



**Autism Network International**

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## AUTREAT 2007

June 25-29, 2007

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

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

“Living Life the Autly Way”

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, Law, and Disability Studies (Research and Training Center on Community Living)

and

Temple University Office of Summer Conference

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 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.

### 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 can provide a list of nearby motels and restaurants.

## Program

### PRESENTATIONS

We have an exciting lineup of presentations on a variety of subjects of interest to the Autistic community, including self-advocacy skills, neurodiversity, emotions, parenting, testing, autistic people in Japan, and more. 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, Autism & Family Issues, Professional Education.

### CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

Continuing Education Units are available through the Center on Human Policy at Syracuse University. 2.2 CEUs may be earned by attending all ten presentations, or 1.7 CEUs for attending any seven presentations of your choice.

## 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, 2007. ADD \$10/person (or \$3 per day) if registering AFTER June 1, 2006.**

| Fee Category                                              | Member  |             | Nonmember |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
|                                                           | Per day | 4-day total | Per day   | 4-day total |
| <b>A</b> Adults with full-time jobs <sup>(1)</sup>        | 100     | 375         | 107       | 395         |
| <b>B</b> Children 12 and under <sup>(2)</sup>             | 65      | 240         | 70        | 260         |
| <b>C</b> Teens 13-17 <sup>(2)</sup>                       | 85      | 320         | 90        | 340         |
| <b>D</b> Adults without full-time jobs                    | 85      | 320         | 90        | 340         |
| <b>E</b> Adults living on disability or public assistance | 55      | 200         | 60        | 220         |
| <b>F</b> Full-time support people <sup>(3)</sup>          | 50      | 180         | 55        | 200         |

**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 \$23 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 \$26 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 2007:

Email [jsinclair@mailbox.syr.edu](mailto:jsinclair@mailbox.syr.edu)  
Phone 315-476-2462 (leave message)

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)

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

(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, 2007**

## REGISTRATION FORM (continued)

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.