

## **Trick-or-Treating Tips for Toddlers: A Happy Halloween for Everyone**

Halloween is a much-anticipated event for kids, filled with costumes, candy, and fun. However, for some toddlers and their families, there are a few extra considerations to make the experience enjoyable. Here are some trick-or-treating tips to consider so that your toddlers have a fantastic Halloween experience:

- **Comfortable Costumes:** Choose costumes that are comfortable and easy to move in. Make sure any assistive devices your child uses fit well with the costume.
- **Practice Makes Perfect:** If your child isn't used to wearing costumes, practice at home before the big day. This can help them get used to the feeling.
- **Plan Ahead:** Select a trick-or-treating route that's easy to navigate. Stick to well-lit areas with smooth paths if your child uses a wheelchair or has mobility challenges. Look into trunk or treat options such as the one hosted by Early Steps.
- **Time it Right:** Consider the best time to go out. If your child is sensitive to noise or crowds, an earlier time might be better.
- **Visual Schedule:** Create a simple visual schedule that outlines the evening's activities. This can help your child understand what to expect.
- **Friendly Neighbors:** Let your neighbors know about your child's needs beforehand. Some might want to offer special treats or accommodations.
- **Alternative Treats:** Have a variety of treats available, including non-food options like stickers or small toys.
- **Take Breaks:** Recognize when your child needs a break. Bring along a familiar item for comfort.
- **Enjoy the Experience:** Remember, Halloween is about having fun. Focus on the excitement of dressing up and exploring.
- **Stay Flexible:** Be open to adjusting plans as needed to ensure your child has a great time.

By following some of these simple tips, you can help make Halloween a delightful experience for you and your toddler. It's all about creating a positive and enjoyable memory for your child.



**Brevard County Car Shows is sponsoring a Car Show to  
benefit the Early Steps Organization**

Event will be at **True Value**

2444 N Wickham Rd | Melbourne, FL

Saturday | October 21, 2023 | 3-6 PM



Our services are designed to support the needs of infants and toddlers with development disabilities and delays, from birth to age three

Free Event

Donations for this Organization will be greatly accepted!



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# EARLY STEPS PLAY GROUPS

**Families with developmental delays and disabilities, ages 0 - 3  
are welcome to join us for therapy related play activities  
AUGUST THROUGH NOVEMBER 2023**

**Palm Bay Play Group – Every 3rd Monday of each month  
10am – 11am  
Palm Bay Library 1520 Port Malabar Blvd NE Palm Bay, FL 32905**

**LIBRARY CLOSED ON  
LABOR DAY**

**Melbourne Play Group – Every 1st Tuesday of each month  
9am – 10am  
Eau Gallie Public Library 1521 Pineapple Avenue Melbourne, FL 32935  
(NO PLAYGROUP IN OCTOBER)**

**No Melbourne  
Play in October**

**Cocoa Play Group – Every 1st Monday of each month  
10am – 11am  
Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Central Library 308 Forrest Ave, Cocoa, FL, 32922**

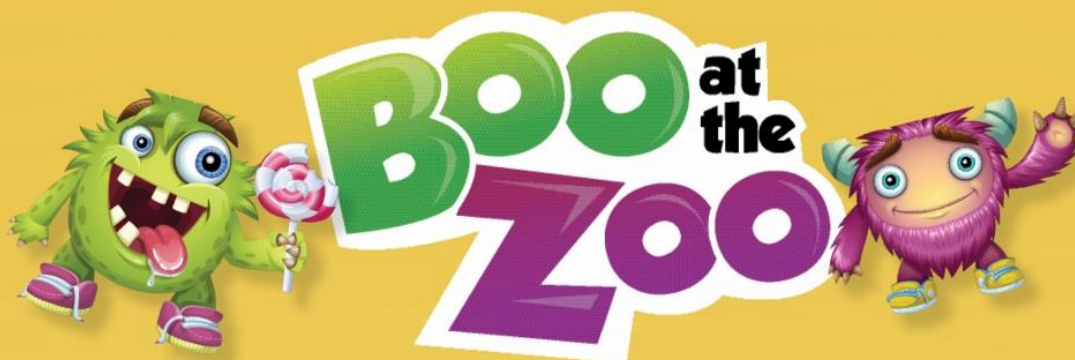
**Titusville Play Group - Every 2nd Friday of each month  
9am - 10am  
The Children's Center, 5650 S. Washington Ave., Titusville, FL 32780**



<https://fun4spacecoastkids.com/>

Check out this site for lots of events,  
groups, activities, clubs and more!





## Brevard Zoo's Exceptional Boo at the Zoo

**Saturday, Oct. 14  
from 5 - 7 p.m.**



Families of children with exceptionalities are invited to enjoy a magical evening of trick-or-treating, games, sensory exploration and more as you stroll through Brevard Zoo's Paws On area.

As a come and go event, timed-entry tickets are available for \$5 a piece. Guests can choose to enter the Zoo at 5, 5:30 or 6 p.m.

Please register online at [brevardzoo.org/education/kids-programs/](http://brevardzoo.org/education/kids-programs/).

Costumes are encouraged!







**ABOVE THE WAKE**  
THE WAKE .org

# Fall Fun Day at the Cable Park

October 1st 2023

In Orlando Florida at OWC

from 9:45am to 3pm

Pre Registration Required

Register at [AboveTheWake.org](http://AboveTheWake.org)

to reserve your spot



**Registration is open!!!**

*21st Brevard Buddy Walk®*



**NOVEMBER 4, 2023**

**GALVARY CHAPEL OF VIERA**

**All teams created by 8/15/23 will receive a personalized yard sign  
and 4x6 flyers for your team!**

<https://www.ds-stride.org/brevardbuddywalk>



REGISTRATION  
REQUIRED

# SENSE-SATIONAL SUNDAYS



The park will be open for children and families in Brevard with special needs. This is intended for families who may need sensory sensitive time at the park with less stimuli.

## Space Coast Field of Dreams

Every 3rd Sunday

10am-2pm



SENSORY ACTIVITIES

HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND

TIMED ENTRY - RSVP REQUIRED



\*Every 3rd Sunday of the month



# ACCOMMODATIONS ASSISTING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES AN INTRODUCTION

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

Participants will:

- Define accommodations and modifications
- Determine who is eligible for accommodations
- Identify types of accommodations
- Select, use and evaluate accommodations

This will be a 1-hour Parent Webinar.

## WEBINAR DETAILS

**DATE:** October 3, 2023

**TIME:** 12:00pm-1:00pm

**LOCATION:** Virtual via Zoom

**REGISTRATION:**



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*Serving Brevard and Volusia Counties*  
**[www.fdlrseast.org](http://www.fdlrseast.org)**

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## AUTISM WORKSHOPS





**1st Sunday Morning of Each Month**

**9am to 11am**

**2250 W Coastal Ln, West Melbourne, FL 32904**

Chuck E. Cheese's now offers a sensory-friendly experience on the **first Sunday of every month**. Our trained and caring staff is there to make sure families who have children with special needs have a fun filled visit.

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Would your business, agency, group, or organization be interested in assisting Space Coast Early Steps with our annual Angel Tree for Early Steps families in need this holiday season? If you would consider collecting toys/gifts for special needs families, we would love to place a box for collection and happily drop one off to you.

Please reach out to our FRS Mary Cancel at [Mary.Cancel@spacecoastes.org](mailto:Mary.Cancel@spacecoastes.org) for details.

Thank you!



**Space Coast Early Steps  
C.A.T.C.H. of Brevard**

Community Access to Child Health of Brevard, Inc.  
Early Intervention Services for young children with  
special developmental needs

For more information or referral contact:

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**VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE:**

<https://www.spacecoastes.org/>



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