



Autism Network International
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Autreat 2008

“Living Life the Autly Way”

June 23-27, 2008

4 p.m. Monday to 1 p.m. Friday

Bradford, Pennsylvania

NEW AIR-CONDITIONED VENUE FOR 2008!



Autreat is a retreat-style conference run by autistic people, for autistic people and our friends.



Autreat focuses on positive living with autism, NOT on causes, cures, or ways to make us more normal.



How Autreat is different from typical autism conferences

Typical autism conferences are *about* autistic people, but are primarily *for* the benefit of researchers, service providers, or families. Autreat is an opportunity for autistic people and those with related developmental differences, our friends, and supporters to come together, discover and explore autistic connections, and develop advocacy skills, all in an autistic friendly environment. Family members and professionals are welcome to attend, but the structure and content of this event are determined by the interests and sensibilities of autistic people.

Things you will *not* find at Autreat:

- Crowded, noisy hotel or conference center
- Exhausting, intensive schedule
- Inescapable sensory bombardment
- Pressure to interact if you don't want to
- Focus on "celebrities"
- Focus on causes, cures, or ways to make us more normal

Things you *will* find at Autreat:

- Small college campus with plenty of outdoor space to get away and be alone or with friends.
- Smoke-free, perfume-free environment
- Opportunity to explore autistic social contacts, if desired
- Respect for the choice to be left alone, if preferred
- Focus on positive aspects of autism
- Child care for autistic and non-autistic children
- Four days of continuous immersion in an autistic friendly environment

The Facility



Autreat is moving to a new home!

Our new venue is at the Bradford campus of University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, approximately 80 miles from Buffalo. The nearest major airport is in Buffalo, New York. There is a



small regional airport in Bradford

that receives incoming flights from Washington DC. Like previous venues, this campus has plenty of open space for walking, recreation, and enjoying the outdoors. It has *air-conditioned lodging* in apartment-style residence halls. Apartments have three bedrooms, with two people per bedroom. Each apartment also has two bathrooms, a lounge, and a kitchenette with a small refrigerator and a microwave oven.

Partial Registration Options

A limited number of apartments have a single queen-size bed instead of two twin-size ones. Private rooms are available at an extra cost and as space allows. Wheelchair-accessible facilities are available. Fee adjustments are available if you live nearby or wish to stay in a motel off-site and commute to Autreat during the days, or if you wish to provide your own meals instead of having meals in the Autreat dining hall. We can provide a list of nearby motels and restaurants.

If you need personal assistance

ANI is not able to provide personal assistance for people who need help caring for themselves or participating in this program.

If you need help with self-care, communication, orientation, or behavior management, please make your own arrangements to have someone with you to assist you.

Contact ANI or check our web site for more information about this policy.

A special note about social interactions

For some ANI members, meeting other autistic people and having a chance to socialize with others like ourselves is an exciting and wonderful experience. Others are not interested in social contacts and may come to this event just for the presentations. Some of us are interested in socializing some, but need to be able to take time out from interacting. Autreat is meant to provide opportunity, but not pressure, for social interactions.

If you are coming to meet other autistic people, please understand that some people will also want to meet you, but some will not be into meeting people, and their own choice must also be respected.

If you want to come but do not want to meet or talk to people, you are still welcome to attend. You will be given a color-coded badge which you can use to indicate if you want to be approached only by people you already know, or don't want to be approached at all by anyone.

If you are a parent, a teacher, or service provider, and are bringing an autistic child or student or client because you hope the person will make social connections with others, please adopt the same position of providing opportunity, but not pressure.

Program



PRESENTATIONS

We will have an exciting lineup of presentations on a variety of subjects of interest to the Autistic community. Check our web site for detailed presentation information.

OPTIONAL CERTIFICATE TRACKS

You may earn a certificate by attending a group of seven presentations chosen to reflect a certain theme. Check our web site for information about the certificates to be offered this year.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

We have applied for approval to offer Continuing Education Units through the Center on Human Policy at Syracuse University. Check our web site for updates about CEU availability.

Child care and activities for kids

The rate for children and teens includes a daytime activity program for children under 18. Staff:child ratio is approximately 1:6. If your child needs more support than this, please bring an aide for your child, or contact ANI about hiring extra staff for an additional fee.



REGISTRATION FEES

Full registration: includes lodging Monday night through Thursday night, and meals from Monday supper through Friday lunch. The sums below are in U.S. dollars.

Early Registration Discount: If you register before June 1, 2008, we offer a discount of \$10/person (or \$3 per day). Please subtract the amount on your registration form.

Advance registration is required to attend Autreat. Registration form MUST be received by June 12, 2008.

Fee Category	ANI Member		Non-member	
	Per day	or 4 days total	Per day	or 4 days total
A Adults with full-time jobs ⁽¹⁾	113	425	120	445
B Adults without full-time jobs	98	370	103	390
C Youth 12-17 ⁽²⁾	98	370	103	390
D Children 6-11 ⁽²⁾	68	250	73	270
E Children under 6 with bed ^(2, 3)	53	190	58	210
F Children under 6 without bed ^(2, 3)	28	90	33	110
G Adults living on disability or public assistance	62	225	67	245
H Full-time support people ⁽⁴⁾	57	205	62	225

Note 1: We realize that not all full-time jobs are high paying. If you have a full-time job but can't afford this rate, add a note explaining this, and you may register at the rate for adults without full-time jobs.

Note 2: The rate for children and teens includes a daytime activity program for children under 18. Staff:child ratio is approximately 1:6. If your child needs more support than this, please bring an aide for your child, or contact ANI about hiring extra staff for an additional fee.

Note 3: There are two twin-size beds per bedroom, in each 3-bedroom apartment. For children under age 6, families may bring their own portable cribs or cots, so a young child can sleep in the same room with two other family members. In that case, the young child sleeping in the family's own crib or cot would be charged the Category F rate. If the child is sharing the room with only one other family member, Category E applies.

Note 4: This rate is for people who are attending Autreat for the purpose of providing support for a disabled person who could not participate without a FULL-TIME helper. Examples are personal care attendants for adults and 1:1 aides for children.

Work Shift Rebate

Adults and teens paying for the full 4 days, meals, and overnights may earn a \$20 work rebate. Pay the full cost when registering. The rebate will be given upon completion of a work shift during Autreat. Full-time support people are not eligible for work shift rebates; their rate is set \$20 lower than anyone else's because we don't expect them to have time to do a work shift while also providing full-time support for another person.

Partial Registration Options

If attending days only, but making your own lodging arrangements off-site: Subtract \$25 per person per day (except children in category F). Please indicate "Days only" on registration form.

If making your own meal arrangements and not eating meals provided by Autreat: Subtract \$25 per person per day for ADULTS and YOUTH; subtract \$12.50 per person per day for CHILDREN 6-11; no fee adjustment for children under 6. Please indicate "No meals" on registration form.

Private Room Option

Private room, with single queen-size bed, for 1 person, may be requested at an extra cost of \$25 per night. Private room, with single queen-size bed, to be shared by 2 people, may be requested at no extra cost. Just indicate preference on the registration form. Please note that private rooms are allocated on a first-come first-served basis, as space allows.

Camping

Tents are charged \$10 per night, and RVs \$18 per night. Camping includes access to dorm showers. Tent sites have no hookups. Electrical hookups are available for RVs for an additional \$15 per day.

REGISTRATION FORM

ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND AUTREAT. REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 12, 2008.

Please fill in both sides of this form, and send it together with payment, in U.S. dollars, to:
Autism Network International, P.O. Box 35448, Syracuse, NY 13235-5448, USA

Please list names of all family members who will attend, and ages of any children under 18)

Name	Age (if under 18)	Days attending (specify which day(s), or write "All")	Fee category (A-H: see above)	Special requests (Days only, no meals, camping etc)

Make sure the reverse side is filled in, too!

Autism Network International
P.O. Box 35448
Syracuse NY 13235
USA

For more information...

ANI can provide information about transportation to Bradford from the Buffalo airport, train and bus stations, and about pre-Autreat lodging for people who need to arrive before Monday to get lower airline fares. Check the web site or contact ANI for details.

For additional information on Autreat 2008:
Email jisincla@syr.edu
Phone 315-476-2462 (leave message)

For ongoing Autreat updates and discussion online, join:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/autreatinfo>

For general Autreat information via Internet, check out our web site:
<http://www.ani.ac>



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REGISTRATION FORM (continued)

Address _____

City/State or Province/ZIP or postal code _____ Country _____

Phone (day) _____ Phone (evening) _____

Email _____

ANI member household? ___ yes ___ no (If one person in the household is an ANI member, everyone in the household is eligible for the ANI member rate.)

If no, would you like to join? ___ Add \$15 (for residents of United States, Canada, or Mexico) or \$20 (for all other countries) to total.

Optional additional donation _____ (This will be used for scholarships and Autreat program enhancement.)

Total enclosed: _____

If alternate materials format is needed, please indicate: Braille ___ Large Print ___ Tape ___ Disk ___

If wheelchair-accessible lodging is needed, please indicate: _____

If you have any other accessibility needs, please indicate them on an additional sheet.

Upon receipt of your registration, you will be sent a packet containing additional information including directions, a map to the campus, and menu information.