

13th Annual Retreat Yourself

Camp Benson • Mount Carroll, IL



Enjoy a fun-filled weekend of activities, including a zip line, yoga, candle making, a Halloween costume contest, "Twilight Zone" sledding, and target sports like archery and tomahawk throwing.

October 25–27, 2024



Easterseals Family Support Services invites mothers, grandmothers, and aunts of children with developmental disabilities for a weekend getaway to recharge, have fun, network, and find much-needed support and resources.



Special Guest Speaker **Cody Clark Magic**

Cody Clark is a 31-year-old professional magician/autistic self-advocate from Louisville, KY. He was diagnosed with autism at 15 months of age and his parents were warned he'd never walk, talk, maintain employment, or tell them he loved them. His parents' tenacity combined with therapy services received from autism specialists and at schools allowed him to surpass all expectations!

He shares his magic shows and talks for audiences ranging from public library patrons, K-12 students, college students, educators, and corporate employees about how autism makes him see the world differently and that he and others with autism have similar life goals and desires as anyone else. His favorite type of audience however, is when he gets to help others with disabilities become successful adults. His mission is to help people realize that differences like autism are nothing to be scared of, but rather a different way of thinking.

His past clients include major universities like the University of Kentucky and Ohio States, as well as corporations like Energizer Batteries and Delta Faucet Company. He even testified before the U.S. House of Representatives' Small Business Committee. He can be found at codyclarkmagic.com or on social media as [@codyclarkmagic](https://www.instagram.com/codyclarkmagic).

REGISTRATION

This retreat is fully funded by The KJELLSTROM FAMILY FOUNDATION Grant in collaboration with Starnet Regions I & III, and Youth Service Network. There is NO CHARGE for mothers, grandmothers, and aunts of children with developmental disabilities. (Mothers will get priority at registration.) **Space is limited to 60 women so hurry and register!**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____ Relationship to Child with Disability: _____

Child with disability's age and diagnosis: _____

Room request (check one): I need sleep! (quiet cabin) I'm here to socialize! (not so quiet cabin)

Shirt size: XS S M L XL 2XL 3XL

Please return this registration form to Christi Starr by October 11, 2024 to cstarr@eastersealschicago.org or mail to Easterseals Serving Chicagoland and Greater Rockford 730 N. Church St., Rockford, IL 61103 Attn: Christi Starr

* Submission of registration does not guarantee participation. Please monitor your email for a confirmation of your registration or notification that you have been waitlisted. Additional retreat information will be sent to participants two weeks before the event.

If you have questions regarding the event, please contact Christi Starr at 815-965-5069 or cstarr@eastersealschicago.org