



Autism Network International

Presents

AUTREAT 2012

"Living Life the Autly Way"

2-6 July, 2012

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

Johnstown, 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.



REGISTRATION FORM AND FEES

FEE CATEGORY	Full Registration	Per-day
A Adults with full-time jobs⁽¹⁾	605	100
B Adults without full-time jobs	550	85
C Youth 12-17⁽²⁾	550	85
D Children 6-11⁽²⁾	350	50
E Children under 6, with bed^(2,3)	275	35
F Children under 6, without bed^(2,3)	115	N/A
G Adults living on disability or public assistance	385	45
H Full-time/on-call support people⁽⁴⁾	365	45

All sums are in U.S. dollars.

Full registration fees are for all four days of Autreat, including four nights' lodging in standard 2-person residence hall rooms, and all meals from dinner Monday through lunch Friday. Fees for adults and youth include a refundable room key deposit of \$60. Fees for children do not include key deposits. If you want your child under 6 to have his/her own room key, add \$60 for the key deposit. Key deposit requires the return of the key on Friday (or earlier) by the key return deadline.

Per-day fees include all meals for a full day. Residence hall room accommodations are not included in daily rates. People who wish to stay in campus residence halls overnight and attend only part of Autreat, not the full four days/nights, please check out our website for fee details.

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 single-size beds per bedroom. 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 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. 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 support for another person.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND AUTREAT. REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 15, 2012

Please fill in this form, and send it together with payment, in US 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 days, or write "All")	Fee category (A-H, see above)	Special requests (Days only, no meals etc.)

Address _____

City/State or Province/Zip or postal code _____

Country _____ Email _____

Phone (day) _____ Phone (evening) _____

ANI member household? yes no

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.

Program

PRESENTATIONS

We have an exciting lineup of presentations on a variety of subjects of interest to the Autistic community, for example relationships, health issues, segregation, advocacy and more. This year we will also have poster presentations! 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. Certificates that will be offered this year: Advocacy, Autistic Living and Professional Development.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

Autreat has been approved to offer Continuing Education Units through University College, Syracuse University. 1.8 CEUs may be earned by attending all ten presentations, or 1.3 CEUs for attending any seven presentations of your choice.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Indoor pool, game room, outdoor sports facilities are available. A special-interests display by participants will take place on Monday night, and a dance on another night.

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.



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.

Facility

Autreat is held in the Johnstown campus of University of Pittsburgh, in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The campus has plenty of open space for walking, recreation, and enjoying the outdoors. It has air-conditioned lodging.

Each room has two beds, a bathroom, a kitchenette with a small refrigerator and a microwave oven. Some rooms are ADA-compliant and all are accessible.

Room Options

Standard room: single bed in a 2-bed room, with one roommate (included with full registration, no extra fee).

Private rooms (no roommate) are available as space allows and at an extra cost of \$100.



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. Please check out our website for fee details.

If you want to attend only part of Autreat, not all four days, you may register for days-only (no accommodation).



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.**

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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

For more information...

ANI can provide information about transportation to Johnstown from different airports, 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 2012:

Email registration@autreat.com

Phone 315-476-2462 (leave message)

or 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.autreat.com>

ANI thanks



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