

SUMMER CAMP 2011



Summer Programs for
Children and Youth on the

Autism Spectrum

- ◆ Camp Discovery - New Location!!!
- ◆ Camp Hand in Hand
- ◆ Wahode Day Camp

The 2011 Camp Schedule

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Have an “AuSM” Adventure at Camp This Summer

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The Autism Society of Minnesota offers a variety of programs to suit your child’s needs. Choices include two residential camps and day camps that offer a variety of experiences. Our Discovery Extreme Camp combines a wilderness canoe and camping trip with a weeklong stay at Camp Discovery at the beautiful Maple Lake facility. **New location and new activities!**

Experienced Camp Staff

Activities are planned by staff who understand the need for structure, visual schedules, environmental supports, social stories and individualized communication systems. Campers are supported by AuSM-trained staff.

These popular camp adventures fill up fast and are offered exclusively to members of the Autism Society of Minnesota. Make sure your camper does not miss out on the fun!



Three Wahode Day Camps Offer a Choice of Programming and Locations

Wahode is Dakota for “explore.” There are three full-day sessions, held Monday through Friday, that offer many ways to discover, grow and have fun. Staff to camper ratio for all three day camp sessions is 1:2. All sessions are staffed with autism specialists. Campers provide their own transportation and lunch. No physical is required to attend day camp.

Registrations for all day camps are filled on a first come, first served basis.

Sessions I and III are designed for children ages 8-14 and are held in partnership with the Jewish Community Center at Camp Butwin in Eagan. Outdoor activities, for children ages 8-14, include swimming in a heated outdoor pool, horseback riding, use of a ropes course and climbing tower, yoga, and adapted recreation group games.

Session II focuses on the arts. Staff members include a board-certified music therapist and an occupational therapist. Visual picture schedules will be used to integrate music therapy, social interaction, sensory exploration, art, cooking, yoga and movement. Activities take place primarily indoors and are geared for children ages 6-12.



Session I: June 27 - July 1, 2011
9:15 am - 3:00 pm
Camp Butwin in Eagan, MN

Session II: July 18 - 22, 2011
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Location TBD

Session III: August 8 - 12, 2011
9:15 am - 3:00 pm
Camp Butwin in Eagan, MN

Overnight & Residential Camps

2011 Camp Hand in Hand - A Camp for Children & Youth with Autism/PDD Ages 9-21

All three sessions of Camp Hand in Hand will be held at Camp Knutson north of Brainerd in Crosslake, Minnesota on Trout Lake and Lower Whitefish Lake. This camp features a beautiful woodland setting with modern air-conditioned cabins and bathrooms. Nutritious meals are served in a group dining room.

Activities will include swimming, boating, horseback riding, fishing, crafts, archery, nature hikes and music therapy with a focus on social interaction and communication. Campers will be divided into groups by age, gender and interests. Staff to camper ratio is 1:1.

Camp Hand in Hand Sessions

HH I: June 18-23 (boys 9-16)

HH II: July 3-8 (boys 14-21)

HH III: July 31-August 5 (boys 9-11 & girls 9-21)

2011 Camp Discovery - A Camp for Youth with Asperger Syndrome Ages 10 to 21

NEW LOCATION!!! Situated near the Twin Cities, Camp Discovery is located at Camp Courage in beautiful Maple Lake, MN. This camp is designed for youth with Asperger Syndrome who are looking for a summer camp experience but would benefit from a high degree of structure and small group activities. Their special interests launch them into week-long fun!

Our new location means we can accommodate more campers and provide new adventures like horseback riding, naturalist sessions and indoor swimming. The facilities are modern and spacious. Campers will be divided into sleeping cabins with 8 campers per cabin. The cabins will be grouped by age, gender and interest areas. Activity choices will include horseback riding, swimming (indoor and out) boating, fishing, hiking, nature lessons, biking, crafts, digital photography and special events.

Campers participate in small group discussions focusing on social skill development, self-awareness and self-advocacy. This camp employs adults with ASD. Campers should be able to positively participate with small groups of peers while remaining safe, as this camp does not provide 1:1 attention.

Camp Discovery Sessions

Discovery I: June 26-July 1 (boys & girls 10-21)

Discovery II: July 3-8 (boys ONLY 10-21)

Discovery Extreme Adventure: July 8-11 (boys & girls 10-21)

Scholarships Available

this year through Metro Friendship Foundation. You can download an application at www.metrofriendshipfoundation.org. **Deadline for all scholarships is 2.18.11 so don't delay!**



2011 Extreme Adventure Canoe & Camping Trip

Following the Discovery II camp session, five Camp Discovery campers and four staff members will embark on an Island Adventure near Maple Lake, MN.

These "extreme campers" will enjoy a beautiful island getaway where they can enjoy canoing, sailing, kayaking, fishing and naturalist activities in the island's bird sanctuary and animal observation areas.

They will sleep in 2-person tents and prepare meals around a campfire. The days will end with stories around the campfire. On the third day, they will paddle back to their landing where they will pack up the camp van and head back to the Camp Discovery site. The adventure will close with a final evening of celebration at Camp Discovery. Parents will pick up their camper on the morning of July 11. There will be no bus transportation option for the return to the Twin Cities.

Additional training at Camp Discovery will be given before the trip. Total cost for Camp Discovery plus the Extreme Adventure island getaway is \$1,350.00. Interested people can apply on the registration form. Camp Discovery directors will make the final selection. Extreme adventurers must be able to:

- Tolerate a 3-hour canoe ride
- Sleep in a tent in any weather
- Use a portable outdoor toilet
- Tolerate insects/mosquitoes

Scheduled dates:
July 8-11, 2011

Camp Selection

Please indicate first and second session choices to increase registration options and to facilitate camper placement.

Residential Camps

Camp Discovery -- \$950/Member

- I: June 26-July 1 (boys & girls 10-21)
 II: July 3-8 (boys ONLY 10-21)

Camp Discovery Extreme Adventure --\$1350/Member

- Extreme Adventure: July 8-11 (boys & girls 10-21)
 This includes Session I or II of Camp Discovery.

Camp Hand In Hand -- \$998/Member

- I: June 18-23 (boys 9-16)
 II: July 3-8 (boys 14-21)
 III: July 31-Aug. 5 (boys 9-11 & girls 9-21)

Wahode Day Camps

\$545/Member

- I: June 27-July 1 (boys & girls, 8-14)
 II: July 18-22 (boys & girls, 6-12)
 III: Aug. 8-12 (boys & girls, 8-14)

All deadlines must be met for campers to attend the 2011 programs. AuSM reserves the right to place campers in the program best matched to meet their needs.

Registrations received by US mail will be accepted at any time up until the registration deadline. Registrations received by fax, walk-in, or email will only be accepted starting Monday, February 14, 2011. Registration for all residential camp sessions closes on March 1, 2011.

Payment in full is due by April 29, 2011. **The registration deposit is not refundable.** AuSM cannot be held responsible for lost or delayed mail. Please keep this camp brochure for your records. **Registration and Cancellation Policies** are posted on the AuSM website (www.ausm.org).

Mail or FAX Registrations and Deposits to:

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Camp Registration 2011

(Include camp deposit for each camp selected. See the chart below.)

Camper Name _____

Gender M F Date of Birth _____ Diagnosis _____

Parent/Caregiver Name _____ AuSM Member Number _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ Phone (work or cell) _____

Email _____ County of Residence _____

Email is required for camp communications. If you do not have email, call AuSM.

Registration Policy Deadlines and Payments

	Residential Camps	Day Camps
Registration Deadline	Postmarked by Tuesday, March 1, 2011	Available on a first come, first served basis until filled
Deposit (Non-refundable upon receipt at AuSM)	\$200	\$100
Camper Packet Deadline	Postmarked by Thursday, March 31, 2011	Postmarked by Thursday, March 31, 2011
Camper Physical Forms Due	Friday, April 29, 2011	Not Required
Full Payment Due	Friday, April 29, 2011	Friday, April 29, 2011

Form of Payment

(Payable to AuSM)

Check # _____ / \$ _____ enclosed

I am paying \$ _____ with my:

VISA MasterCard Discover

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____ VCode _____