Game activities at least once a week at places like Pojos, Grinkers, and Phoenix Fire Games



## Holiday Parties:

We hold parties for the following Holidays: Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day, and 4<sup>th</sup> of July BBQ.

## Music:

There are multiple studies that show the benefit of music. Our Music Activities allow participants to sing or use instruments along with the group to their favorite songs.



## Service:

As a community, it is important to give as much as receive. Service Activities are designed to allow are participants to give back to our community or learn about local services.

