



Keeping You “In the Know...” 11/4/16

Highbrook Lodge Receives Re-Accreditation from the American Camp Association:

- Cleveland Sight Center received notification this week that [Highbrook Lodge](#) has been re-accredited by the American Camp Association! Being American Camp Association accredited is the gold standard in the camping world. Congrats to everyone on the [Highbrook Lodge](#) team on this terrific accomplishment, especially [Lindsay Lowe-Svarovsky](#), [Kevin Pye](#), [Tina Pringpuangkeo](#) and [Mollie Evans](#), who did many things to make the day of the site visit and subsequent accreditation possible.



American Camp Association Accreditation logo

Speaking of Highbrook Lodge:

- Join the fun at [Highbrook Lodge](#) for these upcoming events:

[Holiday at Highbrook](#) - Friday, December 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Spend the day getting ready for the holidays the camp way! Depart CSC by bus at 9:00 a.m. and head to holiday shopping in Geauga County followed by lunch at [Highbrook Lodge](#). Then spend the afternoon by the fire making holiday arts and crafts and singing holiday songs. The bus will return to CSC by 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$25 and RSVP by December 2nd by calling 216-791-8118.

[Winter Weekend](#) - Friday, February 24, 2017 to Sunday, February 26, 2017

Spend a winter weekend at camp amongst your peers and the wonderful white snow! Enjoy all of the traditional camp activities – with a wintry twist! Campers arrive at 6:00 p.m. Friday evening and depart Sunday at noon. Cost is \$60 and RSVP by February 15th by calling 216-791-8118. Transportation to and from CSC available for an additional \$15.

[Summer Camp 2017](#)

Dates and rates will be available after the New Year! Stay tuned to the [Highbrook Lodge website](#) for more details. Interested in having a brochure sent your way? Contact the [Highbrook Lodge](#) team at 216-791-8118 or camp@clevelandsightcenter.org!

- [Check out this article](#) about the career path of a [Highbrook Lodge](#) summer staff member, who was recently featured in a Bowling Green State University publication.

[Eyedea Shop's Product of the Week:](#)

- If you're looking ahead for a great gift of a watch for a special person, the [Eyedea Shop's](#) new Bradley watch may be one to consider. Instead of traditional hands or the look of a digital face, the watch has

two rotating ball bearings to indicate the hour and the minutes. The time can be "felt" by gently touching the face and side of the timepiece. This unique watch was created and inspired by Bradley Snyder, who served in Afghanistan as a bomb diffuser when he lost his sight in 2011. The watch's sleek design and untraditional profile sets it apart. Price is \$275.00...come check it out in the [Eyedea Shop](#) today. You can also pick up your 2017 Large Print Calendar while you're in the store!



The Bradley watch in a case with instructions and features diagram



Close-up of the Bradley watch face and band

Keeping Busy in Bright Futures Preschool:

- Congratulations to [Bright Futures Preschool](#) for receiving a passing grade after the yearly Ohio Department of Education (ODE) site visit. This allows CSC's preschool to maintain its ODE license for another year. Special thanks to preschool teacher [Dorota Tomaszewska](#) (Mrs. T) who carefully prepared all the documents necessary for the visit.
- The class in [Bright Futures Preschool](#) has been very busy the last few weeks. Some of the activities included celebrating "Fabulous Fall" in October; a birthday boy in the classroom; a visit to the MLK branch of Cleveland Public Library; and lots of fall-themed crafts and activities. Students made a friendship tree and added fingerprints to the [Bright Futures](#) family tree, explored pumpkins and made crafts to show what is inside, carved jack-o-lanterns and welcomed a new friend to the class, Spooky the Scarecrow. The group also loves story time and the activities in the motor skills room on those rainy autumn days. Thanks to [Scott Malone](#) and [Chris Gruber](#), white canes now have a better storage place in the room as a wall rack was recently installed.



Preschooler wearing his birthday crown



Family tree with handprints as leaves



Carved jack-o-lanterns



Spooky the Scarecrow



Youngster swings in the Therapy Room



New wall rack for white canes

- Thank you to all who enjoyed the preschool "trick or treat" parade and dropped goodies into each child's bag. It was great fun and just the beginning of the special day filled with Halloween activities.



Preschool students dressed in their Halloween costumes

Items of Note:

- CSC will be closed on Friday, November 11th to celebrate the holiday season.
- The computers in the [Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium](#) are now JAWS-accessible! Thanks to [Keith Winn](#) and the [IT](#) team for their work on this accommodation.
- The Parma Hills Lions Club is hosting a fall fundraiser at Bleachers in Parma (6855 Ridge Road) on Saturday, November 12th from 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. The group has been a great supporter of CSC. They have donated to the [White Cane Walk](#), sponsored the [2016 CYAS Spring Fling](#), provided holiday “shoebox” gifts to the preschoolers, purchased a new CD player for [Early Intervention](#)...and the list goes on. This is our agency’s opportunity to support them! Tickets are \$25, which includes dinner, draft beer, wine, well liquor and can be purchased from [Sylvia Snyder](#), [Cathy Javorksy](#), and [Amy Mullen](#) or are available at the door. The event will also include sideboards, 50/50 raffles and Chinese raffles.
- Representatives from Cleveland Metroparks will visit Cleveland Sight Center on Wednesday, November 16th from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the [Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium](#) to present their accessibility plan

and get input and suggestions about the plan from people who are blind and have low vision. If you would like to participate in this focus group, learn about the Metroparks' plans for improving accessibility, and add your voice to the process, please contact [Lisa Cellura](#) (216-791-8118). All are welcome.

- Mark your calendars! The next [Job Club](#) meeting will be on November 17th. Hiring recruiters from KeyBank will join the group to conduct mock interviews and offer information about employment opportunities with their organization. Don't forget to bring copies of your resume and dress professionally.
- The American Foundation for the Blind is pleased to announce that its popular VisionConnect™ app is now available for Android, as well as iOS devices. It can be downloaded from both the GooglePlay Store or the Apple App Store.

If you are losing your vision, but wanting to keep your independence, the VisionConnect™ app can help you:

- Find services and support in your community through the searchable AFB Directory of Services.
- Live independently with a visual impairment, using helpful resources and tips.
- Research information about low vision products and technology.
- Find inspiration and motivation from personal stories and employment advice.
- Talk to family members about how they can be supportive.

The VisionConnect™ app provides hope, help and connection for adults encountering vision loss for the first time and for families supporting a child experiencing vision lost. Service providers can also use the app to help locate vision rehabilitation services for their clients. The app is FREE and completely accessible. Learn more at www.afb.org/visionconnect.

If you are interested in helping AFB spread the word about the VisionConnect app, free materials are available for medical and vision

loss professionals to distribute. Order at <http://afb.org/store/visionconnect>.

- Daylight Saving Time ends this weekend. Remember to set those clocks back one hour Sunday morning!

Did You Know?

- Lake Erie is the fourth-largest Great Lake in surface area and the smallest in depth at 210 feet. It's the 11th largest lake on the planet. Water in Lake Erie replaces itself in only 2.6 years, which is notable considering the water in Lake Superior takes two centuries. The shoreline of all the Great Lakes combined equals nearly 44% of the circumference of the planet.