



# STARLIGHT

JULY  
2023

## Mission to the North Pole BVC to Sponsor Christmas in July

This is not a misprint! Santa Claus is returning to Findlay this month.

That's right. Blanchard Valley Center is sponsoring its first-ever, Christmas in July: Mission to the North Pole on July 25 from 5:30-8 p.m.

"Think of it as a combination scavenger hunt and search for a secret treasure all wrapped up in one," said BVC Public Relations Manager Nadine Weininger. "It's going to be a fun night for everyone, and we're really looking forward to it."

Participants will meet and receive their playing card at the patio of the Millstream Art Plaza at the corner of Main & Sandusky streets. Participants will receive a free Christmas stocking or a red bag from Friends, while supplies last.

Participants can begin the search after 5:30 p.m., but the route must be

completed by 8 p.m.

There will be three different search routes. This is being done to avoid congestion, but also to keep the event as challenging as possible. Participants must complete a task and get their game card stamped at each location.

Area businesses and non-profits are serving as destinations for the treasure hunters.

As with any good Christmas-themed event, the participants will finish their quest at Findlay's own "North Pole."

Where is the North Pole in Findlay?

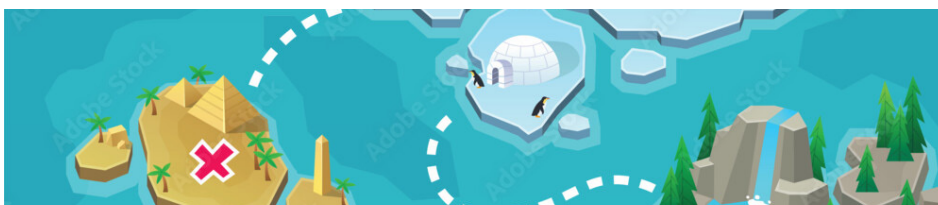
Ha! Nice try, Bucco. Wouldn't you like to know. Looks like you'll have to enter the Mission to the North Pole to find out.

Once participants reach the North Pole, they will have to complete a

final task – a wreath toss. Participants must get at least two wreaths on the 'North Pole,' after which they will receive their final game stamp.

All completed game cards will be entered into a raffle drawing to take place on July 26.

Register, click on this link and complete the form. <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/dmAnonH/ChristmasInJulyReg>



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Building Respite Events Assisting Kids

YOUTH (5-17 YEARS OLD) AND THEIR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS WELCOME  
\*PARENTS/CAREGIVERS ARE WELCOME BUT NOT REQUIRED TO STAY

**TUESDAY, JULY 11TH**  
5:30PM - 7:30PM

**BLANCHARD VALLEY CENTER**

**SNACKS, CRAFTS, ACTIVITIES, AND MORE!**

**1700 E. SANDUSKY ST**  
FINDLAY, OH, 45840

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July 11  
Respite Event

July 12 - 10am  
Provider Meeting

July 17 - 4:30pm  
Game Night  
at Stevi B's

July 25 - 5:30pm  
Christmas in  
July event

NOTES FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

## Torch Run and More Gold Medals Mark a Successful Month of June



I hope everyone had a great Fourth of July. It's one of my favorite holidays. I'm a proud, patriotic American, and I love celebrating our freedom.

We had another terrific Torch Run in the run-up to the Ohio Summer Games in Columbus. Thanks to all the law enforcement officers who helped with the run.



And, our Hancock County Special Olympics athletes once again put in an outstanding performance at the Summer Games. We collected 52 medals, including 19 golds. That is amazing. Congratulations to all the athletes and their coaches, and a special thanks to Melanie Williams, our Special Olympics coordinator for all the work she puts in with the program.

We are hosting a Respite Event at Blanchard Valley Center on July 11. Thanks to our partner agencies for helping sponsor this event, which is greatly needed by the families we support. For more information, visit our website.

Kelli Grisham, Superintendent

## Hancock County Shines at Ohio SO Summer Games

The Hancock County Special Olympics team turned in another stellar performance at the recent Ohio Summer Games in Columbus.

Hancock County had 31 athletes participating in the state games.

The team captured 19 gold medals, 16 silver medals, 17 bronze medals and 13 ribbons.

Along with the outstanding performances of our athletes, Javanete Jones was honored by being selected to raise the American flag at the opening ceremonies.



## BVC Seeking SSAs ASAP

Blanchard Valley Center has openings for two Service & Support Administrator positions. If you're looking for a rewarding job supporting individuals with disabilities, please visit our website for the job description and to complete the application.

[www.blanchardvalley.org/careers](http://www.blanchardvalley.org/careers)

BVC provides resources and supports that empower people with DD to live lives with meaning and purpose.



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