

Autism Society



of the Quad Cities

SUMMER / 2007

ASQC Updates

Mission:

The Autism Society of the Quad Cities is an Iowa nonprofit charitable corporation whose mission is to establish, maintain, operate and support activities, facilities, training, education and other programs designed to advance or support the general welfare of persons with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their caregivers in the Quad-Cities area and surrounding counties in Iowa and Illinois.

Contact Information:

ASQC
PO Box 472
Bettendorf, IA 52722

On the web at:
www.autismqtc.org



The Autism Society of the Quad Cities has just completed its first **Autism Awareness Walk**. It was held at the Pepsico Recreation Center on the Augustana College Campus. We would like to thank all of you who participated. We had an incredible turn out! It wouldn't have been a success without you. We feel we were successful in bringing together families who are blessed to have children on the spectrum as well as bringing awareness to our community about Autism. We would like to extend a special thank you to the businesses who so generously donated their time and money to help. They include: Kohl's, JC Penney's, Arnold's Body Shop, Victory Store, Knights of Columbus of Bettendorf, Knights of Columbus of LeClaire, and Riverdale High School.

We would like to remind all of our members that **The Autism Society of the Quad Cities (ASQC) annual meeting** is fast approaching. We will be installing our new board members for the upcoming term. This meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 12th at 6:00 pm at Thunder Bay Grille. You need to be a member of the Autism Society of America (ASA) to be eligible to vote. By being a member of ASA you are automatically a member of ASQC. You can join by visiting their website. We will be mailing out the ballot and more information to our ASQC members soon.

This issue of our newsletter is designed to provide our members with options for summer activities for their children. There are many organizations that have sent us information about their programs and we have included all of it so that you will have many choices and can determine what options are best for your family.

Please take time to read through our extensive list of summer programs being offered in the Quad Cities Area.

Summer Programs For 2007

Day Camps – Scott County

Camp Eagle Nest

Davenport Parks and Recreation Dept.
Open to all children ages 5-21
July 30- Aug. 3, 9am-1pm
Garfield Park, Davenport
\$50
Contact: 563-326-7812

Camp MAC (formally Camp Lagoon)

Bettendorf Parks and Recreation Dept.
Open to Children with special needs
ages 7-18. Limit 12 children per session.
June 4-8, 11-15, 18-22, 25-29 July 9-13,
July 16-20
9am-12pm
McMannus Park and the HDG Community
Center
\$30 per week
Registration: April 23-25 on line only
April 26, mail in or drop off:
1609 State Street, Bettendorf
For more information: 563-344-4113 or
www.bettendorf.org/parks/summercamp.html

Summer Day Camp

Bettendorf Parks and Recreation
Department
Post Kdg-7 yrs.
Upper Middle Park shelter (limited to 24
children)
Ages 8-11
Middle Park Lagoon shelter (limited to
40 children)
Weekly May 30-August 4 9am-4:30pm
\$85 per week
Registration: April 24-26 online
Parent Orientation Meeting is Tuesday,
May 22 2007, 7 p.m. at HDG Community
Center, 2204 Grant Street.
www.bettendorf.org/parks/summercamp.html

Tot Lot

Bettendorf Parks and Recreation Dept.
This activity, is for 3-5 year olds (MUST be
3 by June 5), is designed as a summer
socialization program involving games,

story telling, arts and crafts and field
trips. Children must be toilet trained –
no exceptions – and able to participate
in a large group setting. Five year olds
are eligible to participate if they have
not completed kindergarten. Five year
olds that have completed kindergarten
may attend the Playground Program.
Program will be held at selected sites
throughout the community Monday-
Wednesday-Friday mornings from 9:00 –
10:30 a.m. Beginning June 4th through
July 20th, no program July 4th-6th.
Sites include: Edgewood Park, Scheck
Park, Kiwanis Park and Hoover Park Sites
are limited to 40 youngsters.
Fee \$35.00.

Registration: online at

www.bettendorf.org/parks/summercamp.html

Camp Hand in Hand

Ages 5-21 with special needs
Two 1-week sessions (July 16-20 and 23-
27) at Camp Abe Lincoln
\$185 per week
Contact 563-332-8010 or
www.handinhandqc.org

Camp Abe Lincoln Day Camp

Blue Grass, Iowa
Scott County Family YMCA
Day Camp ages 6-10
Kinder Camp ages 4-5
Week long sessions from June 11-August
17
\$150 nonmember; \$130 YMCA facility
member
Specialty Camps for 9-14 year olds.
Additional fees apply.
Contact: 563-381-3053 or
<http://www.ymcacampabelincoln.org> or
www.ymca@campabelincoln.org

Camp Courageous

Year round recreational and respite care
located in Montecello, Iowa
Contact: 319-465-5916 or
<http://www.campcourageous.org>



Other Camp Opportunities

Independence Camp

An inclusive, recreational camp associated with Children's Therapy Center, Moline and the Boy Scouts of America

Ages 7-18 with special needs

July 22 a.m. – July 28 p.m. (Children's portion July 22 – July 25 & Older children's portion July 25 – July 28)

\$25 processing fee

Located at Camp Loud Thunder, Andalusia

Contact: 309-762-9552 extension #15 for a camper application

Albrecht Acres

Sherrill, IA

319-552-1771

Summer Daycamp

The Homestead

Runnells, IA

515-967-4369

Camp Sunnyside

Easter Seals of Iowa, Des Moines

515-289-1933

Other Summer and Educational Opportunities

Playground Program for Bettendorf residents only

Age 5 to 12 years

Free

No limit to the number of attendees

June 4 to July 20, Monday through Friday from 12:30-4:00

Located at Riverdale Heights, Meier, Hoover, Kiwanis, Edgewood, and Scheck Parks

563-344-4113 or www.bettendorf.org/parks/

Stepping Stones – Splash Landing

Bettendorf Parks and Recreation Dept.

This is designated time for use of the main pool (shallow area only) and zero depth area at Splash Landing for persons with any physical or mental disability. Sundays: June 10, 17, 24 and July 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. The fee is \$3 per person. A lifeguard will be provided, but the parent/guardian is responsible for entering and assisting in the water. Volunteers are welcome to join in and assist.

Contact: www.bettendorf.org/parks/special_populations.html

Summer Swim Bash

Individual with disabilities and their families

Splash Landing - Bettendorf

July 7; 6:30 p.m. -8:30 p.m. \$3

Those requiring 1:1 assistance must bring a companion

For more information: 563-326-7812

Additional Summer Opportunities

Davenport Parks and Recreation Special Events

A variety of summer activities are available for individuals with special needs

Contact: 563-326-7812 or

www.cityofdavenportiowa.com/leisure/parks/specialpop/index.htm

New Kingdom Trailriders

New Kingdom Trailriders welcomes riders with a wide variety of physical and mental disabilities. Those eligible to ride must be at least 3 years of age and have a doctor's approval.

4343 – 16th Street PMB 305, Moline, IL 61265
(309) 787-0627

Hand in Hand Summer Special Activities

Summer enrichment activities for children with special needs

Activities scheduled June through August

Registration begins April 21, 9:30-12:00

Tessa's Place 3860 Middle Rd., Bettendorf

Augustana College Center for Communicative Disorders – Summer Clinic

June 18 – August 2

- Language-focused groups

- Individual sessions for adults or children

- Small groups

Contact Cindy VanDeWoestyne at

309-794-7350 for schedules and fees

West Music

Davenport, IA

West Music Therapy Services are offering a variety of summer courses throughout June and July. For more information contact Kelly Fowler at 563-388-1519

For financial assistance with the cost of summer activities call the Community Program Assistance Fund for Children with Disabilities at 421-6865 for an application.

Why should you join the Autism Society of America (ASA)?

- ▶ Your support contributes to an increase in public awareness.
- ▶ Your support secures funding for government-sponsored research.
- ▶ Your support helps contribute to a forum that provides comfort and information to families living with autism.
- ▶ You become part of a network of others who share in one mission.
- ▶ Your support also qualifies you to receive the ASA's quarterly magazine *The Autism Advocate*, a valuable source of information on autism-related issues.
- ▶ Your support enables you to vote for your local chapter board of directors

Join ASA on the web: www.autism-society.org



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