

SUMMER CAMP 2012



2012

Summer Programs for
Children and Youth on the

Autism Spectrum

- ◆ Camp Discovery
- ◆ Camp Hand in Hand
- ◆ Wahode Day Camp

The 2012 Camp Schedule

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Have an “AuSM” Adventure at Camp This Summer

A Choice of Camp Options – All Designed for Children and Youth on the Autism Spectrum

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.

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 and an experience every child should have.



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. Camp Wahode is not staffed 1:1. If your child requires 1:1 support, families provide support during camp.

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

Session I 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, yoga and movement. Activities take place primarily indoors and are geared for children ages 6-12.

Session II & III are designed for children ages 7-12 and are held in partnership with the Jewish Community Center at Camp Butwin in Eagan. Outdoor activities, for children ages 7-12, include swimming in a heated outdoor pool, horseback riding, use of a ropes course and climbing tower, yoga, and arts and crafts.

Session I: July 9 - 13, 2012
9:15 am - 3:00 pm
Birch Lake Elementary in White Bear Lake

Session II: August 6 - 10, 2012
9:15 am - 3:00 pm
Camp Butwin in Eagan

Session III: August 13 - 17, 2012
9:15 am - 3:00 pm
Camp Butwin in Eagan

Overnight & Residential Camps

Camp Hand in Hand - For Youth with Autism, Ages 9-21

Appropriate for campers needing 1:1 support. 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 16-21 (boys 11-16)

HH II: July 1-6 (boys 14-21)

HH III: July 29-August 3 (boys 9-11 & girls 9-21)

Camp Discovery - For Youth with Autism or Asperger Syndrome, Ages 10 to 21

Appropriate for campers needing 1:4 support. This camp is designed for youth with autism who are seeking a summer camp experience but would benefit from a high degree of structure and small group activities. Their special interests launch them into weeklong fun!

Situated near the Twin Cities, Camp Discovery is located at Camp Courage in beautiful Maple Lake, MN. This location provides adventures like naturalist sessions and a bird sanctuary. The facilities are modern and spacious. Campers will be divided according to age, gender and interests, into sleeping cabins with 4 bedrooms and 4 campers per bedroom. Activity choices will include horseback riding, swimming (indoor and out) boating, fishing, hiking, cooking, biking, crafts, digital photography and special events.

Everyone participates in small group discussions focusing on social skill development, self-awareness and self-advocacy. Young adults with ASD work as mentors with the campers. Campers should be able to positively participate with small groups of peers while remaining safe, as this camp does not provide 1:1 support.

Camp Discovery Sessions

Discovery I: June 24-29 (boys & girls 10-21)

Discovery II: July 10-15 (boys ONLY 10-21)

Discovery Extreme Adventure: July 15-18 (boys & girls 10-21)

Scholarships Available

- Twin Cities area: through Metro Friendship Foundation. Applications at www.metrofriendshipfoundation.org. Deadlines are: April 1 & June 1, 2012. Apply early!
- Outside Twin Cities area: Applications at www.ausm.org. Deadline is: May 1, 2012



Extreme Adventure Canoe & Camping Trip

Following session II of Camp Discovery, up to nine Discovery campers and three staff members will embark on a River Canoe Adventure near Maple Lake, MN. This year's Extreme Adventure will be a fun and challenging canoe trip, starting on Sunday July 15th and ending Wednesday, July 18th. We will get packed and head out of camp on Sunday afternoon. Camp out under the stars on Sunday night and canoe all day Monday, stopping along the river for lunch and breaks. On Monday night, we will set up camp again along the river and then canoe again Tuesday morning. We will return to Maple Lake on Tuesday afternoon for a final night of fun and celebration. Wednesday morning will be our day to depart after breakfast. Parents will pick up their camper on the morning of July 18. 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 is \$1395. Camp Discovery directors will make the final selection.

Extreme adventurers must:

- Have attended Discovery at least one year previously
- Tolerate several hours of canoeing
- Sleep in a tent in any weather
- Tolerate insects/mosquitoes
- Use a portable, outdoor toilet

Scheduled dates:
July 15 - 18, 2012

Camp Registration 2012

(Include camp deposit for each camp selected. See Registration Policies for amount.)

NEW THIS YEAR! Register
online at www.ausm.org

Camper Name _____

Gender M F Date of Birth _____ Diagnosis _____

Parent/Caregiver Name _____ AuSM Member# _____

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.

Camp Selection

Please indicate first and second session choices.

Residential Camps

Camp Hand In Hand -- \$998/Member

____ Session I: June 16-21
(boys 11-16)

____ Session II: July 1-6
(boys 14-21)

____ Session III: July 29-Aug. 3
(boys 9-11 & girls 9-21)

Camp Discovery -- \$970/Member

____ Session I: June 24-29
(boys & girls 10-21)

____ Session II: July 10-15
(boys ONLY 10-21)

Extreme Adventure Canoe & Camping
Trip: \$1395/Member
(includes one week of Discovery)

____ Extreme Adventure: July 15-18
(boys & girls 10-21)

Day Camps

Wahode - \$550/Member

____ Session I: July 9-13
(boys & girls, 6-12)

____ Session II: Aug. 6-10
(boys & girls, 7-12)

____ Session III: Aug. 13-17
(boys & girls, 7-12)

Payment Information

Check # _____ / \$ _____ enclosed

I am paying \$ _____

Visa MasterCard Discover

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____ VCode _____

Third Party Payment Provide contact information below:

Registration Policies

- Must have a current AuSM membership at time of registration. The membership must cover selected attendance dates
- Registration Deadline for all camps is March 2, 2012 or until all camper slots are filled
- Deposit of \$200 required for Residential Camps
- Deposit of \$100 required for Day Camps
- Camper Packet Deadline for all camps is March 30, 2012
- Camper Physical Forms (for Residential Camps only) are due April 30, 2012
- Payment in full for all camps is due April 30, 2012

Confirmation of camp placement will be sent the week of March 5, 2012. If you do not received confirmation during that time, contact us to ensure that your registration materials were received.

All deadlines must be met for campers to attend the 2012 programs. AuSM reserves the right to place campers in the program best matched to meet their needs.

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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