



Providing **Support,**
Information and Awareness
in Our Community



SPECTRUM

NOVEMBER 2017

FAMILY SOCIAL EVENT SPOTLIGHT —

Maize Quest Fun Park!

Saturday, November 4, 2017

Arrive between 3:00-5:00pm

2885 New Park Road, New Park, PA 17352

(Rain Date: Sunday, November 5, 2017 at 3:00pm)



Join us for an adventure at **Maize Quest Fun Park!** Navigate the 2017 Maize Quest Corn Maze “Arabian Nights: Legend of the Lamp.” When you are finished, enjoy over 30 other attractions including the bamboo maze, rope maze, Fun Zone obstacle course, GIANT tube slide and

more!

(The Hidden Gem Railroad is **NOT** included with park admission.)

Individuals with ASD and their **immediate family members (guardians & siblings ONLY)** will receive **FREE** park admission and unlimited hayrides on the Pumpkin Wagon Express.

Pumpkin picking is available for a fee. Pumpkins are \$.75/lb.—no pumpkin costs more than \$12.00.

For free and reduced admission to the park, you must check in with the Autism York representative between 3:00-5:00pm to receive your wristband. Once in the park, you are welcome to stay until closing.

Don't forget a **flashlight** if you would like to try the maze in the dark.

No RSVP necessary. Just come out and enjoy!

NOTE that only individuals with ASD and their immediate family members may attend Autism York Family Social Events at free or reduced cost.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEETINGS

- **AY Monthly Support Meeting:**
“Customized Employment”
Thursday, November 2 from 7:00-8:00pm at The Jewish Community Center (2000 Hollywood Drive, York, PA 17403)

- **There is NO AY South Monthly Support Meeting this month**

Due to Parent-Teacher Conferences being held at the school the same night as our meeting, we will **NOT** be holding our SOUTH meeting this month.

SOCIAL EVENTS

- **Maize Quest Corn Maze:** [SEE ARTICLE](#)
Saturday, November 4; arrival 3:00-5:00pm (2885 New Park Road, New Park)
- **Tumble Town Playdate:**
Saturday, November 18 from 9:00-10:00am at York Galleria Mall

ADULT ASD MEET-UP

- **Indoor Swimming:**
Tuesday, November 28 at 7:00pm at the York YMCA (90 N. Newberry Street, York)

TEEN MEET-UP

- **Game Night:**
Saturday, November 12 from 6:00-8:00pm at the Youth Center at St. Matthew Lutheran Church (839 West Market Street, York)



Meetings are open to any interested individual, family, student or professional. Social events are open to any individual with autism and his/her immediate family at low or no cost.

Autism York Monthly Support Meetings are held at the Jewish Community Center*, 2000 Hollywood Drive, York, PA 17403. Doors open at 6:45pm. (Sept-Nov; Jan-May)

Autism York South Monthly Support Meetings are held at Stewartstown Elementary School*, 17945 Barren Rd North, Stewartstown, PA 17363. Doors open at 6:45pm. (Sept-Nov; Jan-May)

Social Events

Autism York hosts a multitude of autism-friendly social events. These events are open to individuals with autism spectrum disorder and their immediate families. MOST events are FREE.

Adult ASD Meet-Up

This group provides an opportunity for older teens and adults (around age 18 and up) with an ASD to meet for support, self-advocacy, networking, conversation and fun. (Sept-Nov; Jan-May)

Teen Meet-Up

This group provides an opportunity for teens ages 13-17 with an ASD to meet for support, networking, conversation and fun. (Sept-Nov; Jan-May)

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MONTHLY MEETING SPOTLIGHT— “Customized Employment” with Guest Speaker Julie Rasmuson

Thursday, November 2, 2017

7:00-8:00pm

The Jewish Community Center (2000 Hollywood Drive, York)



Join us for an evening of information and discussion surrounding **Customized Employment** and current available funding for individuals interested in joining the workforce with guest speaker **Julie Rasmuson**.

Customized Employment is focused on gaining employment for individuals with disabilities by paying particular attention to their individual interests, skills, and conditions for work. The customized employment process is designed to match the identified contributions and skills of a job seeker with an employer's needs. This is the current trend in job development in the State of Pennsylvania.

Julie Rasmuson is a Certified Customized Employment Specialist and Certified Job Developer as well as an Education Inclusion Specialist with The Arc of Pennsylvania. She has two children of her own and serves on the Board of Autism York.

Autism York will be serving light refreshments, and a door prize will be given away! No RSVP necessary.

Child care is provided by at least two professional staff who are experienced with children on the autism spectrum. If a child exhibits behaviors that are not easily redirected by the staff, parents may be called from the meeting to come help their child.



AY SOUTH ANNOUNCEMENT—

NOTE: There is NO AY SOUTH Monthly Support Meeting this month.

Due to Parent-Teacher Conferences being held at the school the same night as our meeting, we will **NOT** be holding our **SOUTH** meeting this month.

Since Autism York does not hold Monthly Support Group Meetings in December, our next AY SOUTH meeting will be held on Thursday, January 11, 2018,

We encourage any and all of our AY SOUTH participants to attend our **NORTH** meeting in November, which is being held on Thursday, November 2, 2017 at the Jewish Community Center located at 2000 Hollywood Drive, York.

OUR MISSION

The mission of Autism York is to provide support to individuals on the autism spectrum, their parents, families and friends. Our group exists for the sole purpose of providing support in a safe and friendly environment. It is the intention of Autism York as a group to promote understanding and respect of all families and the choices they make regarding therapies and interventions. Through this group, we will offer opportunities for families and individuals on the autism spectrum to learn, grow, and develop relationships that help guide one another through this journey.

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