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July 2016 Events/Information

Stephen’s Story

By: Nancy Graham (Stephen’s mom)

On June 4, 2016 the Boone LEGO contest was held at Boone Mall. Hoping this will be the first of many LEGO competitions in the local area, there was a large turnout of enthusiastic participants as well as appreciative on-lookers. 

- Display only- for sets built from instructions (non-competitive)
- Explorer, for builders under 10 years old
- Creator, for builders 10 and over
- Brick-master, for advanced master builders

The last three categories were for original built creations only, a creation of the mind of the contestant and were judged for creativity, originality, aesthetic design, innovation of parts integration, and humor.

Stephen Graham, age 19, won second place in the Creator category for his original four-character group entitled “Bad Company”. Here’s a brief description of the company: Constructed with parts from many different Lego sets, this motley crew of misfits travel in their own dimension of space and time. Fighting evil demons and leaving a trail of mayhem, confusion, and practical jokes in their wake, you may be able to catch some of their antics on YouTube. The characters are: B.O.B. (Biohazard cleaner – B class), Lukas (with the cheerful turquoise parts), Ewan (sporting the hat and cape), and Edam (ready to instigate one of those practical jokes).

Stephen also entered his set-built “Spy with Camel” airplane and Bionic super-hero “Takanuva” in the Display category. All proceeds benefitted the Watauga Humane Society.

A BIG THANK YOU TO DR. ROBIN GROCE!

Dr. Robin Groce has served as interim dean in the Reich College of Education (RCOE) for the past two years. She will take a fall semester sabbatical; on her return she will teach in the Department of Reading.
Education and Special Education in the RCOE for the spring semester.

Groce has conducted an extensive amount of research in her time as professor and has been published in a variety of journals including Reading Horizons, Social Studies and the Young Learner, and Reading Improvement. Her dedication to service and improving the lives of students at Appalachian extends to her support of the Parent to Parent Organization within the RCOE.

If you would like to donate in her honor, please click here.

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**TIPS TOOLBOX**

**Apple Adding Accessibility Features**

By Shaun Heasley

Apple is introducing new features designed to help people with disabilities be more physically active.

The tech giant said this week at its closely-watched Worldwide Developers Conference that Apple Watch will soon allow wheelchair users to track their activity level throughout the day much like a slew of fitness trackers already allow for people walking or running.

With a software update available this fall, wheelchair pushes will be able to apply to all-day calorie goals and Apple Watch will offer wheelchair-specific workouts, Apple said.

Resource: Disabilityscoop.com
The camp will be held from August 2nd - August 5th (Tues.-Fri.) at Camp Sky Ranch in Boone, NC. The hours are 9AM-2PM. This camp is open to campers of all ages and all abilities!!

Each day will be a different theme and will be filled with fun camp activities. Campers will be encouraged to dress according to the day's theme (but, not required!). The campers will be paired up with a camp volunteer each day (their "buddy" for the week!). Please contact Jack Sharp at Camp Sky Ranch with any questions or more information at jack@boonezip.com or call 855-475-9947.

**For the registration forms, click here.**

The deadline to register is July 16th.
Our annual Target Survey is now open. Please take 5-10 minutes to help us focus our work on the greatest needs of people with disabilities living in North Carolina. The Survey will remain open until 6:00 pm on August 4, 2016.

Please forward the Survey to your friends, family, co-workers, and anyone else who is interested in protecting the rights of people with disabilities living in North Carolina.

Open Survey Here

Review the Proposed 2017 Targets, populations impacted, and rationale for each Target.

For more resources, please go to

www.p2presources.com