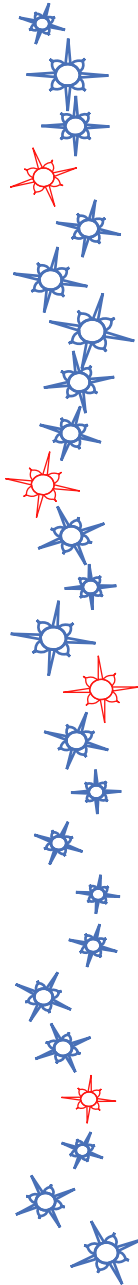




Welcome to AMBUCS, where we are dedicated to creating opportunities for independence for people with disabilities, especially children.

Announcements



It's Branding Time - Recruit new members for a chance to win \$200 cash! (Plus we've got a great party planned, and a very special reward for anyone who "Big Hats" or "re-Big Hats" during Branding Time!

Each new member you recruit earns you 5 entries into the \$200 drawing. Bring a guest and get 1 entry. Join (new members) and get 5 entries into the drawing! Friends members get 3 entries for the sponsor and the member. Bring a "missing member" to a meeting and get 2 entries!!!

Recruit three members during branding time and you'll not only be a Big Hatter, but you'll also be awarded a coveted AMBUCS Challenge coin. These special medallions will be awarded to parents of the kids we serve, and the only other way to get one is to earn it!

But wait, there's more! Even National has an incentive for you! Each person who brings in a new member during Branding Time receives a special spur pin. Each person will receive a Branding Iron pin for every third person recruited during Branding Time. (i.e. spur for first and second member, branding iron for third.

Big Hatters--We'll be gathering at the Carlton Barn on Saturday November 3rd, for a Branding Time Blazing Saddles Barn Burner Party!! If you aren't a Big Hatter, you can still come! Recruit a member between now and the party, and you and your new member will escape fines and ridicule at the party! Don't recruit, and you better bring some money and be ready to pay a small fine and wear a small hat.

The Christmas Party will be December 1st at Turtle Run. We have had the party at Days Inn in the past, and have been very happy with their hospitality. But we have unfortunately outgrown the space, and we needed a ground level facility for wheelchair accessibility.

\$15,000 Annual Raffle will be held on October 4th. Tickets are available from Pat Phillips. There aren't very many left!

Downtown Danville Night of Lights is Thursday, November 15th. We would like to get a group together to participate in the parade. If you aren't already in the parade, please contact Jeff Saylor.

Guest Speaker

Today we welcomed Heather Fox from the new local CASA office. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate. These advocates serve children who are already in the court system, usually for abuse or neglect cases. The advocate speaks on behalf of the child, and is very important because they are often the only person to offer information that serves the best interest of the child. The CASA meets with the child, and forms a bond, and also talks to teachers, counselors, doctors, and anyone else involved in the child's life.

There are currently about 300 children who are wards of the court in Vermilion County. Since the office is new, they are actively seeking people to volunteer to train to be a CASA. They provide 30 hours of special training, to equip the volunteer with the skills needed to make a huge difference in a child's future. Call 217.446.5975 for information.

National News

October Is National AmTryke® Month! Each year during the month of October, AMBUCS focuses on promoting the AmTryke therapeutic tricycles and the impact that they have on children with disabilities. Again this year, your chapter will receive 5 bonus points and a \$50-off coupon for a future AmTryke purchase, if you buy and present an AmTryke therapeutic tricycle in October! For more information, please visit www.ambucs.org or contact the Jeff Roig at (800) 838-1845 ext 14.

Invest In The Future With a gift of \$300 or more you can now purchase a personalized brick to be installed in the donor courtyard at the AMBUCS Resource Center. The 4 X 8 inch brick is an ideal way to honor a special Ambuc or family member. Proceeds are earmarked for the AMBUCS capital campaign. For more information contact Semaj Marsh at (800) 838-1845 ext. 17. Order forms can be downloaded at: www.ambucs.org/pdf/brickerorderforms/pdf

Upcoming Speakers

10/24/07	Dr. R. Elghammer	Attention Deficit Disorder
10/31/07	Donna Carlton-Vish	Big Hat Day
11/21/07	Wade Adams	Glass Safety

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Members and Guests

Our guest today was Scott Medlin. Scott is Carol Wade's husband. He works for Channel 15, and turned in a membership application. Welcome, Scott!

Information Changes?

Please contact Melody Maxwell at melcurvegirl@hotmail.com.

