

EVENTS FOR LIFE



Change to Summer Schedule

The summer schedule has been revamped for 2024. In response to input from participants and families our summer schedule will be:

Closed - June 24 -28 for staff training

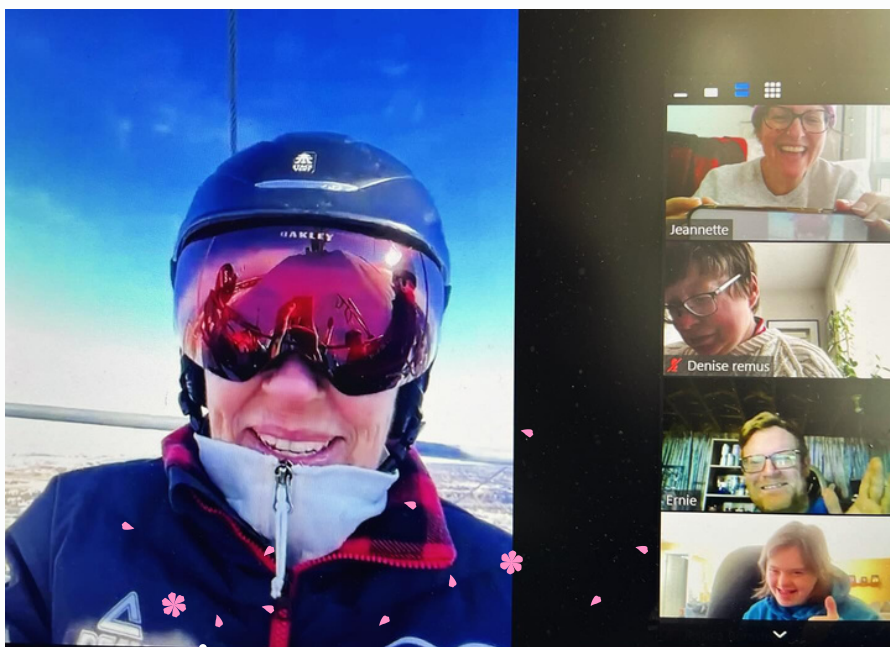
Resume program July 2nd for 4 weeks

Closed - July 29 - August 5th

Resume program August 6 - 22

Closed August 26 - 29

Fall programming starts September 3



Congratulations To Our Special Olympics Athletes

Cathy Butler zoomed into EFL from the ski lift in Calgary. Congratulations to the whole team: Jamie, Andy, Angel, Julian and Cathy. We are so proud of you.

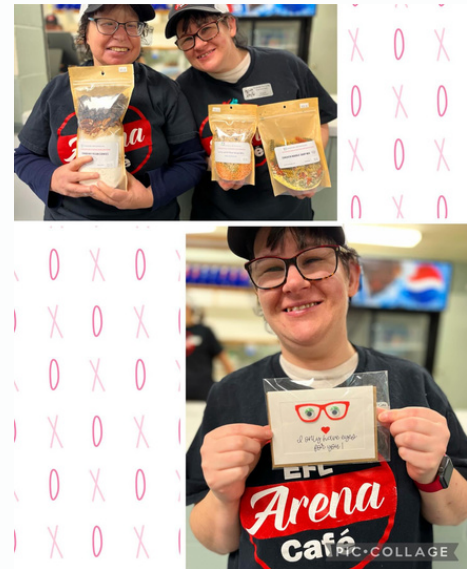
Congratulations!





EFL CAFE SUCCESS!

Abbey, where did you come from? A huge shout out and thanks to our girl Abbey who did an outstanding job managing the EFL café. From the Fall Fair in September, to the Applekings hockey games on weekends, Abbey did it all. Thank you to our volunteers, our super staff ladies Diane and Elizabeth for helping each week and our participants who helped out during their work placements and to some who worked the long and tiring weekend shifts! We appreciate you all!!!



EFL STAFF

We were sorry to see Meredith Taylor leave our team. The good news is that Meredith still has time in her schedule to supply for us when she is not working on finishing her Masters program. We want to thank Meredith for being such a positive force on our team!



Welcome to our newest support staff member Kelsey Wilding - Davies. Kelsey has been a support worker for the last 8 years and we are very pleased she has joined our team. Kelsey lives just outside of Thornbury on her farm with her husband and many farm animals. Kelsey's experience and fun-loving energy is an asset to our team.



Super staff shout out to our Ernie "aquafit Eerine". Ernie has stepped up, dressed up and brought so much fun to our swimming program in Collingwood. We are so blessed with a staff team that goes above and beyond everyday!!

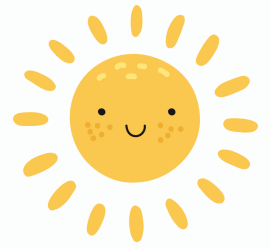


PARENT / GUARDIAN/ VOLUNTEER MEETING

Thursday April 25, 2024

1:30 to 3:30 pm, Blue Mountain Community Church, Thornbury

Guest Speaker: Deanna Djos



The EFL Staff Team participated in an all-day workshop facilitated by Deanna. They all agreed this speaker is a fantastic resource for families and recommends all our parents/guardians and volunteers attend. You will be given tools to help with behaviours and will have the opportunity for general questions.

Description: When we think about sexual health education, we often focus on sexual activity. This is a bias that we will unpack. Human sexuality education is an ongoing process starting early and encompassing basic body awareness, self-esteem and it builds the skills which will prevent abuse and encourage people to report unwanted sexual contact.

Bio:

Deanna Djos, Sexual Health Promoter for the Relationship Group in Toronto with Montage Support Services. She has spent over a decade teaching the importance of Empowering Sex-esteem by ensuring everyone understands the value of self-awareness, love and celebrating their sexuality. Deanna provides the tools and resources to ensure that everyone has the power to prevent abuse, advocate with assertiveness while ensuring that the community is aware of Domestic Human Trafficking in Ontario. Deanna believes that knowledge is power and access to sex education is a basic human right. She is passionately teaching for people with developmental and intellectual disabilities (IDD) within Toronto and across the province of Ontario.



PARENT/GUARDIAN MEETINGS WITH SHELLEY

The week of April 29 to May 3, 2024

Shelley will be reaching out to coordinate the meetings during this week. This is a great opportunity to meet with each of you to discuss the EFL program and your participants strengths, needs and next steps.



THANK YOU SO MUCH

To the Georgian Peak Ski Club

50/50 Draw at Georgian Peaks Men's Day '24!

This event continues to be a fantastic fundraiser for EFL. Many thanks to the Chair of the EFL Board for helping to organize this event, and to Board members and many volunteers who helped us this day. The winner donated half of his win back to EFL so we received over \$21,500!!

To 100 Men Who Care South Georgian Bay

Barb and Jeannette presented to this group back in November. In January, EFL were proud recipients of a cheque for over \$10,000. In March Barb returned to the group in Collingwood to thank them for their large donation and presented on how the funds were used for our performing and creative arts program. Thanks to Helmut for nominating EFL!

To the Foundations, businesses, organizations and individuals who continue to support EFL. You all help us to achieve our goals and our mission of providing recreation, social and lifeskills to our participants.

Psst. Did you hear EFL has the best volunteers?



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

A special heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who volunteers their time and services for Events for Life. We are so grateful for those who help in programs, at the EFL café and for fun events like the annual SOCK HOP. A shout out to all our volunteer Board members who continue to provide support and guidance and help keep us on a progressive path.

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Thank You!





Dates to Remember

April 25th - Parent Volunteer Meeting 1:30 - 3:30pm
April 29th - May 3rd - Annual Parent Interviews
May 11th - Women's Clothing Sale 8:30am to 12:30
May 20th - Closed
June 24th - 28th - Closed
July 1st - Closed
July 24th - High Tea
July 29th - Aug. 5th - Closed
Aug. 26th - September 2nd - Closed
September 3rd - Fall program begins

Future Home of EFL
 Hoping to receive good news from the Town of The Blue Mountains Council first week of April



WOMENS CLOTHING SALE in support of Events for Life



DONATION DROP OFF DATES

Please drop off NEW or GENTLY USED items

Blue Mtn. Storage 369 Clark S Clarksburg, ON Unit H5 March 30th 10am - 12pm	Beaver Valley Arena 58 Alfred St W. Thornbury Tuesdays April 16, 23, 30 10am - 12pm Thursday 18, 25 and May 2 1 - 3pm
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is based in Thornbury, ON.. This day program services adults with special needs living in our community. Any items left over will be donated to shelters and organizations in need

For more information visit

www.eventsfor.life

**THANK YOU EVERYONE
AND
CONGRATULATIONS!!!**



Lynda Parsons

1st Prize A - Two Tickets for Toronto Maple Leafs Feb. 13th, 2024 GOLD SEATS!!

Pauline Kelly

1st Prize B - Two Tickets for Toronto Maple Leafs Feb. 13th, 2024 GOLD SEATS!!

Colin Ross

2nd Prize - 65" Samsung Smart TV - Retail for \$799 CDN

Betty Rhiger

3rd Prize - \$500 gift certificate for Leons plus Tempur-Pedic Pillow valued at \$189

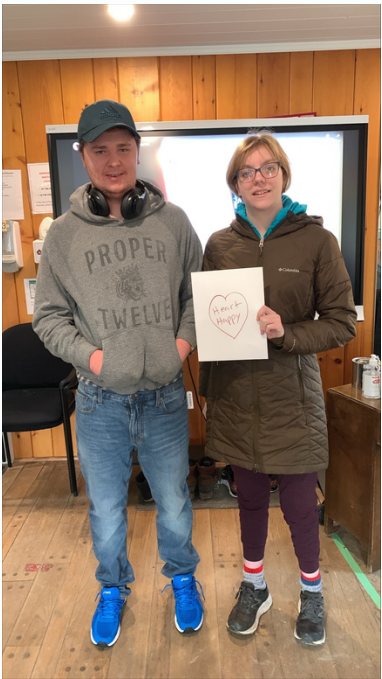
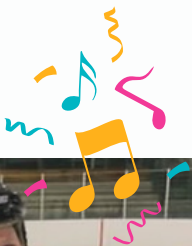
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