



iCan Shine (Formerly Lose the Training Wheels), The Down Syndrome Advocacy Foundation, and The Center for Community Inclusion at the LIU Post are collaborating on an exciting event. iCan Bike is a program that teaches individuals with disabilities to ride a conventional two-wheel bicycle and become lifelong independent riders. This achievement, in turn, creates a gateway of opportunity, helping them gain assurance and self-reliance in many other aspects of their lives.

Many individuals with disabilities have the ability to ride a bicycle, but the existing methods of teaching them are inadequate. As children and teenagers, these individuals are excluded from a significant portion of a “normal” childhood as they sit on the sidelines while their siblings and peers ride bikes for transportation, recreation, and fun. The five-day camp session will take place June 27 - July 1, 2016 at the Post Campus of Long Island University, 720 Northern Blvd., Brookville, NY 11548.

iCan Shine is a non-profit organization that collaborates with local organizations to host camps in their communities. The Down Syndrome Advocacy Foundation (DSAF) is a not-for-profit organization [501(c)(3)] founded by a group of individuals who have children or family members with Down syndrome, dedicated to ensuring that individuals with Down syndrome have equal access to schools, leisure activities, employment, and housing. The Center for Community Inclusion at LIU Post is dedicated to providing resources to school districts, service providers, and families so that individuals with disabilities will meet with success in inclusive environments.

iCan Bike uses adapted equipment, trained professionals and volunteers. With 75 minutes of instruction over five days, over 80 percent of riders learn to ride a conventional bicycle independently by the end of camp.

In conjunction with the bicycle camp, each participant will be asked to bring along a typical peer who will participate in a unique program. While the participants are learning to ride bicycles, their typical peer will be learning about disabilities, strategies for making their friend/family member with a disability more independent, and strategies for dealing with others who are less understanding of differences.

We are in need of sponsors for this wonderful program to help with the cost of the camp. Some of these expenses include:

The iCan Bike Camp

Lodging and meals for the staff of iCan Bike for the week

Background checks and finger printing for all volunteers

T-shirts to be purchased for volunteers and participants

Medals for participants

Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated and will help make a difference to last a lifetime. Support of sponsorship of \$150 or more will be advertised on the T-shirts and on our website. We would also be happy to display brochures/business cards during the week of the camp. We are hoping to have media coverage for this exciting event.

On behalf of the Down Syndrome Advocacy Foundation and the Center for Community Inclusion, we wish to thank you for your thoughtful consideration. If you need further information please contact Maureen Gunderson at 516-983-7008 or by e-mail at dsaf03@gmail.com. For more information on iCan Bike, please visit their website at www.icanshine.org. Sponsorship form is attached...



Here is a great opportunity to make a difference in the life of a person with a disability!!

iCan Bike is a program that teaches individuals with disabilities to ride a conventional two-wheel bicycle and become lifelong independent riders. iCan Bike uses adapted equipment, trained professionals and volunteers. Local high school and college students gain valuable experience participating as spotters in this very successful program. With just 75 minutes of instruction over five days, over 80 percent of riders learn to ride a conventional bicycle independently by the end of camp.

For a donation of \$150.00 or more, you can have your company or group's name and/or logo placed on the over 250 T-shirts worn by our participants, their family members, and our spotters. Also, the program has consistently received attention from the media; including Newsday and News Channel 12. Thus, it is a great way to advertise your company/group while at the same time supporting a great cause.

If you need further information please contact Maureen Gunderson at 516-983-7008 or by E-mail at dsaf03@gmail.com. For more information on iCan Bike, please visit their website at www.icanshine.org.

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