



Spring / Summer Registration deadline

Spring is just around the corner... (Yeah right!)...and apparently it is time to start thinking about activities.

OMAHA: TOPSoccer

Visit their web site [here](#) to learn more and to download the registration forms. The cost is \$20 if you register before March 1st. That VERY reasonable rate gets your child 6 weeks of games, a soccer jersey/socks, and a medal or trophy the last week during a free pizza party.

OMAHA: Challenger Baseball

The Omaha Challenger Baseball league has opened registration for their Summer season. This league is for individuals between the ages of 6 and 21 with any developmental or physical disabilities.

All forms for registering can be found at www.challengerlittleleague.org/register.html Forms MUST BE received by February 28th, 2010.

Easter Seals Camp

The new summer dates are now posted on the Easter Seals web site. www.site.campeastersealsne.com They will not be mailing applications to all previous campers but rather families must contact Easter seals to receive a 2010 camp application.

2010 ASD State Conference

The Nebraska ASD Network will hold its 7th annual ASD Conference in Kearney, NE on April 8th and 9th. Speakers will include Fern Sussman, Ruth Aspy, James Emmett, Barry Grossman, and Mary Schlieider. They will also hold a speakers dinner with individuals on the autism spectrum.

This year the conference will include a new vocational strand sponsored by Voc Rehab & Region 7 TACE as well as a parent track sponsored by the Autism Society of Nebraska.

You can register [here](#) or download the conference flyer [here](#). Be sure and take advantage of the Early Bird pricing!

The Autism Society has some funding set aside for scholarships for parents to attend the state conference. You can download a **Supporting our Families Scholarship Application** [HERE](#).

Act fast because completed scholarship requests must be postmarked on or before March 1st, 2010.

Not a member? Click [HERE](#) to join the Autism Society of America

Ollie Webb hosts Close Encounter at the Zoo

Parent to Parent of the Ollie Webb Center would like to invite you to their Annual Close Encounter at the Henry Doorly Zoo Event.

Download a flyer [here](#).

Saturday, February 20th
1:00pm - 3:00pm

Henry Doorly Zoo

Reservations are required. Contact Annie at 346-5220 Ext 23 or aanderson@olliewebbing.org.

OMAHA: Upcoming Sensory Friendly Movies

The Autism Society of America and AMC Entertainment have worked together to create sensory friendly films in an attempt to accommodate families with special needs. This is not only for autism families but also for any families with special needs.

The movie auditoriums will have their lights brought up, the sound turned down, and AMC's "Silence is Golden" policy will not be enforced. There will be no previews before the film so plan to arrive early as the movie will start at 10am! AMC is also being very generous and letting our families bring in their own GFCE snacks. Regular concessions are also available to purchase.

Questions - contact Michaela Newman at (402)933-1216 or bnewms@cox.net

DIARY OF A WIMPY KID

Saturday, March 20
10:00 am
Omaha's AMC Oakview 24
3555 S 140th Plaza
\$5 per person

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON

Saturday, April 10th
10:00 am
Omaha's AMC Oakview 24
3555 S 140th Plaza
\$5 per person

Autism Society - Omaha Support Group hosts a showing of the HBO Film: TEMPLE GRANDIN

You are invited to join the Omaha Support Group for a showing of the

HBO film: TEMPLE GRANDIN

Thursday, March 11

6:30pm - 9:00pm

Covenant Presbyterian Church
15002 Blondo St

Download a flyer [here](#)

Excellence in Autism Award

Every year the Autism Society of Nebraska awards an individual who shows outstanding commitment to the Autism Community. Anyone who touches the lives of individuals with ASD's is eligible. This award will be presented at the Statewide Annual Conference held this year in Kearney on April 8th & 9th.

Nominations should be emailed to the Nomination Committee at autismsociety@autismnebraska.org prior to March 1st, 2010.

Please include the name of the person being nominated, contact information for yourself and the nominee, and a one page narrative on why you think this person should be awarded the Excellence in Autism Award from the Autism Society. Please help us honor those who work so diligently to improve the lives of those affected by autism.

OMAHA: Ollie Webb announces Powerful Tools for Caregivers

The Ollie Webb is announcing a new session of their program, "Powerful Tools for Caregivers"(PTC). This is an educational program adapted to provide persons, who are raising and caring for individuals with disabilities, the tools needed to care for themselves.

Attendees will learn how to: reduce stress, balance life, improve self confidence, and better communicate feelings. Here is what one past participant said about the program: "For eight years, I felt so alone, caring for my special needs son. PTC opened the door for me to a world of caregivers that felt just like me. Now I am no longer alone. I know others who walk in my shoes each day and this is so comforting. PTC has given me the tools to cope with my life and the validation that what I do each day for my son is special and meaningful".

When: (6 Week Program)
Tuesday evenings from 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
March 16, 23, 30 and April 6, 13, 20

5:30 - 6:00pm Dinner
6:00 - 8:30 pm Class

Cost: \$35 single or \$45 couple (covers book and dinner)

Where: Ollie Webb Center, Inc, 1941 S 42nd St, Suite 122

Download the registration flyer [here](#).

OMAHA: Support Group for Siblings of children with Autism

Siblings of children with autism have unique needs. The Support Group for Siblings of Children with Autism may increase siblings' understanding of their brother or sister's disability and help them feel more positive about themselves and their role with their sibling.

- Sponsored by Autism Action Partners—no cost for participation!!!
- Meet weekly for four weeks
- Age groupings (younger elementary, upper elementary, middle school, high school)

You can register your child for one of the following sessions by filling out the online registration on the Munroe-Meyer Institute web site at www.unmc.edu/mmi Download their flyer [here](#).

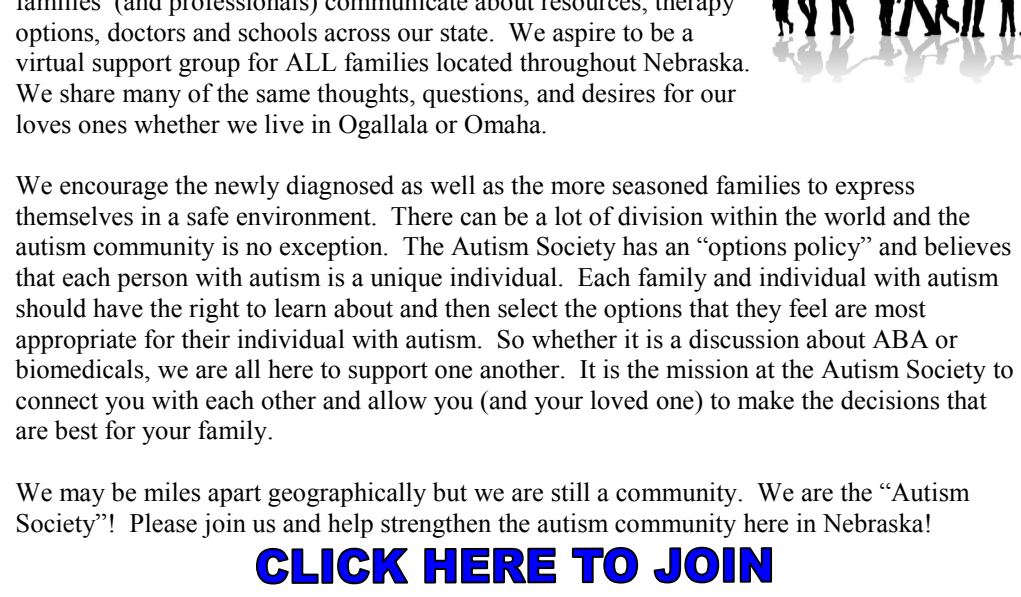
Session A: **February 2, 9, 16 & 23** (younger & upper elementary) 4:30-5:30 pm
Session B: **March 9, 16, 23 & 30** (middle & high-school age) 5:30-6:30 pm
Sessions A & B will be held at the South Omaha Library (2808 Q Street)
Session C: **April 6, 13, 20, & 27** (younger & upper elementary) 4:30-5:30 pm
Session D: **May 4, 11, 18, & 25** (middle & high-school age) 5:30-6:30 pm
Sessions C & D will be held at the Millard Library (13214 Westwood Lane)
Session E: **June 1, 8, 15, & 22** (younger & upper elementary) 4:30-5:30 pm
Session E will be held at Munroe-Meyer Institute (44th and Dewey Ave)

If you have question, please contact Teri Sedersten at (402)559-5732

Help Support the Autism Society Puzzle Walk

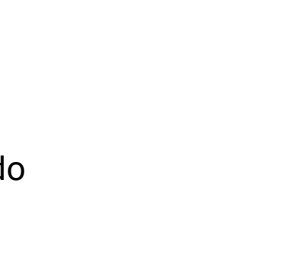
Do you know of anyone who might be interested in serving as a corporate sponsor for our 3rd annual Autism Society Puzzle Walk? Please contact the Autism Society right away at autismsociety@autismnebraska.org!

Do you have a contact that would be interested in donating a raffle prize for our event? The raffle is always amazing! Help us make it even more spectacular and raise even more funds for a great cause! Contact us at autismsociety@autismnebraska.org to make a donation!



Please join our online support group

The Autism Society has an online forum that was created to help families (and professionals) communicate about resources, therapy options, doctors and schools across our state. We aspire to be a virtual support group for ALL families located throughout Nebraska. We share many of the same thoughts, questions, and desires for our loves ones whether we live in Ogallala or Omaha.



We encourage the newly diagnosed as well as the more seasoned families to express themselves in a safe environment. There can be a lot of division within the world and the autism community is no exception. The Autism Society has an "options policy" and believes that each person with autism is a unique individual. Each family and individual with autism should have the right to learn about and then select the options that they feel are most appropriate for their individual with autism. So whether it is a discussion about ABA or biomedical, we are all here to support one another. It is the mission at the Autism Society to connect with each other and allow you (and your loved one) to make the decisions that are best for your family.

We may be miles apart geographically but we are still a community. We are the "Autism Society"! Please join us and help strengthen the autism community here in Nebraska!

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN](#)

OMAHA: Support Group Calendar of Events

Pump It Up

Monday, March 1st 6:00pm—8:00pm

Movie Showing of TEMPLE GRANDIN

Thursday, March 11th 6:30pm—9:00pm

Covenant Presbyterian—150th and Blondo

The Barn—Sensory Friendly Open Play

Saturday, March 13 10am -2pm

Call (402)301-6829 to register or for more information

AMC Sensory Friendly Movie — DIARY OF A WIMPY KID

Saturday, March 20th 10am

Stay tuned to Omaha support Group events at www.autismnebraska.org/omaha

To have your event added to our calendar please email autismsociety@autismnebraska.org or you can post it directly into our calendar. Please be aware that your posting may take up to 24 hours to appear on the ASN calendar. We would appreciate your help including

Be sure and check the [ASN Web Site](#) and [Calendar](#) between Newsgrams!

All information on this newsgram is also available by visiting our web site at

To remove your name from our mailing list, please [click here](#).

“There is no friendship, no love,
like that of a parent for the child”

— Henry Ward Beecher