



DSAOC's **Mission** is to create a place for connection, information and hope for people with Down syndrome and their families throughout greater Orange County, to promote Down syndrome awareness through community outreach, and to offer programs, services and support that aim to empower individuals with Down syndrome to reach their full potential. Our **Vision** is to be a one-stop-shop for all things Down syndrome related, and to be a model organization for community collaboration and Down syndrome awareness, to change perceptions and change lives.

### Looking Forward in 2017

**Orange Elks Picnic** – Sunday, July 2, Irvine Regional Park  
**Circle of Friends** – Thursday, July 6, CHOC Presentation  
**OC Bike Camp** – August 7 – August 11, SOKA University  
**Teen/Adult Bowling** – Saturday, September 9 (NO bowling June-August)  
**Teen/Adult Boo Bash** – Saturday, October 7, Mater Dei  
**Trick-or-Trunk** – Saturday, October 21, GG Elks Lodge  
**OC Buddy Walk** – Sunday, October 29, Angel Stadium  
**Red Carpet Ball** – Saturday, March 17, 2018

For more information about DSAOC events visit [www.dsaoc.org](http://www.dsaoc.org)

### OC Bike Camp

**OC Bike Camp at SOKA University  
 Monday, August 7 – Friday, August 11**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** You will be walking or jogging along with the rider in the beautiful air-conditioned Soka University Gym until your rider is 2-wheeling on a regular bike and can move outside to practice. Volunteers work in pairs with the same rider all week; becoming cheerleader, spotter, and friend! Community Service hours available for students: 1 session all week = 8 hours. 2 sessions = 16 hours.

For volunteer info, please email Lauren Sibus at [programs@dsaoc.org](mailto:programs@dsaoc.org)

### Support/Networking Groups

**Circle of Friends Support & Networking Group  
 Thursday, July 6  
 from 7—9 p.m. at the DSAOC Center**

**Circle of Friends:** Make friends, and share the challenges, milestones, and triumphs as you raise your child. Expectant parents are also welcome. Child care is not provided, but your little one with Down syndrome is welcome to accompany you.

**PRESENTATION:** CHOC Children's Down Syndrome Program  
 Eric Doran, MS | Manager, Down Syndrome Program  
 Learn all about the CHOC Children's Down Syndrome Program, how to make an appointment, and how it can benefit you and your child.

For more information, visit our website:  
<http://www.dsaoc.org/chocs-children-down-syndrome-program.html>

Please RSVP to [admin@dsaoc.org](mailto:admin@dsaoc.org) or (714) 540-5794

**Homeschool Friends  
 Meets on most Mondays – Schedule can vary  
 \*Please call our center for info\*  
 Starts at noon at the DSAOC Center**

The Homeschool children in this group are participating in a special program. Parents are still welcome to join for discussion and networking with the other parents, however, you will need to call to confirm if we can accommodate additional children in the program at this time.

Questions? Email [admin@dsaoc.org](mailto:admin@dsaoc.org)

### OC Buddy Walk

2017 Orange County Buddy Walk!  
**Save the Date—Sunday, October 29**  
 Angel Stadium of Anaheim from 9 a.m.—2 p.m.

Live bands, exciting exhibitors, food & fun, DJ Willpower, bounce houses, rock climb wall, acro-bungee and much, much more!

**REGISTER TODAY!**

Register your team, Join a team, Donate to a team, or sign up to Sponsor – [dsaoc.donordrive.com/event/bw17](http://dsaoc.donordrive.com/event/bw17)

Want to learn more about DSAOC's Orange County Buddy Walk?

Visit <http://www.dsaoc.org/buddy-walk.html> for more information and to view photos and video.

### Orange Elk's Picnic

**Orange Elks Picnic  
 For DSAOC Families**

Sunday, July 2 at Irvine Regional Park  
 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

FREE Event for the entire family. There is no age limit. Limited to the first 100 DSAOC families who RSVP.

Join the Orange Elk's Family for a great day of Games, OC Zoo, BBQ Lunch, Pony Rides, Train Rides, Crafts, Fishing Game, Graffiti Wall, Lawn Bowling, Prizes and Tons of FUN & Surprises.

Irvine Regional Park – Area 3 is located at  
**1 Irvine Park Rd, Orange, CA 92869.**

Please RSVP to [kperez@dsaoc.org](mailto:kperez@dsaoc.org) or 714-540-5794 by June 25, 2017.