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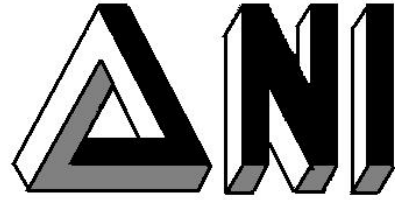
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AUTREAT 2005: Reaching Out

June 27-July 1, 2005

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

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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.

ANI thanks



Center on Human Policy (National Resource
Center on Community Living & Choice)

Temple University Office of Summer Conference

and

ARISE

for their sponsorship and support of Autreat

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 ages four and up
- Four days of continuous immersion in an autistic-friendly environment

The Facility

Autreat is held at a small college campus near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The campus has plenty of open space for walking, recreation, and enjoying the outdoors. Lodging is in a residence hall with two to four people per room. Some private rooms MAY be available at an extra cost. Wheelchair-accessible facilities are available.

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 workshops. 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.

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.

Partial Registration Options

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 are compiling a list of nearby motels and restaurants.

Program

WORKSHOPS

We have an exciting lineup of workshops on a variety of subjects of interest to the Autistic community, including communication, self-advocacy, education, assistive technology, and leisure skills. Check our web site for detailed workshop information.

OPTIONAL CERTIFICATE TRACKS

You may earn a certificate by attending a group of seven workshops chosen to reflect a certain theme. Certificates that will be offered this year: Advocacy, Education, and Autistic Living.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

Autreat has been approved for Continuing Education Units through the Center on Human Policy at Syracuse University.

EXTRA-SPECIAL TREAT THIS YEAR!

Singer-songwriter CONNIE DEMING will give a performance of her music on Thursday afternoon, June 30.

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.

Rates are for registration PRIOR to June 1, 2005. ADD \$10/person (or \$2.50 per day) if registering AFTER June 1, 2005.

Fee Category	Member		Nonmember	
	Per day	or 4-day total	Per day	or 4-day total
A Adults with full-time jobs ⁽¹⁾	90	335	97	355
B Children 12 and under ⁽²⁾	55	200	60	220
C Teens 13-17 ⁽²⁾	75	280	80	300
D Adults without full-time jobs	75	280	80	300
E Adults living on disability or public assistance	45	170	50	190
F Full-time support people ⁽³⁾	40	150	45	170

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 supervised 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: 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 \$12 per person per day. Please indicate "Days only" on registration form.

If making your own meal arrangements and not eating meals provided by Autreat: Subtract \$15 per person per day. Please indicate "No meals" on registration form.

Two or three people will be assigned to each residence hall room.

Additional bunks can be moved in to allow up to four people per room, upon request. There is no extra charge for this, but it must be requested in advance.

Private rooms may be reserved for an additional fee, on a first-come first-served basis, as space allows.

For more information....

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

For additional information on Autreat 2005:

Phone ANI at 315-476-2462

or for ongoing Autreat updates and discussion online, join:

<http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/autreatinfo>

For general Autreat information via Internet, check out our web site:

<http://www.ani.ac>

REGISTRATION FORM

Name	Age (if under 18)

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

ANI member household? ___ yes ___ no

(If one person in the household is an ANI member, then *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: _____

Please remit payment, in U.S. dollars, to:

Autism Network International
P.O. Box 35448
Syracuse, NY 13235-5448

REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY

JUNE 15, 2005

REGISTRATION FORM (continued)

Days attending (specify which day(s), or "All")	Fee category (A-F)

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (day) _____

Phone (evening) _____

Email _____

If alternate materials format is needed, please indicate:

Braille ___ Large Print ___ Tape ___ Disk ___

If accessible lodging is needed, please indicate:

Wheelchair-accessible room ___

Roll-in shower ___

Can walk but have trouble with stairs ___

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