SARTAC Fellow Presentation for SABE

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A Formal Approach for Self-Advocates – Adaptive Boating on Lake Parker, Lakeland, FL

How to Build a Business to Do Something You Love

Start with a partner who believes in your idea

Host & organization name:

Capt. Thomas Griffin
Bird Dog Boats of Florida, Tampa, FL
Create a community service organization that provides adaptive recreation for people with disabilities

Learn how a person with a disability can have a company and keep their disability benefits

Provide community events for outdoor recreation for people with all kinds of disabilities
Explain Your Project Goals

Make a program with the City of Lakeland, FL

Set up, plan and make sure people with disabilities feel and are safe with Bird Dog Boats

Hold four events that serve people with disabilities who have felt left out of doing outdoor recreation
Expedite Life LLC was set up as a community service company.

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Big Activities and Accomplishments

How did you reach your goals?

Successfully held four events on Lake Parker

The City of Lakeland plans to give more money for our events

Made plans to continue the program in 2023
Our greatest resource is nature. Humans need nature. When we get on lakes and look at the birds and animals, we go back to basics and have time to think about life.

• That is important to me.

I highly recommend to other people with disabilities to find a passion and develop a way to spread it to others with disabilities. This may be the greatest self-advocacy you can find.