



Fall Guide

Experience Life's Possibilities

2025



Programs & Services for People with Developmental Disabilities

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NEW THIS FALL
Anime, Relationships
and Social Skills,
Digital Workshops,
& more!

**Financial Aid is available,
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information.**



Our Vision

People with developmental disabilities are empowered to realize their greatest potential, thrive within the community, and achieve their hopes and dreams.

Our Mission

Enriching the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities by maximizing their opportunities for personal success, fun & friendship, employment, and community involvement.



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1. Find programs you're interested in!

2. **NEW MEMBERS:**

Contact us at 847.948.7001 or
Outreach@ExperienceCEL.org
to get started.

RETURNING MEMBERS:



Fill out the Returning
Member Registration
Form in this guide
or scan to access it online.

3. Program availability will be determined
before we process all registrations and
payments.

Questions? Outreach@ExperienceCEL.org

Welcome to the Fall Session at CEL!

We are introducing some new and returning opportunities such as **Monday Night Sweet Treats**, **Afternoon Social** and **NEW** monthly clubs that will touch on various topics such as **Anime**, **Relationships** and **Social Skills**!

FALL



We love to hear your ideas and always count on them to create programs that you will love and enjoy. If you have suggestions about programs or have questions about the activities offered

in this Fall guide, please reach out to us. We'd love to hear from you! Info@ExperienceCEL.org



SUNDAY MORNING CAFE

(AGES 18+)



Join us for a laid-back morning devoted to a relaxing visit with friends while enjoying your favorite beverage and morning snack. Catch up, share stories with friends or simply enjoy the ambiance of a cafe at CEL.

When: 9/7-12/14 (14 weeks; no program 11/23)

Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Fee: \$460

SUNDAY FUN DAY

(AGES 18+)



Spend an afternoon having fun with friends. Each week, we will offer a selection of activities to CELebrate the Seasons!

Fun and Festive: Discover fun facts about day-to-day celebrations and different holidays around the world.

Seasonal Flavors: Ginger, spice and everything nice! Check out the wonderful smells and tastes of the seasons.

Holiday Crafternoon: From fall leaves to snowmen to unique holiday crafts, create lovely decorations to take home.

When: 9/7-12/14 (14 weeks; no program 11/23)

Time: 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Fee: \$600

MONDAY NIGHT BOWLING

(AGES 18+)



Come join the Monday Night fun with a night of bowling with friends. Enjoy a pizza party to end the session on our final bowling night. *Please note that this program is running as a separate program and at the same time as Monday Night Sweet Treats. Members may meet at Lakeside Lane at 6:30pm or meet at CEL at 5:45pm for transportation to and from Lakeside Lanes.*

When: 9/8– 12/15 (13 weeks; no program 9/22, 11/24)

Time: 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Fee: \$390

MONDAY NIGHT SWEET TREATS

(AGES 18+)



Are you a sweet tooth enthusiast? Join us and learn how to make a variety of different desserts. Each week, we will focus on the preparation of each treat. Recipes may include cookies, cakes, no-bake treats, or even savory bites. We will sample the final product and see what ends up being the favorite! *Please note: This program runs as a separate program and at the same time as Monday Night Bowling.*

When: 9/8– 12/15 (13 weeks; no program 9/22, 11/24)

Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Fee: \$420



MONDAY ANIME CLUB

(AGES 13+)

Join fellow anime fans to watch, discuss, and celebrate your favorite shows! Whether you're into classic series or the latest releases, Anime Club is the perfect place to connect, share recommendations, and geek out over everything from plot twists to cosplay. All levels of fandom welcome!

When: Mondays; 9/15, 10/13, 11/17, 12/8

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Fee: \$120

DIGITAL SKILLS WORKSHOPS

(AGES 18+)

Boost your digital literacy through classroom-style workshops and interactive computer labs, using the Northstar Digital Literacy Curriculum. We provide all the necessary technology, tools, and guidance. All sessions are held at CEL.



Internet Skills

When: Mondays, 9/8 (workshop), 9/15 (lab), 9/22 (lab)

Time: 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Fee: \$85 for all 3 (a 20% savings) or \$35 for individual session

Online Safety

When: Mondays, 10/6 (workshop), 10/13 (lab), 10/20 (lab)

Time: 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Fee: \$85 for all 3 (a 20% savings) or \$35 for individual session

Phone & Tablet Basics

When: Mondays, 11/3 (workshop), 11/10 (lab) 11/17 (lab)

Time: 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Fee: \$85 for all 3 (a 20% savings) or \$35 for individual session

\$220 for all 9 classes
that span 3 months (30% savings)

TUESDAY NIGHT ART

(AGES 18+)



Learn about different artists and create art inspired by their work. Each week will showcase a different artist or technique and an inventive way to use materials. Members may work at their own pace in a fun and supportive environment, emphasizing creativity and self-expression.

When: 9/2– 12/16

(14 weeks; no program 9/23, 11/25)

Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Fee: \$450

Illinois
ARTS
Council

This program is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency.

Join us for
our Artful
Evening event.
See page 17
for details.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SAMPLER

(AGES 18+)

Experience a variety of activities or choose your favorites in an evening of YOUR favorite things. Bingo! *Please note: Activities rotate every other week.*

Fall Flavors: From pumpkin spice to peppermint, check out the aromas and tastes of fall beverages or treats.

Bingo! Always a favorite activity, join friends for a night of Bingo baby!

Living your Best Life: Share ways in which you can be your best self-use movement, dance or experience the sensory room. Join friends for a fun and relaxing mid-week break!

Autumn Wonders: Capture the beauty and essence of the autumn season and showcase the vibrant colors, the changing leaves and the transition of nature through art.



When: 9/3 – 12/17 (14 weeks; no program 10/1 & 11/26)

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Fee: \$560



THURSDAY LADIES NIGHT

(AGES 18+)



Gonna step out cuz it's Ladies Night! Talk about what's new in fashion, music, or hairstyle trends – share stories and enjoy making some yummy treats. Finish off the session by joining Guys Night for a Holiday Mixer!

When: 7 weeks: 9/4, 9/18, 10/9, 10/23, 11/6, 11/20, Mixer: 12/11
Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Fee: \$220

THURSDAY GUYS NIGHT

(AGES 18+)



Join your buddies for all kinds of awesome activities! Will it be sports talk, game night, or shooting hoops? The choice is yours! Finish off the session by joining the Ladies Night crew for a Holiday Mixer!

When: 7 weeks: 9/11, 9/25, 10/16, 10/30, 11/13, 12/4/2025, Mixer: 12/11
Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Fee: \$220

THURSDAY RELATIONSHIP FOUNDATION

(AGES 22+)

NEW
PROGRAM



A safe and inclusive space for individuals to learn about friendships, dating, boundaries, and communication. Important topics like consent, personal space, and online safety that help build respectful, supportive, and healthy relationships in all areas of life will be covered. Classes taught by a social worker. *Please note: This program runs as a separate program and at the same time as Thursday's Ladies Night.*

When: 7 weeks: 9/4, 9/18, 10/9, 10/23, 11/6, 11/20, Mixer: 12/11

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Fee: \$210

THURSDAY SOCIAL SKILLS GROUP

(AGES 22+)

NEW
PROGRAM



A welcoming and supportive group to learn and practice everyday social skills, led by a social worker. Through fun activities, role-playing, and real-life scenarios, members build confidence in communication, friendship, and navigating social situations. *Please note: This program runs as a separate program and at the same time as Thursday's Guys Night.*

When: 7 weeks: 9/11, 9/25, 10/16, 10/30, 11/13, 12/4/2025, Mixer: 12/11

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Fee: \$210

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL

(AGES 18+)



Want to have some end-of-the-week fun with your friends? Join us for various activities like karaoke, art and making a snack. Each week will have a different theme like Disney, the 80's, The Beatles, and many more! Let's make some amazing memories and have a blast at CEL on Friday nights!

When: 9/5 – 12/19

(14 weeks; no program 10/24, 11/28)

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Fee: \$420

***Make sure to register for our Harvest Dance on Friday 10/24.**

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SATURDAY HANGOUT

(AGES 18+)



Let's make the most of what CEL has to offer! Get creative and explore art, make a snack, take part in a craft project, enjoy the fully equipped gym, or hang out with your friends and catch up!

Please note: This program runs as a separate program and at the same time as Saturday Out and About.

When: 9/6 – 12/20

(15 weeks; no program 11/29)

Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm

Fee: \$880

SATURDAY OUT AND ABOUT

(AGES 23+)

Explore local community activities with your CEL friends and enjoy a new lunch experience each week. You help plan the adventures! A weekly schedule will be sent outlining the details for the day. *Please note: This program runs as a separate program and at the same time as Saturday Hangout.*

When: 9/6 – 12/20

(15 weeks; no program 11/29)

Time:

10:00am - 3:00pm

Fee: \$960

SO MUCH TO DO EVERY SATURDAY AT CEL!



AFTERNOON SOCIAL CLUB

(AGES 23+)

NEW
PROGRAM
FOR
ADULTS!



Join your friends for an afternoon of fun! After your day activity, stay at or head over to CEL for games, crafts, and more. Afternoons are a blast at CEL, and a snack will be provided each afternoon. ***Please note: REACH and Catalyst members can extend their day.***



Mondays 9/8-12/15 (13 weeks; no program 9/22, 11/24)	Tuesdays 9/2-12/16 (14 weeks; no program 9/23, 11/25)	Wednesdays 9/3-12/17 (14 weeks; no program 10/1, 11/26)	Thursdays 9/4-12/18 (14 weeks; no program 10/2, 11/27)	Fridays 9/5-12/19 (14 weeks; no program 10/24, 11/28)
3:00pm - 5:00pm	3:00pm - 5:00pm	3:00pm - 5:00pm	3:00pm - 5:00pm	3:00pm - 5:00pm
\$390	\$420	\$420	\$420	\$420





**REGISTRATION
DEADLINE:**

10/17
(or until dance
reaches capacity)



Who: Ages 18+

When: Friday, 10/24

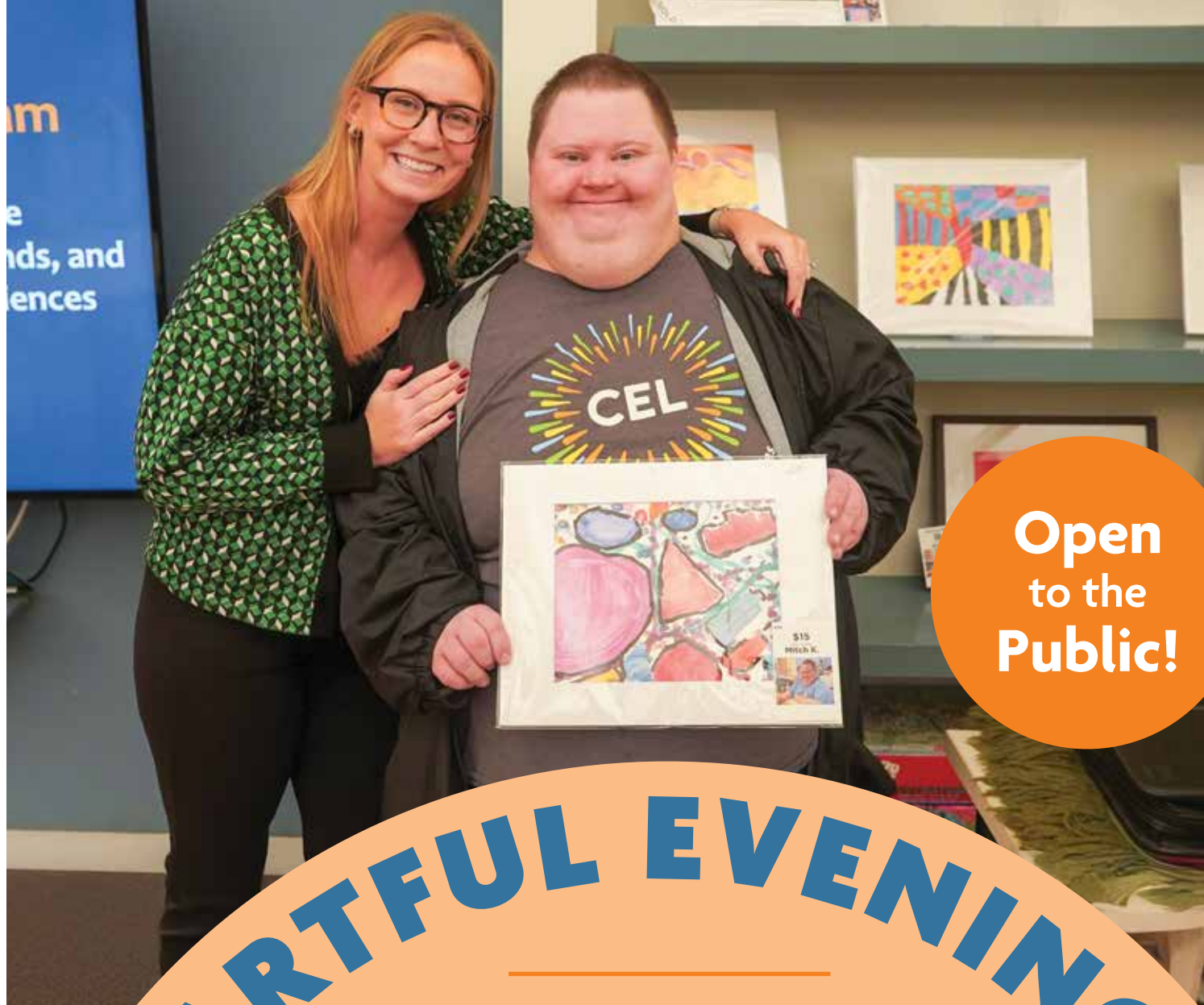
Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Fee: \$30

HARVEST DANCE



Dance fills up quickly so register NOW to secure your spot!



**Open
to the
Public!**

ARTFUL EVENING

AN EVENT TO SHOWCASE CEL ARTISTS.

TUESDAY, 11/11 5:30-7:30PM

Join us in CELebrating the talents of our members as we display their creative expressions throughout CEL. Enjoy a beverage as you stroll through CEL's art-filled gallery. Art pieces will be available for purchase. Stay tuned for more details.



PROGRAMS JUST FOR



Looking for something fun to do after school?

Come hang out at CEL! Whether you're into games, crafts, or making tasty snacks, there's something for everyone. Bring your friends, pick the days that work for you, and make each afternoon your own kind of fun.



AFTERNOON HANGOUT

Join your friends for an afternoon of fun! After school, head over to CEL for games, crafts, and more. Afternoons are a blast at CEL, and a snack will be provided each afternoon.

SELECT THE DAYS YOU WANT TO COME HANG OUT WITH FRIENDS:

Mondays 9/8-12/15 (13 weeks; no program 9/22, 11/24)	Tuesdays 9/2-12/16 (14 weeks; no program 9/23, 11/25)	Wednesdays 9/3-12/17 (14 weeks; no program 10/1, 11/26)	Thursdays 9/4-12/18 (14 weeks; no program 10/2, 11/27)	Fridays 9/5-12/19 (14 weeks; no program 10/24, 11/28)
3:00pm - 5:30pm	3:00pm - 5:30pm	3:00pm - 5:30pm	3:00pm - 5:30pm	3:00pm - 5:30pm
\$550	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600

TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS

(AGES 13-22)



SATURDAY COMMUNITY EXPLORERS

Join your friends for a fun-filled Saturday! Each week, venture out to discover a different exciting place in the local communities. A weekly schedule will be sent outlining the details for the day.

When: Saturdays, 9/6 – 12/20

(15 weeks; no program 11/29)

Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm

Fee: \$1160



TEEN & YOUNG ADULT FALL PROGRAMS

TEEN/YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

(AGES 13-22)



EVENT

Fall Camp Tales: Gather round the campfire to hear some spooky stories, roast marshmallows, build a fort, play games, and make a craft!

Saturday, 9/13

5pm - 8pm

\$50

EVENT

Halloween Haunts! Decorate pumpkins, make spooktacular crafts, and have a yummy mummy treat. Don't forget to wear your costume!

DATE/TIME

Saturday, 10/18

5pm - 8pm

FEE

\$50

Turkey Time! Join all your friends for Friendsgiving fun! Create fall crafts, play some games, and enjoy a delicious Friendsgiving dinner!

Saturday, 11/22

5pm - 8pm

\$60

Holiday Hoopla: Head over to CEL for a night of fun that's sure to include all kinds of Holiday cheer! From music to dancing to crafting and treats, we are ready for you!

Saturday, 12/13

5pm - 8pm

\$50

Fall Fun Day!

No school? No problem!

Head over to CEL and spend the day with your buddies as we get ready for Halloween! Head out to find a pumpkin to decorate and then join in some ghastly and ghoulish fun with friends! Afternoon snack provided but please bring your lunch.

Monday, 10/13 9am - 5pm \$120



TEEN/YOUNG ADULT EXCURSIONS

(AGES 13-22)

EVENT

Boo at the Zoo: Get ready for a fang-tastic time at Brookfield Zoo! Wander through the zoo's spooky paths and see all your favorite animals while participating in various Halloween-themed activities! Price includes admission and dinner!

DATE/TIME

Sunday, 10/12
2pm - 7pm

FEE

\$130

Willow Hill Lights Show Stay warm and cozy on the bus as you drive through 2.5 miles of a de-light-ful show full of holiday spirit! Stop at Dunkin Donuts for a late-night snack on your way back!

DATE

Saturday, 12/6

TIME

5:30pm - 7:30pm

FEE

\$60



Camp Reunion (Ages 13+)

Come reconnect with friends of all ages at our Camp Reunion! Enjoy a fun-filled day of games, music, activities, and memories as we celebrate the spirit of camp together. Whether you're a longtime camper or joined us recently, everyone is welcome to join the fun!

Sunday, 9/14 5pm - 8pm \$50

SUNDAY EVENTS (AGES 18+)

All events take place at CEL.



EVENT

DATE/TIME

FEE

Welcome Fall at CEL! Let's kick off the fall session with an outdoor picnic with friends! Roast hot dogs and marshmallows, play outdoor games, and share stories with friends.

Sunday, 9/7
5pm - 8pm

\$50

Pumpkin Fest at CEL: Join us for a festive Pumpkin Fest filled with fall fun! Enjoy pumpkin carving, decorating, and tasty pumpkin treats. Whether you're getting creative or just here for the snacks, there's something for everyone to enjoy!

Sunday, 10/19
5pm - 8pm

\$50

Haunted Supper Club: Join us for a spooky good time at Haunted Super Club! Enjoy a delicious themed dinner, then stick around for eerie games, creepy crafts, and hauntingly fun activities. Costumes welcome, and chills guaranteed!

Sunday, 10/26
5pm - 8pm

\$50

Friendsgiving: In the season of gratefulness, we have so much for which to be thankful. Join your friends for an afternoon of sharing, crafting, and a traditional holiday meal with all the fixins!

Sunday, 11/30
5pm - 8pm

\$50

Holiday Dinner Dance: Let's get festive and CELebrate the Holidays with a lovely sit-down meal followed by holiday games, music, and caroling! Wear your finest holiday apparel to show off your spirit!

Sunday, 12/14
5pm - 8pm

\$50

(AGES 18+) EXCURSIONS

Pick up/Drop off at CEL for all excursions.

EVENT

DATE/TIME

FEE

Richardson Sunflower Festival: Get ready for a sunny adventure at the Richardson Sunflower Festival! Explore gorgeous sunflower fields, snap the perfect photos, and enjoy festive fun, tasty treats, and fall vibes all around. It's the ultimate way to celebrate the season with friends and good times! Price includes admission & snack at the festival. *Please bring additional money if you would like to purchase something at the gift shop!*

Sunday, 9/28
1pm - 6pm

\$90
!!! \$

Highwood Pumpkin Festival: Get into the fall spirit at the Highwood Pumpkin Festival! Stroll through streets lined with glowing jack-o'-lanterns, and enjoy live entertainment, delicious treats, and tons of pumpkin-themed fun. It's a festive night you won't want to miss! The price includes a snack at the festival. *Please bring additional money if you'd like to purchase something from the gift shop.*

Sunday, 10/5
1pm - 6pm

\$70
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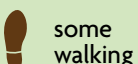
Arts in the Dark Parade: Join us for a night of creativity and Halloween magic at the Arts in the Dark Parade in Chicago! This one-of-a-kind evening parade features glowing costumes, giant puppets, and incredible performances that light up the night. Dinner is included, just bring your sense of wonder and get ready for a truly unforgettable experience!

Saturday, 10/25
3pm - 9pm

\$90
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PLEASE NOTE:

Many venues have gone 'cashless' and accept only debit or credit cards for payment. CEL will do its best to obtain this info prior to an excursion and communicate that information members.



some walking



moderate walking



lots of walking



bring extra money



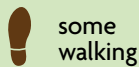
EXCURSIONS (AGES 18+)

ACTIVITY	DATE/TIME	FEE
Hard Rock Casino: Ready to test your luck and have a blast? Join us for an exciting trip to the Hard Rock Casino—where the slots are spinning, the music’s pumping, and the good vibes never stop! We’ll have time to explore the games, enjoy live entertainment, and sit down for a delicious dinner. <i>Don’t forget to bring a valid ID and some extra spending money for games, snacks, or souvenirs! Price includes dinner at the casino.</i>	Sunday, 11/9 1pm - 6pm	\$80 \$
Morton Arboretum: Experience the magic of the season at the Morton Arboretum’s dazzling Tree Lights event! Stroll through breathtaking light displays among the trees and enjoy a festive evening full of holiday cheer. <i>The price includes admission and dinner, but be sure to bring extra money if you’d like to grab souvenirs or tasty seasonal snacks along the way!</i>	Sunday, 12/7 2:30pm - 7:30pm	\$120 👣👣👣



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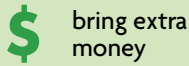
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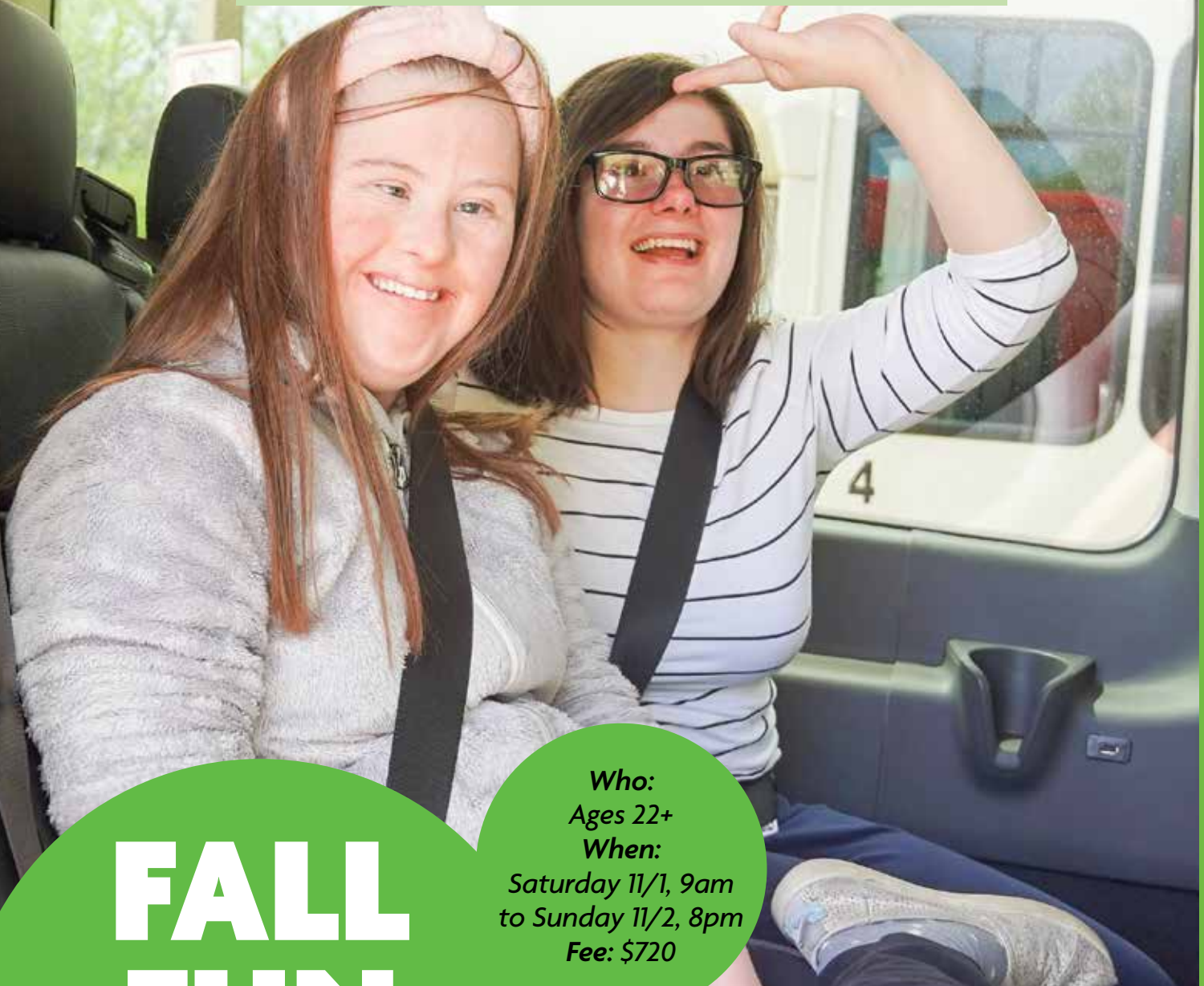


lots of walking



bring extra money

Weekend Getaway - Springfield, IL



FALL FUN TRIP!

Adult Overnight
Trip

Who:
Ages 22+
When:
Saturday 11/1, 9am
to Sunday 11/2, 8pm
Fee: \$720

Enjoy a memorable weekend in Springfield. Explore Lincoln landmarks, tour historic sites, and visit architectural gems like the Dana-Thomas House. Dine at local favorites, try the famous Horseshoe Sandwich, and unwind in scenic spots like Lincoln Memorial Garden. It's a perfect blend of history, food, and fall charm. *Families must complete all required waivers prior to participation*

MEMBER VOICES



Terri

“My favorite part about coming to CEL is that I’ve met a lot of nice people who are now my friends, and the staff is very kind.”

Favorite CEL Activity:
I like to do art.

Favorite CEL Activity:

I like going out in the community and learning about new resources.

“Catalyst has helped me become more independent by teaching me how to cook, clean, and learn about topics like fire safety and community resources.”

Nick



THE NORA PROJECT IS NOW PART OF CEL!



The Nora Project equips students and educators with tools to understand, embrace, and advocate for disability inclusion. Young people with and without disabilities build empathy, connection, and a sense of belonging - values at the heart of CEL, where inclusion is a lived experience.

Learn more at ExperienceCEL.org/TNP



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2025 VIRTUAL PROGRAMS!



BRINGING THE CEL EXPERIENCE TO YOU!

We can't wait to laugh and learn with you as we discuss your favorite topics and get our game on!

REGISTRATION IS CHANGING!

Codes will be sent out on 8/25/25 to every registered member prior to that date.

PROGRAM	DATE	TIME	FEE
Sports Chat: Talk about current sports news and share updates of your favorite teams!	Sundays, 9/7-12/14 (14 weeks - No virtual on 11/23)	10am - 10:45am	\$180
Bingo Baby! Get ready to win! Diagonal, letter or cover all in one of our very favorite activities!	Tuesdays, 9/2-12/16 (14 weeks - No virtual on 9/23 & 11/25)	5:15pm - 6:15pm	\$180

ZOOM GUIDELINES

We will review the following guidelines with everyone during the first week of virtual programs. Our priority is to keep our programs safe for all participants. We may also use closed captioning and the mute feature.

- **Arrive ON TIME.**
- **Find a QUIET SPACE** to minimize background noise.
- **Be sure you have a strong internet connection.**
- **CEL rules still apply!** If you wouldn't say it at CEL, don't say it in the zoom programs.
- **Video must be on.**
- **Mute yourself as needed.** The host will mute you if background noise is interfering.
- **Share your ideas** and be open to learning something new!
- **Don't take photos.** To ensure everyone's privacy, please don't take pictures during zoom programs.

REACH ADULT DAY PROGRAM

(AGES 18+)



The REACH Day Program provides community-based opportunities and activities for continued learning and growth for adults who have finished high school.

Monday through Friday, REACH members have the option to choose from a variety of activities based on personal interest and individualized goals. CEL members participate in planning monthly activities, which are geared towards enhancing their mind, body, and sense of self.

REACH PERSONAL ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES ARE DESIGNED TO FOLLOW OUR CORE PROGRAM CHARACTERISTICS.



Recreation & Relationships



Education & Culture



Arts & Music



Community & Contribution



Health & Wellness

**LEARN MORE
ABOUT REACH:**

**DETAILS ON THE PROGRAM AND
HOW TO JOIN THE WAIT LIST.**



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CATALYST ADULT DAY PROGRAM

(AGES 18+)

Our Catalyst Adult Day Program focuses on increasing confidence, life skills competency, and efficiency through instruction and practice of new skills, development of previously learned skills, and modifying daily environments that may impact independence. Catalyst members will learn and practice skills to facilitate skill translation to everyday life.



Catalyst participants will be best suited to the program if they have a willingness to learn and engage in both individual and group activities, and can commit to a minimum of 6 months of Catalyst sessions. Minimal bathroom support, open communication and ongoing practice with their guardian/parent/family at home, an awareness of physical safety while performing tasks, and openness to assessments are additional criteria for a member to experience success in this program in its initial phase.



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Learn More***

Interested in learning more about Catalyst?

Contact the Community Engagement Team to schedule a New Member Orientation and begin the process: Cassara@ExperienceCEL.org or CassidyP@ExperienceCEL.org



GET INVOLVED

OUR COMMUNITY HELPS CEL MEMBERS THRIVE!

How do you want to make a difference in the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities?

There are so many ways to connect with our community:

- **Volunteer with CEL**
We are always seeking volunteers and interns who are eager to engage regularly and foster meaningful connections with our members.
- **Partner with us**
We are always on the lookout for corporate and community partners to join us in enriching the lives of our members and advocating for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- **Join our Board of Directors or a committee**
CEL's Board of Directors is an active, engaged, and dynamic group of leaders who champion our mission to enrich the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- **Employ CEL members**
Our Employment Opportunities Program matches you with qualified candidates who are ready and willing to work.
- **Become a CEL member**
Whether you're looking to make new friends, try out a new hobby, find a job, learn some new skills, or just have fun, we have something for everyone at CEL.
- **Join the CEL team**
If you genuinely care about CEL's Mission, then we invite you to apply for open positions. We offer a comprehensive benefits package and generous PTO.



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learn
more*

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM (AGES 18+)

In partnership with the Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS), we proudly offer free job placement services through Supported Employment Programs and Milestone contracts. We also provide services through a private pay option, ensuring flexible access to support tailored to your needs.

Collaborate with CEL staff to explore employment, volunteer, and career opportunities that align with your unique skills, interests, and goals. Our Employment Specialists guide you through the entire job search process—including resume building, interview preparation, skill development, and long-term job retention strategies.

Employment services are offered in packages

Fees vary; please visit our website for full details.)

- Career Exploration
- Career Development and Work Readiness Planning
- Transition to Employment
- Job Retention Support

Earn a competitive wage, grow your social network, and build a sense of accomplishment while developing skills that will help you achieve your employment goals!

New
Digital Skills
Workshops
See Pg. 7



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learn
more



Contact Outreach@ExperienceCEL.org
today to learn more about the employment process.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Membership & Registration

- Registration Requests can be completed by visiting: ExperienceCEL.org/register
- Members must have been registered in the last program year or have a current Member Information Form (within two years) to prevent a lapse of membership.
- Current Members can complete a registration request by visiting ExperienceCEL.org/Register New members must complete the New Member Orientation before participating.
- New or Lapsed members must set an appointment with the Community Engagement team before attending programs. See below for contact information.
- For registration questions, contact Cassara@ExperienceCEL.org or CassidyP@ExperienceCEL.org.

Program Fees & Financial Assistance

- **Payment:** Full payment is required at the time of registration unless payment plans are specified. Accepted payment methods include:
 - Cash, check, money order
 - VISA, Mastercard, Discover, American Express - Credit card payments require completing the designated section on the registration form.
- **Outstanding Balances:** Any past-due fees must be paid before registering for new programs.
- **Financial Assistance:** Limited awards based on financial need and fund availability.
 - Applies only to full fees (not dances or other discounts).
 - Does not guarantee future assistance.
 - To apply, check the financial assistance box on the registration form and submit all required documentation.
 - Contact Nancy@ExperienceCEL.org for details.

Cancellation Policy

- **Weekly Programs:** Cancellations before the start date may incur a \$50 service fee.
- **Special Events & Excursions:**
 - Cancellations must be made at least two weeks in advance for a refund or credit.
 - If an excursion includes purchased tickets, the ticket cost will only be refunded if another member takes the spot.
 - If CEL or the venue cancels an excursion, alternatives may be offered.
- **Medical Cancellations:**
 - Prolonged illness, hospitalization, or extended medical issues may qualify for prorated credit consideration. Requests must be submitted in writing with supporting medical documentation. CEL will review each request on a case-by-case basis.
 - Members unable to participate due to a medical condition must provide a doctor's note for case-by-case evaluation.
- **Moving:** Members who move out of the area are eligible for a refund after address confirmation.
- **Refunds/Credits:** Funds will be returned in the form of future credits, and any request for refunds will be reviewed case-by-case.

Program Participation & Attendance

- **Excursion Participation:** Members must attend an on-site program before joining community-based excursions.
- **Wellness Policy:** Members should not attend programs if experiencing:
 - Sore/Strep throat, flu, or fever
 - Coughing, runny nose, or cold symptoms
 - Contagious rashes, lice, or eye infections
 - General illness that prevents full participation
- Members may return once symptoms have passed or with a doctor's recommendation.
- To ensure continuity of care, CEL requests notification of any injuries, new medical conditions, or surgical procedures. A 'return to normal activities' note may be required. Contact info@ExperienceCEL.org for more details.
- **Early Arrival:** Members should arrive **no earlier than 10 minutes** before a program unless prearranged. Repeated early arrivals may result in restricted building access or incur a fee.
- **Transportation:** Limited transportation may be available. Contact the Community Engagement team for options.
 - **Late Pick-ups:** Families, caregivers, or agency staff must be on time.
 - Members whose ride is late three (3) times per session may have their membership suspended.
 - Late fees will apply, and families/agencies will be billed accordingly.

General Policies & Additional Information

- **Program Fee Adjustments:** CEL reviews program fees periodically. Any necessary changes will be communicated in advance. Current fees are in effect through December 2025.
- **Lost or Stolen Property:** CEL is not responsible for personal belongings brought to programs.
- **Registration Requests:**
 - Complete Registration Requests online: ExperienceCEL.org/register
 - Drop Off: CEL business hours Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- **Inclement Weather & Cancellations:**
 - CEL may cancel programs or switch to a virtual format due to extreme weather, including, but not limited to:
 - Heat index over 100°F
 - Tornado warnings
 - Icy roads, snowstorms, or extreme wind chill
 - If a cancellation occurs, members will be notified before the program start time.

Program Guide Errors: Our staff have made every effort to prepare this program guide as accurately as possible; however, errors can occur. Circumstances may require that adjustments be made to programs, fees, schedules, etc. The Center for Enriched Living reserves the right to make any such adjustments. We apologize for any inconvenience these errors or adjustments may cause. CEL has no control over venues cancelling or rescheduling events. Should this occur, CEL will attempt to offer a comparable activity.

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REGISTRATION FORM

**Want to register another way?
Please contact our Community Engagement Team
for help: Outreach@ExperienceCEL.org**

**Financial Aid &
Monthly Payment
Options are
Available.**

See page 32 for more
information.

DID YOU KNOW?

Membership fees only cover 30% of the actual cost of the programs you love and rely on, making those experiences only possible through the support of CEL's donors. The kindness and generosity of our supporters make it possible for CEL to provide committed and caring staff members, program tools and materials, safe transportation, and our beautiful and welcoming Universal Design building.

Donations also fund financial aid, because we never want our members and their families to bear the full cost, and finances should not be a barrier to a life full of wonderful experiences.

If you have the means, please consider supporting our programs and help keep our programs affordable for all.

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CEL sounds like a wonderful experience – how do I get started?

New members must contact a Community Engagement Coordinator to schedule a New Member Orientation and begin the membership process. Membership information should be completed in full and necessary documents provided to complete registration; The Community Engagement Coordinator will be the point of contact during this process. Please note that participation in an onsite program at CEL must occur prior to new members attending community excursions. Speak with one of the Community Engagement Coordinators to set up an appointment: Cassara May, Cassara@ExperienceCEL.org, 847-315-0074 or Cassidy Paradise Cassidy@ExperienceCEL.org, 847-315-9907.

Can additional supports be provided?

We recognize that some members may require additional assistance to have a meaningful, safe, and successful experience. The program team will assess needs during the new membership process to ensure necessary supports are in place, especially for community-based activities. Our primary responsibility is the safety and security of all members, staff, volunteers, and community partners.

When are program fees due?

Payment is preferred in full at the time of registration. Payment plans can be arranged with a credit card on file. In order to keep your account current, any balances are due in full prior to an event, excursion or recurring program. Please note that programs not meeting minimum enrollment may be subject to cancellation.

Are there any discounted rates or coupons for programs?

CEL is proud to offer financial aid opportunities for programs. Please see page 30 for full details.

What is your credit and refund policy?

- A cancellation that occurs prior to the start of a weekly program will incur a service fee of \$50 that will offset the refund. No refunds will be given after the first day of the weekly program.
- For special events and excursions, cancellations must be made 2 weeks prior to be eligible for a credit or refund. If tickets have been purchased for an excursion, the cost of tickets will not be reimbursed unless the spot is taken by another member. If an excursion is canceled by the venue or CEL, the program team will offer alternatives depending on the type of excursion and reason for cancellation. CEL has little control over venues that may cancel events.
- If a medical condition prevents a member from participating in a program, a doctor's note is required and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis for credit or refund.
- Members who move out of the area will be eligible for a refund once the address change is confirmed

What if I require a dietary consideration for a program or event?

We strive to accommodate the needs of our members and will do our best to meet requests. In some cases, particularly meals that are planned for a group event or those in the community, it may be difficult to ensure special menu choices. When snacks are offered during programs, members must bring their own gluten-free or dairy-free items as an alternative.

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Questions?**

Call us at 847-948-7001
or email
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more info.

