



Summer 2019

# Autism Society of the Fox Valley Newsletter

## Message from the President

Summer seems to have finally arrived and is quickly slipping away at the same time. We would like to thank those members who participated in all of our spring outings and community educational talks, and especially the Menasha Soccer team and moms who helped organize and hold another successful soccer camp.

ASFV is keeping very busy. We held another very successful golf outing, the social groups continue to thrive and on August 8th our members can participate in Celebrating Families Day at Bay Beach. We are planning the September 14th ASFV/Xavier High School football camp and a kick off swim party at Country Inns and Suites in Little Chute on the 15th of September.

I was invited to share information about autism and our affiliate at the Appleton Fox Cities Kiwanis. Their members were very interested in our organization and we continue to support their efforts to get iPads to those who need them. To learn more: <http://www.kiwanisautismproject.com/>.

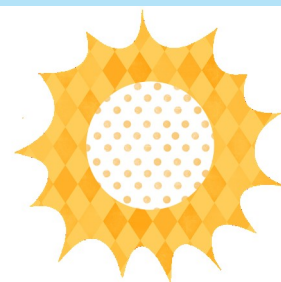
We continue to look for those who have a passion for supporting those with autism and have a couple hours a month to spare. If you would like to learn more about joining our very active board, email me and we can set up a time to talk.

Have a wonderful summer,

Diane Nackers, President

## Save the Dates

- \*\* July 19th—Funset Boulevard—registration a must:  
<https://tinyurl.com/y3m5s87g>
- \*\* July 23rd—ASFV Board Meeting
- \*\* August 1st - Tee-Time for Autism: [www.autismgreaterwi.org](http://www.autismgreaterwi.org)
- \*\* August 15th—Sensory Superstars—Building for Kids
- \*\* September 14th—ASFV/Xavier Hawks Football Camp
- \*\* September 15th—1-3 Country Inns and Suites Little Chute—swim event
- \*\* September 28th—Octoberfest fundraising Booth—volunteers needed



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## Hanging Out Social Outings

ASFV offers social outings for kids 7-12 ish. The kids are supervised, encouraged to interact, and given a wide variety of options for socialization. Great things happen when kids get together with other kids with similar interests. All event opportunities and event specifics are emailed and put on Facebook. If you would like your child added to the email list to receive all of the outing updates, email Diane at [asfvevents@autismfoxvalley.org](mailto:asfvevents@autismfoxvalley.org)



## Teen Group

The ASFV teen group is in its 9th year!! We hold outings at a wide variety of locations. The group consists of teens 13-19 who want to socialize with other teens. The teens should demonstrate a level of independence so they can participate in community outings without parental supervision. The teens are supervised by at least one board member. All event specifics are emailed to those who wish to be on the list of outings: [asfvevents@autismfoxvalley.org](mailto:asfvevents@autismfoxvalley.org)

## A-Team (Adult Social Group –19-30 year olds)

This social opportunity is designed for adults on the autism spectrum who like to participate in social activities, and are interested in getting to know others. An ASFV Board member organizes the events and is present to facilitate socialization for those who attend. Our expectation is for all adults with ASD be a member of the Autism Society of the Fox Valley (ASFV).

We engage in varied activities and events that are communicated to individuals via email. Please contact Diane Nackers at [asfvevents@autismfoxvalley.org](mailto:asfvevents@autismfoxvalley.org).



## Parent Support Group Meeting

Do you need to talk, or just need a break? Please join us the first Sunday of each month, from 6:00-8:00 pm for ASFV's monthly Parent Support Group meeting. We meet at 211 E Franklin St. in downtown Appleton (just two blocks west of City Park) in the building that houses Soar Fox Cites Inc. Parking is free. The doors will be locked, but there is a doorbell and someone will let you in. Refreshments will be provided.



Parents, grandparents & other caregivers will have the opportunity to get together in a relaxed, informal atmosphere to talk about everything from your personal experiences to available resources and general education about autism.

We hope to see many of you there!

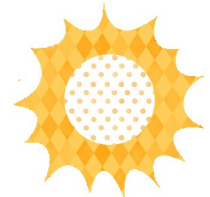
For more information:

[info@autismfoxvalley.org](mailto:info@autismfoxvalley.org)

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*ASFV mission statement: The Autism Society of the Fox Valley, Inc. was established in 1989. We are a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization serving the counties of Calumet, Fond du Lac, Outagamie, Waupaca and Winnebago. Our mission is to provide information and referral, advocacy, public awareness, education and support for individuals, families, professionals and others who support people with autism.*

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## Sensory Superstars—Building for Kids

The Building for Kids has changed the day, time, and name for this very popular free family friendly event. The third Sunday of each month is designated for Sensory Superstars—formerly Spectrum Saturday.

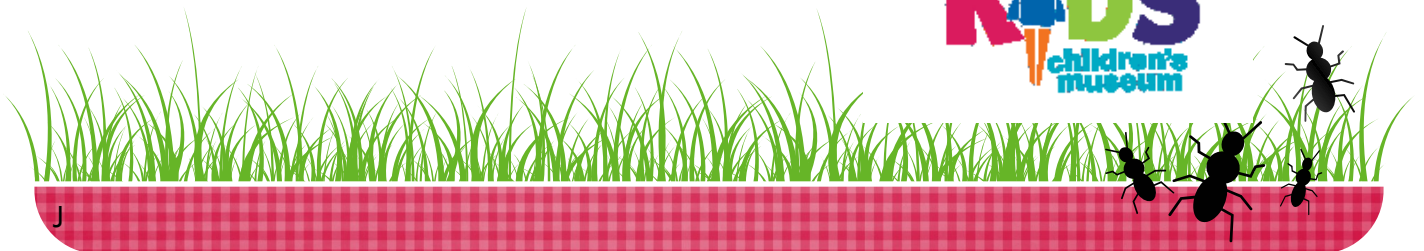
All family members of children with autism can spend time exploring the museum at NO COST.

Join us for a lower sensory experience and special programming created especially for children on the autism spectrum.

Special programming during these events:

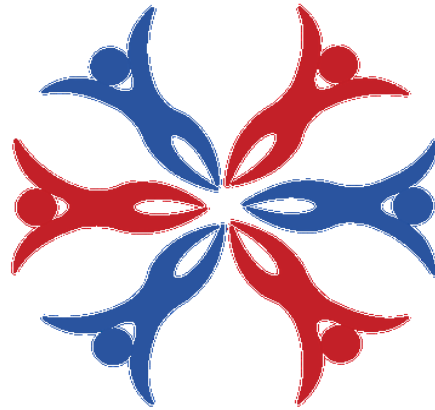
- July 21, 11 am – 1 pm: Water, Water, Water!
- August 18, 11 am – 1 pm: Colors at Play
- September 15, 11 am – 1 pm: Fall Senses with the [Autism Society of the Fox Valley](#)

2019 dates: July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20, November 17, December 15.



# Celebrating Community:

**Autism Society Family Day**  
*at Bay Beach*



The Autism Society of Greater Wisconsin and our network of local affiliates would like to invite members to join us for a family day at Bay Beach. The Autism Society exists to create a sense of community for those affected by autism - a community that supports, encourages, and celebrates with each other. We're grateful to all of you for participating in our activities and events, for sharing our vision to maximize the quality of life for those on the spectrum, and for supporting our work. We're thrilled to host an event with the purpose of honoring all of you. Please join us for this day to celebrate the community we've all created, the milestones we've reached, and the future that we can build together.

**DATE:** August 8, 2019

**TIME:** Check in between 10:00 – 12:00. You're welcome to stay as long as you like.

**FOOD:** We will provide a variety of drink and dessert options. Lunch will not be provided - please plan to bring or purchase lunch for your family.

**TICKETS:** Each child under the age of 18 will be given \$5 to purchase tickets for rides.

**LOCATION:** Bay Beach Amusement Park, Pavilion #3  
1313 Bay Beach Rd  
Green Bay, WI 54302

**PARKING:** We recommend parking near the Zippin Pippin.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Not a member yet? Join now!

**REGISTER:** <https://76148.blackbaudhosting.com/76148/Celebrating-Community-Autism-Society-Family-Day?fbclid=IwAR1WmgTGDBBdP-ZvKfq4xMNU6mv6gaANG4eJx3ofka6DABD4doR31iezE1E>

## Deadline Quickly Approaching for the ASFV Timber Rattler Outing



Join us from 4:15pm until game time (6:35) for a tailgate party! It's Fang's 25th birthday and the T-rats are holding a mascot kickball game that starts at 5:00. To accommodate those who would like to attend the kickball game, the potluck begins at 4:30. Please bring your dish to pass by 4:15.

We have a reserved grassy area for our tailgate party. ASFV is sponsoring the meat, buns, water & juice, a portion of the ticket cost and free parking. Fireworks after the game!

Tickets: \$5.00 each—no limit. To reserve your tickets please:

- 1) send a check (made out to ASFV) to Steve Brennan, 625 S Keller Park Dr., Appleton WI 54914
- 2) He will send you your tickets and other picnic information soon after.

Tickets **MUST** be ordered ahead of time to sit in our section, with a deadline of July 17.

If you have any questions, contact: [sbrennan78@yahoo.com](mailto:sbrennan78@yahoo.com) or call 920-841-2596.



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# Fall Conference

OCTOBER 3, 2019 | EAU CLAIRE, WI

## To Infinity and Beyond: Preparing Adolescents to Launch into the Real World

Presented by Nancy Clements, MA, CCC-SLP

Adolescence is a complicated time, and it doesn't help that the social rules continue to change and become more nuanced as we age. This course translates peer-reviewed published research on adolescent psychology, motivation, self-awareness, cognitive behavioral treatment, social learning challenges, acquiring independence, and more into hands-on strategies, clear frameworks, and concepts you can use immediately. Taking into consideration that the adult world focuses on access rather than success, we'll explore job coaching strategies for literal-minded individuals, strategies for becoming more independent, and how interventionists can help prepare our persistently self-protective/resistant students. We'll also share successful strategies for guiding our more sophisticated individuals in developing their own public relations and self-management campaigns.

All information draws from **peer-reviewed published research** but is translated into **hands-on strategies**, clear frameworks, and concepts to explore and discuss. The goal of this course is to help all parents and professionals develop a larger toolkit to better assist students to learn about their own executive functioning, sharpen their perspective taking, and begin to manage their own social lives. We focus on the fact that a successful treatment program is one that helps the student achieve his or her own goals. This course receives stellar reviews!

Registration to attend or exhibit is now open!

[www.autismgreaterwi.org](http://www.autismgreaterwi.org)



*The speaker for this event is from the Social Thinking's Training and Speaker's Collaborative (STTSC). Social Thinking is not a sponsor of this event.*



**Florian Gardens  
Eau Claire, WI**



**October 3, 2019  
9 AM - 4 PM**



**Member - \$100  
Non-member - \$125  
Person w/ ASD - \$50**



# Beyond Behaviors

UNDERSTANDING & SUPPORTING THE  
MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF AUTISTIC INDIVIDUALS

Presented by

**Sharon Hammer, MS, LPC and Lisa Hoeme, MS, LPC**

Mental health concerns are common for individuals on the autism spectrum, yet their struggles in this area often go overlooked and untreated. In this training, we will explore what individuals with autism share about their experiences and the impact living with autism has on their mental health and well-being. We will explore the myths and realities of autism and mental health, with a focus on building understanding around the complexities of how these two areas intersect for individuals. This training will provide specific resources for those looking to learn more about the complexity of helping a person manage multiple conditions, particularly for those on the autism spectrum. This training is designed for individuals on the spectrum, parents, teachers, and other professionals that work to support the mental health of autistic individuals.

Back by popular demand, this workshop will be similar to last year's November conference, with updated information and a focus on providing information for individual's on the spectrum, their parents, families, and support staff.



**Osthoff Resort  
Elkhart Lake, WI**



**October 17, 2019  
9 AM - 4 PM**



**Member - \$100  
Non-member - \$125  
Person w/ ASD - \$50**

**Registration to attend is now open!**

**[www.autismgreaterwi.org](http://www.autismgreaterwi.org)**

## ASFV is THANKFUL for ALL Donations

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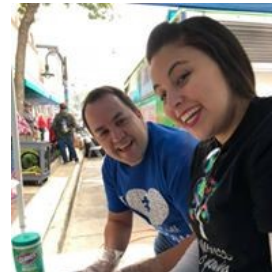
## Volunteers Needed for Octoberfest Booth

If you have a couple hours to spare, ASFV is looking for volunteers to help us in our fundraising booth. The day is fast paced and a lot of fun. All proceeds go to help support our social outings. We will NOT be cooking this year BUT doing more community outreach.

Date: September 28th

Time: 2 hour shifts needed

Contact: Heidi Dahle [heididahle2003@yahoo.com](mailto:heididahle2003@yahoo.com)



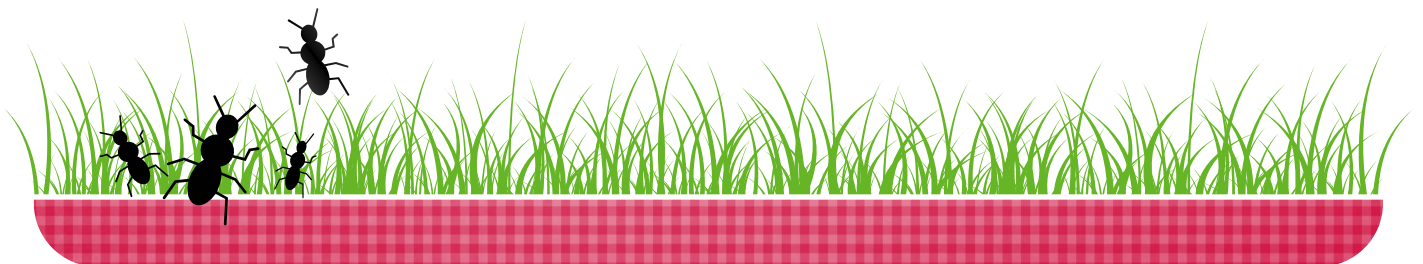
## Keeping Contact Information Up To Date

All events are emailed so it is important to keep your email contact current.

Check out our new website: [autismfoxvalley.org](http://autismfoxvalley.org)

General information questions: [info@autismfoxvalley.org](mailto:info@autismfoxvalley.org)

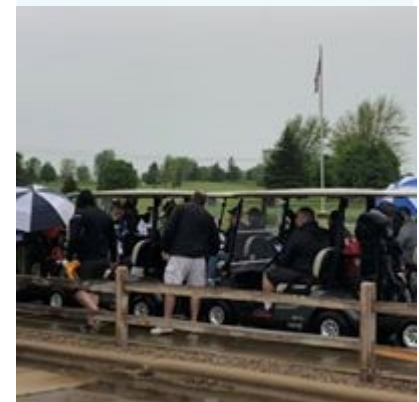
All social outings: [asfvevents@autismfoxvalley.org](mailto:asfvevents@autismfoxvalley.org)



## 15th Annual Golf Outing a Huge Success

Irish Waters hosted our golf outing again this year. The 38 teams enjoyed a rain delayed event that turned out to be terrific golfing weather. The silent auction, 50/50 raffle, margarita stand, and hole contests helped ASFV raise over \$11,000.

THANK YOU to all who helped make this day a success. The hole sponsors, silent auction donors, golfers, and volunteer workers put on another great outing.



# ASFV 14th Annual Football Camp – Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>!!



Join us for our 14th Annual Football Camp! This coed, non-contact camp is perfect for all ages and abilities! Sponsored by the Autism Society of the Fox Valley with support from the Appleton Xavier Hawks Football team, coaches, parents and staff. Siblings and parents are welcome on the field with the campers. A picnic style lunch will follow the camp. The camp is FREE for kids of all ages.

LOCATION: Xavier High School Football Field, 1600 W. Prospect Ave, Appleton Event Timetable:

10:30: Registration

11:00: Introductions & Instructions

11:05: Gather to assigned group

11:05-12:00 Station work (10 stations at 6 minutes each)

12:10-1:30 Picnic style lunch for entire family and awards

\*If your child requires a special diet, please plan accordingly. We are unable to meet individual requests. The picnic lunch provided consists of burgers, brats, a variety of salads and drinks.

\*\*\*\*\* \*\* Registration is required.

Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_(required)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

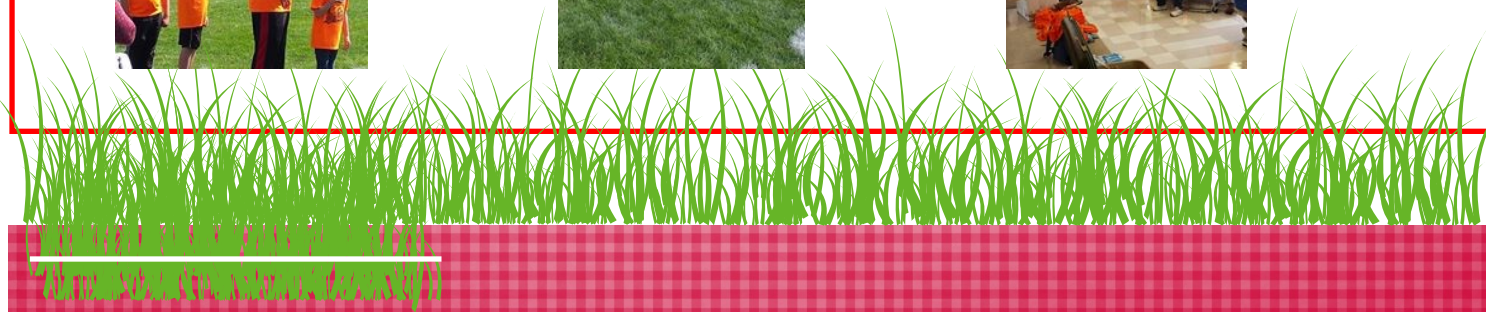
Phone : \_\_\_\_\_

Please check t-shirt size (Circle either youth or adult and the size). Youth: S M Adult: S M L XL

I agree to have my child participate in the camp, and be photographed or videotaped during camp:

# of family members attending lunch, including camper \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Bob Olson, ASFV, 1216 Lewis St., Little Chute, WI 54140 or email bob.olson1976@gmail.com or phone (920) 788-5298



## Thrive Career Academy/College Campus Experience at UW Fox Valley

Thrive Career Academy's purpose is to provide training and education opportunities for a diverse population, which supports individual goals of developing optimal levels of social, vocational, and economic independence in the community.

In collaboration with University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley, VPI facilitates a complete educational program that provides classroom and hands-on employment training in soft skills and workplace professional behaviors, which are then used to transition the students into job placement opportunities. VPI instructors and specialists teach the classes on the UW-Fox Valley campus and provide employment skills training and employment search and placement services in Northern Winnebago, Waupaca, and Outagamie counties.

Classes are provided in eight different units:

- Self Determination
- Positive Attitude
- Getting Along With Others
- Being a Professional
- \* Meeting Employer Expectations
- \*Doing Your Job Well
- \*Managing Yourself
- \*Putting your Career Plan in Action

Since community awareness and self-empowerment come from both classroom and hands-on experience, students reinforce their educational lessons by interacting and learning from employers through various work experience opportunities based upon each student's skills and interests.

**For more information, contact VPI's *Thrive Academy* Coordinator at 920-749-5859 or**

**Email: [rehabinfo@vpind.com](mailto:rehabinfo@vpind.com)**

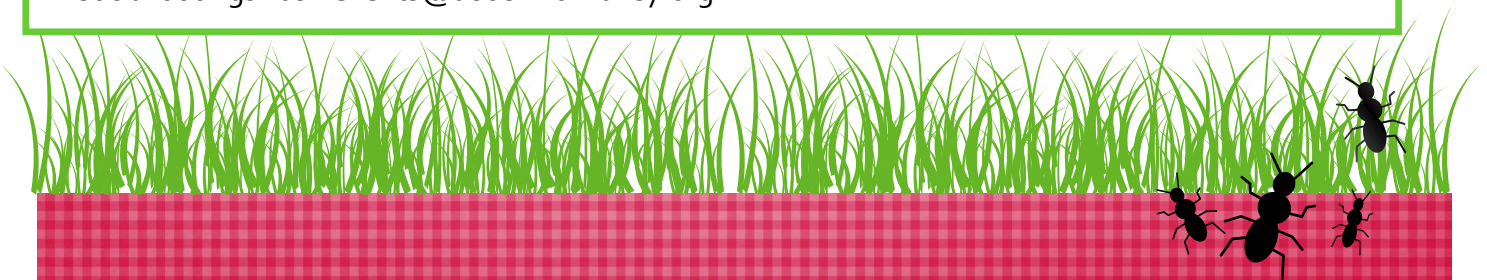
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All social outings: [asfvevents@autismfoxvalley.org](mailto:asfvevents@autismfoxvalley.org)



## Hanging Out and Teen Group Outing—July 19th



Come out of the heat and into the cool at Funset Boulevard from 1:00-3:00 on **Friday, July 19** (Registration from 1:00-1:30 - no late registrations). Special Wristbands will be given to those in the Social Groups and their siblings that allows them Unlimited Access To: Laserforce Laser Tag, Bumper Cars, Carousel, Train Ride, and Giant Kid's Play-ground. Stay as late as you like. Please bring your own snack money.

If parents are attending, and would like to participate, you will need to purchase a wristband from Funset Blvd.

**YOU MUST REGISTER AHEAD OF TIME!**

**Deadline to register is July 17.**

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/y3m5s87g> Questions? Email [kelly.brodhagen@gmail.com](mailto:kelly.brodhagen@gmail.com)

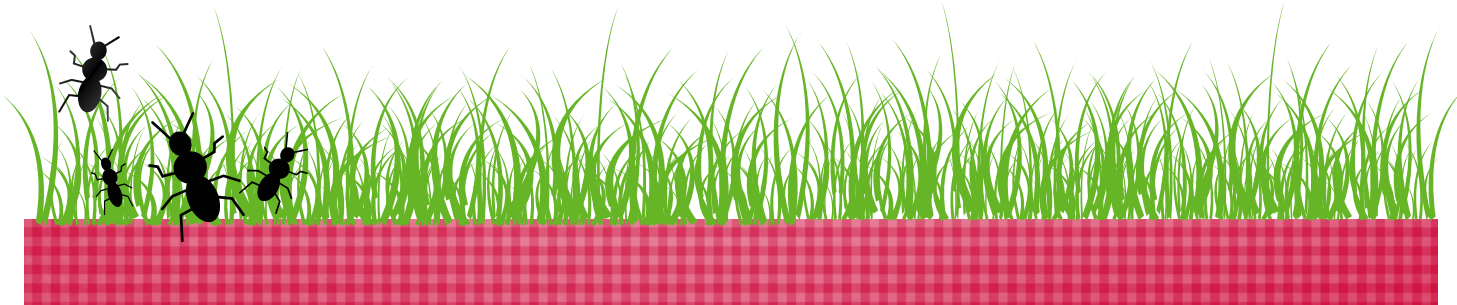
## ASFV Safety Scholarships Available



The Autism Society of the Fox Valley offers three (3) safety scholarships—up to \$250 each. Families who need assistance purchasing additional locks, alarms, fence gates, or anything to help ensure safety measures can be taken for your child, can apply.

Just send a short letter explaining what your needs are and the expense you expect to incur. The ASFV board will vote on your request at the next board meeting. You will then be notified via email or mail. If your scholarship is approved, provide a receipt and you will be reimbursed for up to \$250. You must be a member of the Autism Society of the Fox Valley to be considered.

*Send the email to: [info@autismfoxvalley.org](mailto:info@autismfoxvalley.org) and in the subject line write "ASFV Safety Scholarship". You may also send a letter to ASFV, P.O. Box 266, Little Chute, WI 54140*





Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

The Autism Society of Wisconsin (ASW) serves **53 counties** in Wisconsin. We share membership with our 5 local Autism Society affiliates listed below. By choosing a local affiliate below, you will join both the Autism Society of Wisconsin and the local affiliate. If there is no local affiliate serving your county, leave this section blank.

\_\_\_ Autism Society of the Fox Valley (ASFV)

Outagamie, Winnebago, Calumet, Fond du Lac and Waupaca Counties

\_\_\_ Autism Society of the Lakeshore (ASL)

Manitowoc, Sheboygan, Calumet, Kewaunee and Door Counties

\_\_\_ Autism Society of Northeast Wisconsin (ASNEW)-

Brown, Shawano, Oconto, Florence, Menomonie and

\_\_\_ Autism Society of Central Wisconsin (ASCW)

Clark, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Portage, Price, Taylor and Wood Counties.

\_\_\_ Autism Society of Chippewa Valley (ASCV)

Sawyer, Polk, Barron, Rusk, St. Croix, Dunn, Chippewa, Pierce, Pepin, Eau Claire, Buffalo, Trempealeau and Jackson Counties.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES: \_\_\_ Individual (\$12) \_\_\_ Family (\$15) \_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_ Renewing Member

BILLING: \_\_\_ Bill my Master Card/VISA Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_ CVV (3 digit code on the back) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Check enclosed: Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Additional contribution (tax deductible).

\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ \$ (Other)

Please send your completed membership form and payment to:  
**Autism Society of Wisconsin | 1477 Kenwood Drive | Menasha, WI 54952**  
**Fax (920) 558-4611**

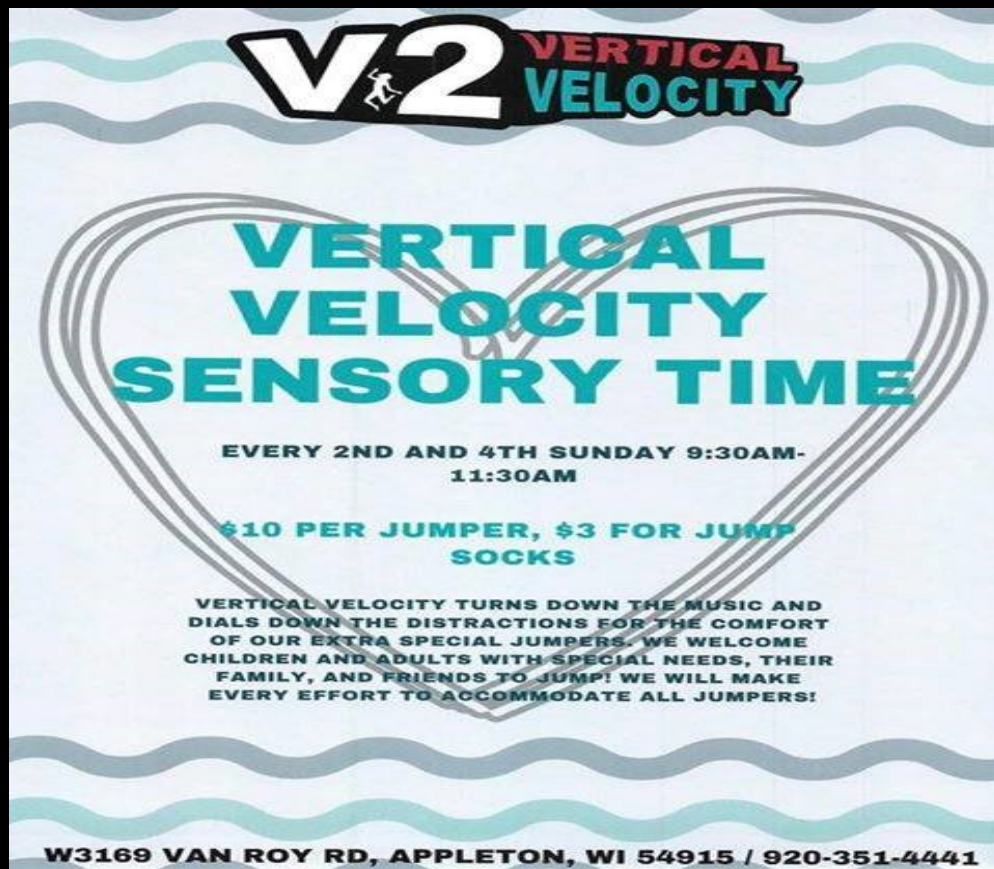
If you have questions, email ASW at [asw@asw4autism.org](mailto:asw@asw4autism.org) or call 888-428-8476.

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**GOLFERS NEEDED!!** Golf the beautiful Sentry World course in Stevens Point. The deadline to sign up for this event is July 16th, 2019.

Visit our website for more information:

<https://www.autismgreaterwi.org/event-cal/tee-time-autism/>

## Newsletter Submissions

### ***Autism Society of the Fox Valley***

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Articles of interest, stories/poetry of persons with autism, book reviews and upcoming conferences or workshops are accepted. Submissions can be sent to: Diane Nackers, 8042 Sequaro Ct, Neenah WI 54956 email: bnack5@gmail.com.

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