

Shining Stars is a program of the Township of Livingston: SYLS department, and is funded in part by state grants.

Sports programs take place at Monmouth Court Community Center, 26 Monmouth Court, Livingston, NJ 07039

Recreational Activities take place at Livingston Senior Community Center. 204 Hillside Ave Livingston, NJ 07039

Family Socials take place at different locations in the area.

Visit: www.livingstonnj.org/shiningstars for more information and registration.

Registration fee: \$40-\$85 per student, per program. Registration fee for Family Socials differ per event.

By mail: Send forms and check to: Shining Stars at: Senior, Youth & Leisure Services (SYLS) 204 Hillside Ave, Livingston, NJ 07039

Or register in person at the Livingston Senior Community Center 204 Hillside Ave, Livingston, NJ 07039



Online Registration with CommunityPass at www.livingstonnj.org



### **The Shining Stars Program**

The Shining Stars Sports Leagues program is a community-based program for individuals with special needs. Shining Stars was formed to fulfill the Senior, Youth and Leisure Services mission statement which is, in part, "to foster the physical, mental and emotional growth and development of Livingston's youth through sports and recreation at all levels of age and competition."

The Shining Stars program offers a variety of sports and recreational activities throughout the school year.

All programs are open to Livingston residents and surrounding towns.

Visit: www.livingstonnj.org/shiningstars for program information and schedules.

Registration fee: \$ 40 -\$85 per student, per program payable to the: <u>Township of Livingston</u>

# **Shining Stars Sports Programs**

An Adapted Sports league for individuals with special needs. The league is designed to fit the individuals needs. A "shadow" is provided to assist the individual in clinic style instruction. Modified indoor and outdoor playing areas are utilized. Structured and repetitive lessons are implemented weekly. A typical session consists of a brief warm-up, 2 to 3 different age and developmentally appropriate activities and end with (sports) related games. The *FUN*damentals are taught with adapted rules and equipment.

Classes are held on Saturday mornings throughout the school year. Open to ages four and up. The sports offered include:

Fall: Soccer and Running Club

Winter: Basketball and Floor Hockey

Spring: T-Ball/Kickball

Sports classes take place at Monmouth Court Community Center, 26 Monmouth Ct Livingston, NJ \*Masks required inside\*

#### **Recreation Activities**

The Shining Stars program offers a variety of recreation activities in order to meet the needs of individuals with special needs. Recreation activities are open to ages five and up. **Examples** of activities are as follows...

- Arts & Crafts: Use fine motor skills to peel, glue, and draw while following directions and socializing with peers.
- Board Games and Socialization: Learn frustration tolerance, turn taking, and team work skills while socializing and playing board games.
- Cooking: Mix, pour and cook basic food while following directions and socializing.
- Backyard/Gym Games: Games you play at a picnic, BBQ or in gym class in a structured environment.
- Music and Movement: Learning to listen to a beat, follow directions and expressing oneself thru a group music session.
- Yoga; Parent and child together: Stress relief class with techniques to take home.

## **Family Socials/Special Events**

Family Socials: Swimming, gym nights, holiday parties, and educational programs.

### **Shadows Program**

The Adaptive Recreation Program provides trained volunteers to "shadow" individuals during most recreation programs. The shadows work as a team or individually with the specific needs of the individual to help him or her participate more comfortably within the parameters of the program. Training will be provided for all volunteers. If you are interested in requesting a shadow or would like to volunteer contact: Jennifer Quirk, Adaptive Recreation Coordinator at 973-535-7925 x 403 Email: jquirk@livingstonnj.org

Training is provided and is mandatory for all volunteers.