



Blind Community Center of San Diego

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SUMMER 2024 NEWSLETTER

******* Our Tea Time at the BCCSD Fundraiser is a limited seating event and thanks to BCCSD participants and supporters, just a few seats remain. Tickets are \$50 and the fact that we are just about sold out is a Good Thing.**

No tickets will be sold at the Event. No one will be admitted without a ticket.

Thanks to everyone who purchased a ticket and who helped get the word out. You did a great job! *****

1949 - 2024

Celebrating 75 years of service to blind and low vision community members.



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THANK YOU

To all of our generous donors: Thank you for your continued, faithful support of our Blind Community Center. You make a difference in the lives of our blind and low vision participants, every day!

MEMBERSHIP FEE \$40. Membership is not Mandatory.

Members receive a free MTS Access ticket (\$5) when they arrive or depart by MTS Access every weekday. 8 trips to the BCC in a year covers your \$40 fee.

Visit once per week for a year – save \$210 in MTS Access tickets.

The fiscal year for the BCCSD is July 2023 - June 2024

Please consider membership. You will be able to vote for officers, help make important decisions for the BCCSD and take pride in YOUR Blind Community Center of San Diego.



SAN DIEGO NORTH PARK LIONS CORNER GROCERY

Groceries are available for pick up to active members and participants on the second Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of every month. Please call and let us know you are coming. Thank you to **San Diego North Park Lions**.

BCCSD WEEKLY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

- Please sign up for each activity by calling the BCCSD at 619-298-5021, ext. 206, and leave a message one week before the class or event you want to attend. If you are at the center, just let us know, in person, when your next visit will be.
- Free lunch at 11:30 a.m.
- One free MTS Access ticket given to members who arrive or depart using MTS Access.

For ZOOM CLASSES and MEETINGS

Join by Phone

1 408 638 0968 USA Toll+

Meeting ID: 494 996 8569

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4949968569>

Meeting ID: 494 996 8569

MONDAY CHAIR YOGA

Auditorium

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

MONDAY GAME DAY - MUSIC, UNO, OTHELLO, BOARD GAMES, and SKIP BO

Auditorium

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

MONDAY CRAFTS

Craft Room

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

MONDAY DRAMA WITH KIM

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

MONDAY CRIBBAGE WITH PAT

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Auditorium

TUESDAY - CRAFTS

Craft Room

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

TUESDAY – MOVIE

Auditorium

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

TUESDAY – CHORUS WITH LEE

NCL room

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY - CERAMICS

Craft Room

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY OPEN ACTIVITIES – MUSIC, BINGO, GAMES, MOVIES,
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO? please see Bingo times below**

Auditorium

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

******* Webex classes cancelled June 5 - July 10 *******

Join by phone

+1-510-338-9438 USA Toll+ Access code: 623 586 039

Join by computer:

<https://giftedback.my.webex.com/meet/pearl.a.mecenas>

Access code: 623 586 039

12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

BLIND RHYTHM led by Shon

OPEN MIC led by Pearl

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

TRIVIA led by Pearl

NAME THAT TUNE coordinated by Shon

WEDNESDAY VIRTUAL WRITERS WORKSHOP with CLYTIE

2:00 p.m. 400 p.m.

All are welcome to this ZOOM platform class!

Please call or email Clytie - 760-271-8138 writers@bccsd.org

SATURDAY VIRTUAL MARTIAL ARTS ACTIVITY

taught by **SENSEI JOSH LOYA**

10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. All abilities welcome.

If you are interested in attending, please send an email to info@bccsd.org.

You can also message on Facebook link –

<https://www.facebook.com/BlindCommunity-Martial-Arts-211126265596001>

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

WATER SKIING WITH THE SAN DIEGO MISSION BAY BOAT & SKI CLUB

June 22, July 27, August 24, and September 28

For over 60 years, the San Diego Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club has sponsored Blind Water Ski and there will be water skiing, tubing, boat rides, fun in the sun and lunch again in 2024. You don't need to know how to water ski and you don't have to get your feet wet if you choose to stay on dry land.

Please call 619-298-5021 ext. 206 to sign up. We will call you back with details.



New craft in Craft class – Making Dog Toys from T-shirts



Fun, easy and useful. Don't have a dog? We can donate to SD humane society.

SURFING WITH ENCINITAS LIONS CLUB

September 8

The Encinitas Lions Club will host its 26th annual Blind Surfing Event at Cardiff State Beach. Sign up and we will call you with details.



HYBRID BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING In-person and ZOOM

Every second Tuesday at noon

To Join, please use the ZOOM number below:

1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose) Meeting
ID: 494 996 8569

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4949968569>
Meeting ID: 494 996 8569

Guests are welcome. If you would like to address the board, please call President Nena at 619-767-0960, 24 hours prior to the meeting.

HYBRID MEMBERSHIP MEETING In-person and ZOOM

Every fourth Tuesday at noon.

To Join, please use the ZOOM number below:

1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose) Meeting
ID: 494 996 8569

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4949968569>
Meeting ID: 494 996 8569

Membership meetings are held every month on the 4th Tuesday. Members, participants and guests are all welcome to attend. Meetings are one way to catch up on what is happening at the BCCSD.

Members who would like to be eligible to serve on the board of directors in 2024 must attend 6 membership meetings and attend 6 activities prior to March 2024. Voting takes place at the annual June membership meeting every year.

Calendar:

June 12	9:30 – noon	Wednesday, Hybrid Bingo at the BCCSD
June 22	9-1	Water Ski with Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club
June 26	9:30 – noon	Wednesday, Hybrid Bingo at the BCCSD
July 6	9-1	Bingo at the BCCSD and Father's Day Ice Cream Social
July 10	9:30 – noon	Wednesday, Hybrid Bingo at the BCCSD
July 20	10-1	BCCSD Membership Luncheon and Special Event
July 27	9-1	Water Ski with Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club
August 10	9-1	Hybrid Bingo at the BCCSD
August 17	10-1	Annual Barbeque at the BCCSD
August 24	9-1	Water Ski with Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club
September 2		LABOR DAY - BCCSD CLOSED
September 8	9-1	The Encinitas Lions Club 26th annual Blind Surfing Event
September 11	9:30 - noon	Wednesday, Hybrid Bingo at the BCCSD
September 21	10-1	Annual AT&T Pioneer Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
September 25	9:30 – noon	Wednesday, Hybrid Bingo at the BCCSD
September 28	9-1	Water Ski with Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club
October 26	10-1	NCL sponsored Annual BCCSD Halloween Party
November 16	10-1	Annual BCCSD Thanksgiving Dinner
December 6	3 – 11 p.m.	Friday - December Nights
December 7	11 a.m. – 11 p.m.	Saturday - December Nights
December 15	10-1	Chula Vista Host Lions Annual BCCSD Christmas Party

Dates subject to change, so please check your newsletter and greetings every month.

DONATIONS and FUNDRAISERS

Please Give what you can.



See's CANDIES®

**ANNUAL FUNDRAISER for
the BLIND COMMUNITY CENTER of San Diego
Sale ends December 31 2024**

https://www.yumraising.com/secure/blindcco_bccsd_annual_candy_sale43/Chr_Gre3967/candy



Your support will help the BCC offer more services to our blind community. People who are engaged and active lead happier and healthier lives. By staying healthier longer, individuals continue to be contributing members of the community and are motivated to live a better life.

The BCCSD is a 501c3 non-profit charity and our tax ID number is 95-606725350.

CRAFTS FOR SALE

All hand made by BCC crafters and Friends of the BCC.

SUGGESTED MINIMUM DONATIONS

Mini Beaded Mary Lou Angels \$10 each or 2 for \$15 (save \$5.00)

Warm Cozy Hats \$15 each – 2 for 25 (Save \$5)

Lighted, Beaded Lamps \$35 each - 2 for \$65 (Save \$5.00)

Available Mondays Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 am – 1 pm at the BCCSD

Call 619-298-5021 ext. 206 to place your order.

THE SAN DIEGO BRAILLE CLUB

The San Diego Braille Club meets on the 1st Friday, from 12:00 - 2:30 in the Auditorium at the Blind Community Center. For more details, please call President Brian at (619) 200-7203 or Vice President Nancy Havrick at (619) 251-8443

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND OF CALIFORNIA

The National Federation of the Blind of California, San Diego Chapter meets every 2nd Saturday of the month from 11:30AM - 1:00PM. Our Chapter Meetings are Hybrid. For more information, please contact President Julie Cardenas at (619) 884-3930 or Secretary Allison Depner at (619) 952-2352.



THE LIONS OPTOMETRIC VISION CLINIC is open by appointment only. It is a non-profit 501C3 agency, located on the third floor of the Blind Community Center building. Their Mission is to provide basic vision care for **low-income** individuals throughout San Diego County. For vision screening or a pair of quality, **low-cost** glasses, **call 619-298-5273 for an appointment.**