

SMILE is pleased to announce that we have received a grant award of \$2,000 from the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia. These funds will be used to help acquire experts in the area of nutrition, finance, and health to educate our clients and improve their lives.

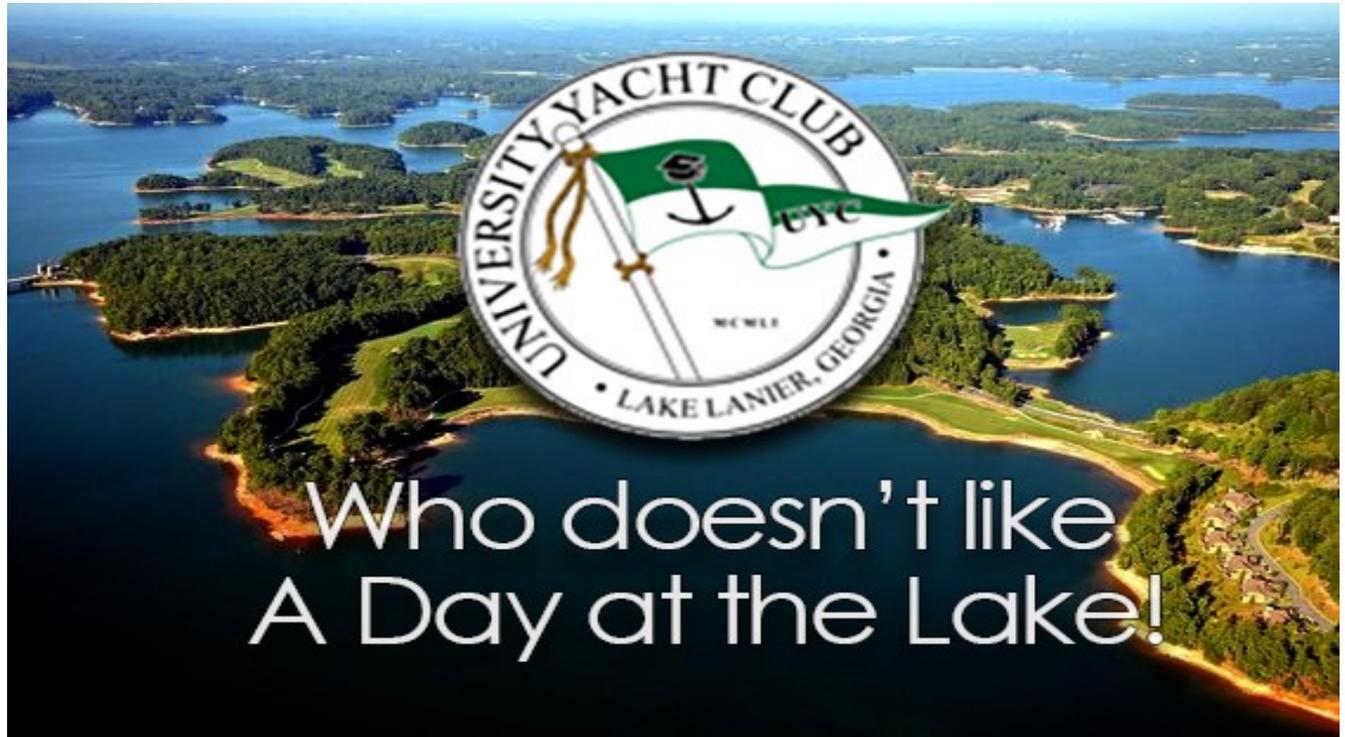


**Crisis Prevention Training** was held for the SMILE staff last week facilitated by DDP Del Williams. This essential training was given to hone the SMILE staff with the skills in handling difficult situations that can occur by arming them with knowledge of best practices in the field. This training helped the staff become adept in the identification of at-risk situations and the use of verbal and non-verbal techniques in defusing belligerent or hostile attitudes. They learned how to manage anxiety and fear in crisis situations and avoidance of injury when crisis situations take a physical turn.

Some of the concepts taught were to consider the crisis behavior as a symptom and not a disorder. Behavioral change is often the only way people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) can express that something is wrong and communicate a need. Very frequently, the “something wrong” is not a psychiatric problem. It may be a signal that the person has a physical health problem causing pain or discomfort or that his/her environment is not meeting his/her needs.

Individuals with IDD are often in a delicate balance between their health challenges (physical, emotional and psychiatric) and the available supports and expectations in their environment.

*Thanks to Del for sharing this knowledge and allowing SMILE to effectively handle all of our client's needs.*



## Lake Lanier Islands

Sunday, September 8th

Time 1 PM until 5 PM

Yacht Club Boat Rides

Music, Fun, & Games

Food, Swimming

For seventeen years The University Yacht Club on Lake Lanier has invited people with disabilities, their family and friends for an afternoon at the lake. Dave Erickson has arranged for us to enjoy the hospitality of the University Yacht Club in their private club house and cove on the lake. There will be music, boat rides, fishing (bring your own pole), swimming (bring your own suit), and food (the yacht club will provide the food).

There is no cost for this event.

Due to the popularity of this event we have limited the number of people attending.  
Reservations are required.

Reserve by 9-1-19

To make a reservation or if you have questions contact  
Dan "Dij" Evatt ( [dij@bellsouth.net](mailto:dij@bellsouth.net) )  
or call **404 295-4878**

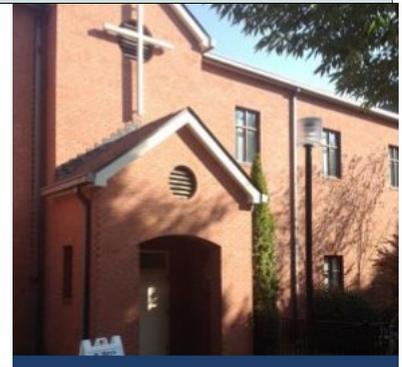


## ABLE Bank Accounts for People with Special Needs

In late 2014, President Obama signed into law the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) act. The ABLE act creates a new type of bank account for certain persons with disabilities. The money kept in these new accounts won't count against a person's ability to qualify for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Medicaid. A person with a disability can own and control his or her own ABLE account, and any income earned in the account will not be subject to income tax.

For more information go to the link below.

<https://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/able-bank-accounts-people-special-needs.html>



### DAY PROGRAM

*August*

**Home Depot**

**Gardening**

**Cooking**

**Smores**

**Ice Cream**

**In-A-Bag**

**August**

**Birthday**

**Celebrations**

**Zumba**

**Library Visits**

**Mountain Park**

**Aquatic Center**



# SMILE to attend Dragon Con



Dragon Con is the largest multi-media, popular culture convention focusing on science fiction & fantasy, gaming, comics, literature, art, music, and film in the universe. It is a phenomenon, and one of the most well attended pop-culture conventions in the country, and the most fan fun you can have in five days. Many of SMILE clients will be in attendance this Labor Day weekend including our own Danger Women Betsy Goodrich.

