



CARMEL DADS' CLUB SPECIAL SPORTS PROGRAM

The Special Sports Program provides a positive sports experience for mentally and/or physically challenged school aged children, five and up, throughout central Indiana, and has been a part of the Carmel Dads' Club for approximately twenty-six years. Each Saturday throughout the school year, participants get together to play t-ball, soccer, basketball, bowling, volleyball and tennis. In addition, participants also have the opportunity to take part in an annual soapbox derby, in which they are paired with professional drivers for a thrilling ride down soapbox hill. Our program is an excellent stepping-stone for those who might choose to participate in Special Olympics. Everyone participates according to his or her interest and ability, and the rules of each sport are modified to meet each individual's ability level. Throughout the year, the athletes are awarded trophies and other rewards to celebrate their participation in the program, and spectators and team members alike support the accomplishments of each athlete enthusiastically.

Coaches and volunteers are an essential part of our program's success. We are always in need of energetic individuals, age 13 and up, and welcome anyone who has a desire to be involved in this very worthwhile endeavor. Individuals may either work one on one with team members or assist with general coaching duties and/or equipment management. Athletic programs can volunteer as an entire team to assist on a particular weekend for a sport relevant to what they themselves are playing. This has presented a wonderful opportunity for our athletes to interact with other athletic programs and to play side by side with them. We welcome both individuals and teams to volunteer their services and appreciate any support they can give our program.

If you would like more information about participating, or volunteer opportunities with the Special Sports Program, please contact Suzanne Mandel at 317-595-9016 or via e-mail at r.s.mandel@comcast.net.

2010 – 2011 SPECIAL SPORTS SCHEDULE

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
T-BALL/SOCCER (NO T-Ball/Soccer on 8/28/10 or 9/4/10)	8/14 - 9/18/10	9:30 - 11:00 AM	Carmel Lutheran Church at 131st Street and Gray Road in Carmel.
SOAPBOX DERBY (NO T-Ball/Soccer)	9/25/10	9:30 AM – 2:30 PM	30th & Cold Springs Road Wilbur Shaw Soap Box Derby Hill
TENNIS/VOLLEYBALL	10/2 - 10/16/10	9:30 - 11:00 AM	Carmel Lutheran Church
BASKETBALL	10/23 - 11/20/10	9:30 - 11:00 AM	Carmel Lutheran Church
BOWLING	1/8/11 - 3/19/11	12:00 - 1:00 PM	Woodland Bowl at 96th Street and Keystone Avenue

BLACKOUT DATE FOR BOWLING TO BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE

**The Bowling Banquet will be March 19th immediately following bowling at: Carmel High School, Freshman Center
520 East Main Street, Carmel.**

