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AUTREAT 2002: Exploring Our Paths

June 24-27, 2002
(4 p.m. Monday to 1 p.m. Thursday)

Brantingham, New York

Autreat is a retreat-style conference run by autistic people, for autistic people and our friends. Family members and professionals are also welcome, but the structure and content of Autreat are determined by the interests of autistic people. Autreat focuses on positive living with autism, NOT on causes, cures, or ways to make us more normal.

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Center on Human Policy and

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for their sponsorship support of Autreat

Things that will be different about Autreat this year

- Dates in late June instead of late August
- Monday through Thursday, instead of Sunday through Wednesday
- YET ANOTHER ALL NEW MENU ☺
- Upgraded children's program: more staff and choices of activities
- **New location:** Autreat 2002 will be held at a retreat center in the Adirondack State Park. The new location offers better accessibility for people with mobility impairments. Cabins have lights and electricity, and are a little bigger, warmer, and have better beds than the ones at our previous location. Cabins are shared with other attendees. Room dividers, or ceiling beams from which to hang blankets or curtains, can be used to create more private spaces.

Things that will be the same about Autreat

- Autreat is still FOR autistic people, not just ABOUT us.
- Open, outdoor camp setting with plenty of room 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
- Hiking, swimming, ball courts, and campfires are available at the new location.

For more information....

For additional information on Autreat 2002, and for continuing updates, phone ANI at 315-476-2462. Please note that ANI has no budget for long distance calls. Responses will be mailed back and if you request phone callback, it will be collect.

For Autreat information via Internet, check out our web page:

<http://www.ani.ac>

PROGRAM

WORKSHOPS

We have confirmed workshops on a variety of subjects of interest to the Autistic community, including autism and sociology, developing service plans around autistic strengths, getting along with NT family members, dietary concerns of autistic people, inertia, and consumer-directed personal assistance. Other workshops are still under development. Check our web site for ongoing updates.

OPTIONAL CERTIFICATE TRACKS

You may earn a certificate by attending a group of seven workshops chosen to reflect a certain theme. Certificates will be offered this year in Advocacy and in Autistic Living.

You do not need to be in a certificate track--this is purely optional.

You are free to attend any workshops you want, as many or as few as you want, or not to attend any workshops at all.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

Autreat has been approved for Continuing Education Units through the Center on Human Policy at Syracuse University.

SPECIAL INTENSIVE COURSES

People in these courses will spend part of each day meeting together in special group sessions, and part of each day attending general Autreat workshops.

Child Care Training (Director: Claire Waldron): For teens (minimum age 14) and adults interested in caring for autistic children. Includes workshop sessions, supervised practice, and a practical exam. People signing up for this course are assumed to already have training and experience in general child care. The Autreat course will cover special issues in caring for autistic children. If you want to sign up for the Autreat child care course, please send documentation of your training and experience in child care.

Support Persons for Autistic People (Director: Jim Sinclair): For autistic people interested in employing support people, and for anyone interested in working as a support person for an autistic person. Previous experience using or being a support provider is not required.

THERE IS NO EXTRA CHARGE FOR THESE COURSES, BUT ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

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 workshops. 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 other 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 control, please make your own arrangements to have someone with you to assist you.

If you are new to Autreat

Autreat is designed to be 'autistic space.' This is sometimes confusing or uncomfortable for non-autistic people attending. If you're new to ANI and unfamiliar with Autreat protocol, please carefully review the information in this brochure and on the ANI web site, and contact ANI if you have questions. If you aren't sure you're ready for three days of total immersion, you might consider registering for days only and commuting from a local motel.

REGISTRATION FEES

Full registration: includes lodging Monday night through Wednesday night, and meals from Monday supper through Thursday lunch.

Fee Category	Member		Nonmember	
	Per day	or 3-day total	Per day	or 3-day total
A Adults with full-time jobs ⁽¹⁾	85	235	92	255
B Children 12 and under ⁽²⁾	50	135	55	155
C Teens 13-17 ⁽²⁾	70	195	75	215
D Adults without full-time jobs	70	195	75	215
E Adults living on disability or public assistance	45	130	50	150
F Full-time support people ⁽³⁾	40	110	45	130

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 all 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 3 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 \$10 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 \$10 per person per day. Please indicate "No meals" on registration form.

A limited number of spaces is available for people to stay on-site in their own tents or campers. Contact ANI for availability and fee information.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name	Age (if under 18)

(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 North America)
or \$20 (for all other countries) to total.

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 10, 2002

REGISTRATION FORM (continued)

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

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (day) _____

Phone (night) _____

Email _____

If alternate materials format is needed,
please indicate:

Braille ___ Large Print ___ Tape ___ Disk ___

Upon receipt of your registration, you will be sent a packet containing additional information including directions, a map to the camp, and menu information.