

AUGUST 25, 2011



NEWSGRAM

What a busy weekend!

ART INSPIRES—NE Council for Exceptional Children

What: Free adapted art workshop
When: Saturday, August 27 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Where: UNO PEP Bowl, 6001 Dodge Street

[Visit their web site for more information.](#)

Easter Seals Nebraska Family Fun Fest Kickball Tournament

What: Kickball tourney and carnival
When: Saturday, August 27, 2011 9am
Where: ALLPLAY Sports Complex, 72nd and Harrison

[Visit their web site for more information.](#)

BIG SPLASH —MMI

Who: Everyone
What: Fun Race/Relay and Family Swim
When: Saturday, August 27

[Visit their web site for more information.](#)

Sensory Friendly showing of Spy Kids 4

Who: Everyone
When: Saturday, August 27 10am
Where: Omaha Oakview AMC theatre
Council Bluffs Star 17 theatre

[Visit our web site for more details.](#)

Macy's and the Autism Society have teamed up to Shop for a Cause on Saturday, August 27. Donate \$5 and receive a 25 percent off coupon from Macy's to use all day. [DONATE here to get your coupon!](#)

Just in time for back-to-school shopping, Shop for a Cause gives you the opportunity to give back to your community and help the Autism Society. [Purchase a \\$5 shopping pass](#) and receive exclusive savings in every Macy's store **and online** at macys.com on August 27. Every cent of your \$5 donation will go directly to the Autism Society. Plus, you can enter to win a \$500 Macy's gift card.

[Learn more](#) about Macy's Shop for a Cause.

OMAHA: Little Leaf Learning Center Presents 'Game Night'

Starting Friday, September 9, 2011

6:00 pm—8:00 pm

\$10 per week

Game Night will focus on one social skill per Game Night and practicing that skill through games and social interaction.

Register online at www.mylittleleaf.org/game-night or by phone to Kim Yaeger at 402-515-7234. Please register by Thursday, September 1, 2011

OMAHA: Little Leaf Learning Center

Little Leaf Learning Center has been created to help students with disabilities reach their full academic potential by providing early academic, social, and life skill interventions for students 18 months to 6 years. Tutoring services for school aged students in cooperation with their school districts are also available.

Preschool services are available for 1-3 hours per day and up to five days per week. Available services include instruction in the areas of life skills, social skills, math, and literacy.

Tutoring services for school aged students are available during the evening hours. Learn more by visiting mylittleleaf.org

LINCOLN: Special Needs Fishing Clinic

This is a special clinic for special youth and young adults that need a smaller and more hands on experience at fishing. The Nebraska Walleye Association puts these clinics on all over the state of Nebraska. This year we are partnering with O.N.E. (Organizations Networking for Everyone) Coalition. We've made this clinic smaller in size (max of 50) to give special youth and young adults a chance to tryout fishing. No rods or reels are needed. We will provide a short lunch, instructional training (about 1 hour), fishing gear, bait and assistance with fishing. All that you need are your children and a lawn chair. Brothers and sisters are welcome but please sign them up at the same time. We will check the kids in starting at 11:30 AM at Holmes Lake, August 27th.

To sign up, email Vicki at vdepenbusch@msn.com.

http://www.nebraskawalleye.com/html/clinic_pages/2011_lincoln_special_kids.pdf

LINCOLN: Art Planet offers classes for special students

Children with special needs often have trouble expressing themselves, but one form of communication can help transcend all barriers – art. A new kids' art studio opening in Lincoln aims to nurture the creative spirits of special-needs children, and along the way help them gain confidence, develop social skills, and of course create their very own works of art.

The studio, Art Planet, is the creation of artist and educator Tamara Weber, who got the idea while talking with a parent of a child who has Asperger's syndrome. "There just aren't a lot of creative programs in Lincoln that are geared towards children who have special needs, such as those on the autism spectrum," says Weber, who has a Master of Education in Special Education and a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. "Art Planet is a place where these students can explore the creative universe in a way that's developmentally appropriate and also a lot of fun."

Learn more at www.artplanetlincoln.com and specifically learn about their special needs classes [HERE](#).

LINCOLN: Free Painting at Corky Canvas

3700 South 9th Street, Suite C
Lincoln, NE 68502
(Off Hwy 2 by Shoguns & Jet Splash)

Sunday, September 11 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

This is a free event. A suggested donation of \$10. RSVP is required as the class size is limited to 20 individuals. This event is sponsored by the Autism Society of Nebraska and Autism Family Network.

Please RSVP to afnlincoln@aol.com

NORTH PLATTE: Planning & Partnership

Planning & Partnership presented by Michael Smull

September 13, 2011 9:00 am—3:30 pm CST

Lincoln County FairgroundS
5015 West Hwy 30
North Platte, NE 69101

\$15 registration fee which includes lunch (fee waived for family members who attend)

Download a flyer [HERE](#).

This event is sponsored by the Region II DD Council and Region II Developmental Services.

OMAHA: Support Group / Pump It Up / Ice Cream Social

Join us at Pump It Up - The Original Inflatable Party Zone - for a night of bouncing, jumping and climbing! This will be a private event for families with children on the autism spectrum.

Due to the Labor Day holiday we will be following a different format for the evening. We will not convene the Support Group room. Everyone should come to bounce and have a fun time! Then we'll close down the bounce rooms and eat some Ice Cream!

WHO: All Autism Families

WHEN: **Monday, September 5, 2011**
6:00pm - 7:30pm Bounce Time
7:30pm— Join is in the Pump It Up parking lot for an Ice Cream Social

WHERE: Pump It Up 960 S 72nd (72nd and Pacific)

COST: \$5 per child (\$10 maximum charge per family)

Please feel free to bring your own lawn chairs in case you want to sit down and relax for awhile.



**GFCF options will be available for those requiring it.

Please RSVP to help us make sure we have enough to serve everyone. Click [HERE](#) to RSVP. We fully understand that life happens and after you registered you may find that you cannot attend. Please send a regret to autismsociety@autismnebraska.org to help us adjust our food order. Thank you!

OMAHA: Biomedical Discussion Group

Thursday, September 15, 2011 7pm

The Biomedical Discussion group meets the third Thursday of each month at 7pm at Whole Foods in the Lifestyle Center room. Whole Foods is located just south of the Westroads mall at Regency and Dodge. This is a discussion forum for those families currently involved in biomedical treatments. Contact Chrissy Cameron chrissycameron@cox.net or Karen Falconer Al-Hindi karen.alhindi@gmail.com for more information.

OMAHA: Join us for Storm Chaser Playoffs!

As many of you know, the Omaha Storm Chasers are playing great baseball since moving to Werner Park. They are currently 4 games ahead of the 2nd place Memphis Redbirds in the PCL American North division. With no signs of slowing down, there's a very good chance that Werner Park's inaugural season will be extended by postseason baseball!



The Autism Society has acquired some seats for the playoff games and are hoping some of you will want to join us! The first game of the playoffs is September 9th. The Autism Society is planning to attend the September 10th game which starts at 1:05pm. Please keep in mind this game will only happen if the Storm Chasers win on the 9th.

Tickets are \$6 each and your money will be refunded should there not be a game on the 10th. Email the Autism Society at autismsociety@autismnebraska.org to reserve your tickets today!

ASA's Options Policy:

The Autism Society promotes the active and informed involvement of family members and the individual with autism in the planning of individualized, appropriate services and supports. We believe that 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 them.

No single type of program will fill the needs of every individual with autism.

Our goal at the Autism Society is to help YOU be





SENSORY FRIENDLY FILMS

The Autism Society is very thankful to AMC Entertainment for their leadership in bringing families affected by autism and other disabilities a special opportunity to enjoy their favorite films in a safe and accepting environment. We have now had almost two full years of Sensory Friendly Movies here in Omaha and for many of our families this has been an amazing way to overcome some of the isolation we as a community tend to experience.

A movie is something that so many in society take for granted but for those with sensory issues it can be very difficult. For some, walking into a dark theater is terrifying. For others the heart pounding sound system is too much to handle. 2 hours is an awful long time to sit still and for many of our community it is just not possible for them to be totally silent for the entire showing.

So what is a *sensory friendly* movie? This is a movie venue that is accommodating to YOUR needs! The auditorium will have their lights brought up, the sound turned down, and a silence policy will not be enforced. AMC showings do not have previews so plan to arrive on time!

We are thrilled to announce additional sensory friendly opportunities in the area! First of all, AMC has expanded their theaters there are now sensory friendly showings at the AMC –Star 17 theater in Council Bluffs! Also Marcus Theatre has recently developed their own program called **Reel Movies for Real Needs** and there are two Nebraska theatres participating. You can learn more about the Marcus Theatre program [here](#) as some of their accommodations vary.

Spy Kids 4—All the Time in the World

Saturday, August 27

OMAHA: **10:00 am**
Oakview 24 Theater (AMC Theatre)
 3555 S 140th Plaza

COUNCIL BLUFFS: 10:00 am
Council Bluffs Star 17 Cinema (AMC Theater)
 3220 23rd Avenue

Upcoming Showings:

October 1, 2011—Dolphin Tale

November 5, 2011-Puss in Boots

The Autism Society of Nebraska has developed a toolkit to help you approach your local theater about creating sensory friendly showings in your community! Contact us at autismsociety@autismnebraska.org to find out more information about how to create sensory friendly showings in your community!

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You are our eyes and ears across the state. Please help us help you AND your neighbors by sharing your resources and contacts with us!



To have your event added to the Autism Society Newsgram and calendar please email autismsociety@autismnebraska.org or you can post it directly to our calendar at www.autismnebraska.org. Please be aware that it may take 24 hours for your event to appear on the site.

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