Uniting the Autism Community

In partnership with area businesses and organizations, AuSM is pleased to offer monthly opportunities for families and individuals with autism to come together and enjoy fun activities in supportive, welcoming environments.
Visit www.ausm.org for additional events and community gatherings and to register for the below events.

September 17, 2016

Let's Play Unified (1-5 p.m.)

Join Special Olympics MN, AuSM, and the Minneapolis Police for an afternoon of meeting families and local emergency responders, trying a new sport, and accessing autism resources.
Location: Minneapolis Police Special Operations Center, North Minneapolis
Cost: Free; registration is required.

October 8, 2016

Second Saturdays at TPT: Anti-Bullying (9-10 a.m.)

Meet Arthur; enjoy some coffee, juice, and snacks; play in the park; and watch PBS Kids on the big screen.
Location: Twin Cities PBS, St. Paul
Cost: Free; registration is required and space is limited.

October 15, 2016

AuSM Pumpkin Patch Trolley (10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.)

Experience the thrill of riding a trolley, spend time with autism families, and pick a perfect pumpkin.
Location: Minnesota Streetcar Museum, Linden Hill Station, Minneapolis
Cost: $5 Per Family; registration is required and space is limited.

November 6, 2016

AuSM MN History Center Playdate (10 a.m.-12 p.m.)

Visit the Then Now Wow galleries while the museum is closed to the public. A make-it-take-it craft will be available.
Location: Minnesota History Center, St. Paul
Cost: Free; registration is required.

November 27/December 4, 2016

Sensory Santa

Eden Prairie Center, Nov. 27 (9-11 a.m.)
Northtown Center, Dec. 4 (8-10 a.m.)
Southdale Center, Dec. 4 (9:30-11 a.m.)
Avoid lines and visit with Santa in a sensory-friendly, welcoming environment. (Also available at other mall locations. Visit www.ausm.org for more information.)
Locations: Eden Prairie Center, Eden Prairie; Northtown Mall, Blaine; Southdale Center, Edina
Cost: Free; registration may be required at some locations.

January 12, 2017

Storytime at Wild Rumpus Bookstore (11 a.m.)

Join us for sensory-friendly story time at the most creative and fun bookstore in town! Also on Feb. 9 and March 9, 2017!
Location: Wild Rumpus, Minneapolis
Cost: Free

January 14, 2017

Games by AuSM (2-4 p.m.)

Bring your favorite board game to play and meet new friends. This event is open to individuals with autism ages 15 and up.
Location: AuSM, St. Paul
Cost: Free; registration is required.

February 2, 2017

An AuSM Night at the Science Museum (5-9 p.m.)

The Science Museum of Minnesota invites AuSM families to visit the museum for an evening of exploration.
Location: Science Museum of Minnesota, St. Paul
Cost: $13 adults; $10 ages 4-12; 3 and under free. Limited income discounts available.

March 5, 2017

Steps of Hope for Autism in Minnesota (8:30-11 a.m.)

Join the Minnesota autism community for the state's most powerful fundraising walk for autism featuring a colossal autism resource fair!
Location: Southdale Center, Edina
Cost: Free; registration is encouraged.
More Information: www.SOHWalk.org

April 2, 2017

Caring Bunny (8-10 a.m.)

Avoid lines and visit with the Easter Bunny in a sensory-friendly, welcoming environment. (Also available at other mall locations. Visit www.ausm.org for more information.)
Location: Northtown Mall, Blaine
Cost: Free; registration may be required at some locations.

May 6, 2017

Navigating MSP Airport (1-3 p.m.)

Walk through the steps of an airport visit, from walking in the door to finding your seat on a plane.
Location: Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport
Cost: Free; registration is required and space is limited.

June 16, 2017

A Year with Frog and Toad (7 p.m. Sensory-Friendly)

Waking from hibernation, the perky Frog and the worrywart Toad plant gardens, swim, rake leaves, go sledding, and learn life lessons.
Location: Children's Theatre Company, Minneapolis
Cost: $15 child/$20 adult (reduced from $41 child/$51 adult). Limited income discounts available.

July 22, 2017

Shrek the Musical (10 a.m. Sensory-Friendly)

Enjoy the fairy tale adventure of an ogre turned unlikely hero, a wise-cracking Donkey, a feisty princess, and dozens of fairy tale misfits who stir up the kind of muddled mayhem that calls for a real hero.
Location: Stages Theatre Company, Hopkins
Cost: $10; tickets must be purchased by calling the Stages Theatre Company box office, 952.979.1111. Limited income discounts available.

August 2017

The Really BIG Game with Highland Friendship Club

(date and time to be announced)
Location: Highland Park Ball Field, St. Paul
Watch an exciting baseball game while enjoying free hot dogs and water as well as many fun celebrity guests including Saint Paul Saints announcers and more.
Cost: Free