

# LET'S CHAT NEWSLETTER

March, April, May 2010



Information for Parents, Students, and Educators from The Arc of Indiana County, ARIN IU 28 Local Task Force On The Right To Education and the Armstrong and Indiana County School Districts.

**THE EDITOR CHATS...**I hope you will find the information helpful. If you have any information, helpful hints or comments, please contact me, Barbara Telthorster, at [btelth@arcindiana.org](mailto:btelth@arcindiana.org) or at The Arc of Indiana office at Regency Mall in Indiana at 724-349-8230.

## Let's Chat About..Boy Scouts of America is Accessible To All Boys Regardless of Disability! The Scouting program offers those with disabilities



- Age limitation accommodations
- Badge and rank requirement accommodations
- Need based financial support (available to all scouts)

You are invited to join an exciting organization that helps develop leadership and life skills through activities like camping, community service, and so many other amazing adventures that most boys never have the opportunity to do. Come check out a meeting or activity and learn more about how all boys can benefit by the timeless values upheld by the Scouting program.

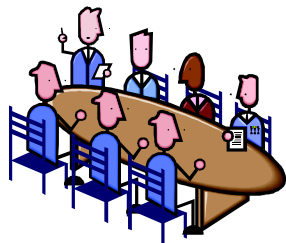
**Penn's Woods Council (814)471-1090**  
**201 W. High St., Ste., 1, Ebensburg, PA 15931**  
[www.pwcbsa.org](http://www.pwcbsa.org)    [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org)

## Family Fun Fest Sat. March 20 10:00-3:00 at Indiana Mall



## Let's Chat About..... Upcoming Meetings

**PARENTS, STUDENTS, AGENCIES, AND EDUCATORS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**



**PARENT TRANSITION GROUP (PTG):** A group of community members including the schools, ARIN IU 28, agencies and parents meet monthly to discuss how to successfully transition youth/young adults with disabilities from high school to adult living.

**PTG meets 10am – 12 with lunch on Monday  
March 1, April 12, May 3.**

The Arc of Indiana office at Regency Mall , 1570 Oakland Ave., Indiana, PA 15701

## Let's Chat About..... Joining other parents at meetings



### **LOCAL & STATE TASK FORCE ON THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION:**

A local and state advocacy group for students with disabilities that works to strengthen, improve, expand, and monitor programs and services that meet individual educational needs.

**All meetings are located at ARIN IU 28, 2895 West Pike, Indiana, PA 15701 Phone 724-463-5300**

**LOCAL TASK FORCE MEETINGS: Meetings are on Fridays 10am-12 noon**

**April 23, May 21**

**STATE TASK FORCE MEETINGS: Down linked to ARIN IU 28**

**Meetings are on Wednesdays 10am – 12:30pm on March 10, May 12**

### **ARIN IU 28 TRANSITION COUNCIL MEETING**

**Student transition issues and information are shared at the meetings. Meetings are:**

**Armstrong County at Lenape from 10-12 on May 13**

**Lenape, 2215 Chaplin Ave., Ford City**

**Indiana County at ARIN IU 28 from 10-12 on May 12**

**ARIN IU 28, 2895 W. Pike, Indiana 724-463-5300**

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## Let's Chat About....Information and Resources Websites



[www.iu28.org](http://www.iu28.org) – for information about special education, parent workshops, resources, school delays and closings for Armstrong & Indiana school districts

[www.pattan.net](http://www.pattan.net) – for information on statewide special education issues, annotated special education forms, workshops, and conferences for parents and educators

[www.arcindiana.org](http://www.arcindiana.org) – for information about programs at The Arc of Indiana County with links to The Arc in PA, The Arc in US and other websites

[www.wrightlaw.com](http://www.wrightlaw.com)- for information about a variety of special education issues from Attorney Pete Wright

[www.autisminpa.org](http://www.autisminpa.org) – for information about autism, services and programs from the PA Dept. of Welfare

**Thought For the Day.... Your children only get one childhood.**

