



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-seven 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 soap box derby, in which they are paired with professional drivers for a thrilling ride down soap box 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.

Due to monies raised through seven years of Special Sports Food and Wine Fests, The Rod Richardson and Carrie Hutnicke Fund for Special Sports was established with the Carmel Dads' Club. This fund will continue to provide the resources necessary for all Special Sports activities to remain free forever for our participants. A registration form can be filled out on the first day of participation or may be downloaded off of the Carmel Dads' Club website at www.carmeldadsclub.org.

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. 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 rsmandel@att.net.

2011-2012 SEASON SCHEDULE FOR CARMEL DADS' CLUB SPECIAL SPORTS

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
T-BALL/SOCCER (NO GAMES on <u>Saturday, September 3</u> - Labor Day Weekend)	8/20-9/17	9:30 - 11:00 AM	Woodbrook Elementary School 4311 E. 116 th St., Carmel, IN, Door #1 (116 th Street and Haverstick Road)
SOAPBOX DERBY <u>Age Requirement: 8 years and Older</u> Separate Registration Form <u>required</u> for this event.	9/24/11	9:00 - ??? PM	Wilbur Shaw Soap Box Derby Hill 30 th & Cold Spring Road
TENNIS/VOLLEYBALL	10/01-10/15	9:30 - 11:00 AM	Woodbrook Elementary School, Door 1
BASKETBALL	10/22-11/19	9:30 - 11:00 AM	Woodbrook Elementary School, Door 1
BOWLING <u>Possible Blackout Dates</u> for Bowling are February 4 or February 11. Bowling Banquet will be held the last day of the bowling season (either March 10 or March 17). Bowling Banquet will be held at Carmel High School, Freshman Center, enter at Door #13—TO BE CONFIRMED in September, 2011.	1/07-3/10 or 3/17	12:00 - 1:00 PM	Woodland Bowl, 96 th and Keystone Ave.

