



# The Journal of ASA Broward

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## ASA Broward Hosts 2005 Summer Camp Meeting

By Denise Crosnick

This month "The Journal" is devoted entirely to the annual summer camp meeting held on Wednesday, March 16th. This edition is a summary of presentations given by several local camp representatives. We would like to thank them for participating and for alleviating "camp shopping stress" on parents.

**Therapy of the Arts** 12545 Orange Drive, Suite 502, Davie 33330. Valerie Herskowitz 954-236-9415. Website [www.dimensionstherapycenter.com](http://www.dimensionstherapycenter.com).

Dates: June 6th – August 5th. Two time sessions are available Monday thru Friday: 9am – 12pm or 1pm – 4pm. This camp serves special needs children ages 3-12. Some older children may be eligible to attend based on function level. Cost: \$300/week per session. Some children with Medicaid may be able to attend free of charge. Some children may be eligible for shadows through a subsidy of the National Autism Registry.

This program is therapeutically based and includes the following: music, movement, arts and crafts and cooking with the purpose of enhancing speech and language, fine motor, sensory integration, social skills

and functional skills. Both small group and individual activities are planned for each day.

**Kamp Krayola** ARC, 10250 NW 53 Street, Able Bldg., Sunrise 33351. 954-746-9400 ext. 1631, Gretchen Clark. E-mail [gclark@arcbroward.com](mailto:gclark@arcbroward.com). Website [www.arcbroward.com](http://www.arcbroward.com). Tentative dates: June 7th – August 3rd (subject to final approval by the Children's Services Council). Time: main session 8am – 6pm, early session starts 7:30am. Ages 3-14. Sliding fee scale. Small ratios of 1:1, 1:2 and 1:3. No transportation.

This camp serves children with behavioral challenges. Behavior support plans from school are requested.

Field trips and community involvement are a large part of Kamp Krayola. Campers leave ARC three to five times a week.

**Camp Nottingham Residential Summer Camp**—housing in tents at Quiet Waters Park, 954-360-7210, Gary Gam. E-mail [ggam@campnottingham.com](mailto:ggam@campnottingham.com).

Dates: June 12th – July 9th. Choose one, two, three or four week sessions. Ages 7-14, perhaps up to 16, serving ADD, Aspergers, learning difficulties and other related areas. Ratio is 6:1. Monday thru Friday campers will attend the program at Kentwood Preparatory School.



The focus of the camp is to teach skills such as: task analysis, organization, controlling impulsivity, friendships, study skills, tuning out distractions, sequencing of behaviors and required social graces. This is achieved using positive behavioral techniques and modules. Module topics include the following: magic club, newspaper club, invention club, game show club, Astronomy club and board games club.

The camp also includes numerous sports and other type activities. Field trips are also part of the curriculum.

Meals are prepared family style or ordered from local restaurants by campers.

**YMCA Broward**, camps held at six branches, contact Jason Miletsky 954-752-9622 or e-mail [jmilet-sky@ymcabroward.org](mailto:jmilet-sky@ymcabroward.org). Website [www.ymcabroward.org](http://www.ymcabroward.org).

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**For the National Alliance  
for Autism Research's  
2005 Broward  
WALK F.A.R. for NAAR**

**THE WALK F.A.R. for NAAR  
Walk and Festival**

Saturday, April 9, 2005  
at Nova Southeastern University  
9:00 a.m. Registration - 10:00  
a.m. Walk Start

Our team ASA Broward is now  
registered on the  
NAAR web site  
[www.autismwalk.org/broward](http://www.autismwalk.org/broward)

Registration is available online

We need happy feet and all  
your support for our  
wonderful kids and adults.

Thanks to Roz Bellman ASA  
Broward team captain.

**ASA Broward would  
like to congratulate  
Coral Park Elementary  
on their NAAR  
fundraiser.**

**They raised  
\$1915!!**

## 2005 Summer Camp Guide

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Camp starts June 6th and runs eight to nine weeks, depending on the site. Hours 7:30am - 6pm. Serves special needs ages three to adult. Campers age three to four enrolled in PEPPER or PLACE programs qualify for scholarship. All campers must submit to an intake process for placement purposes. 1:1 ratio is not available. Parent must provide a unique aid if 1:1 is necessary. Transportation is not available.

The curriculum includes, but is not limited to, math, reading, physical education, free choice, outdoor play, swimming and field trips. Field trips and swimming are provided at least once a week, but are usually conducted twice a week. Data tracking on each camper is provided.

YMCA Broward program standards are consistent with national accreditation criteria including those established by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and the National After School Alliance (NASA).

**David Posnack JCC Camp Gaborim**, 5850 S. Pine Island Road, Davie 33328, contact Scott Dermer (home) 954-217-0066. \*\*\*Please note: this camp is almost full but waitlists are available. JCC summer camp typically reaches enrollment capacity by the end of January each year, per Mr. Dermer. \*\*\*

Dates: June 6th thru July 29th. Times: 9am - 4pm or extended care from 7:30am - 6pm. Camp Gaborim, (meaning "heroes") serves children ages three to 21 with Autism, learning disabilities, developmental delays, mental, emotional and physical handicaps. Campers

must be enroll for all eight weeks. Cost is \$250 per week. Financial aid is available. Campers must submit to an intake assessment. Campers requiring 1:1 ratio are excluded from this program. Transportation is available from Weston.

Six different groups are available: preschool language based program for ages 3-4, pre-kindergarten readiness program for age 5, elementary primary grades for ages 6-7, elementary intermediate grades 8-11, middle school program ages 12-14 and high school teen program ages 15-21.

Daily activities include swimming, arts and crafts, music, tennis, sports, lakefront and special events. Ages 6-21 go on two field trips per week.

**Kamp Kool**, camp held at St. Andrew School, 9990 NW 29 Street, Coral Springs. Contact Megan R. Gaudet 954-345-2208 or e-mail [mgaudet@coralsprings.org](mailto:mgaudet@coralsprings.org). Website [www.coralsprings.org](http://www.coralsprings.org).

Choices of sessions dates and times are as follows: three week camp from either June 13th-July 1st or July 5th-22nd, or six week camp June 13th-July 22nd. Times are 9am-3pm or 7:30am-6pm. A one week extension program is available July 25th-29th from 9am-3pm or 7:30am-6pm. The extension program will be held at Cypress Park, 1300 Coral Springs Drive, Coral Springs. This camp serves special needs children grades 1-12, up to 22nd birthday. The cost varies depending on session length and time selected. Coral Springs residents are eligible for free or reduced lunch scholarship.

This very structured program has a ratio of 5:1. All participants must be self-sufficient.

Visit [www.coralsprings.org/summerfun](http://www.coralsprings.org/summerfun) to download registration forms, view camp payment sites or mailing address and learn deadlines. Note: a copy of your child's report card must be submitted with the application and payment. The copy will not be returned.

Activities include swimming, games, arts and crafts, sports and weekly field trips.

**BLAST (Behavior, Learning and Social Training) Educational Services**, 9722 West Sample Road, Coral Springs 33065, 954-575-5998. Contacts: Margie Pedron [Margie@blastedu.com](mailto:Margie@blastedu.com) or Lisa Whittaker [Lisa@blastedu.com](mailto:Lisa@blastedu.com). Website [www.blastedu.com](http://www.blastedu.com).

Two sessions are available. Session one is June 13th-July 1st. Session two is July 18th-August 5th. Time: 1:30-3:30pm. Cost is \$750 per session. Minimum of one session is required.

This daily two hour program concentrates on social interaction and facilitation. This is not a behavior program. It focuses on relationship building. "STARS" methodology is utilized. Stress management is part of the program.

This article is for informational purposes only. ASA Broward cannot recommend camps nor guarantee availability, days, dates, times, places, cost, financial assistance, curriculum or any other information pertaining to camps.

Please contact camps of interest for complete, up-to-date information. Remember, camp enrollment reaches capacity quickly and each camp has deadlines for registration and payment.

## Advertisements

ADVERTISE WITH US—our newsletter is circulated to over 350 people, families and/or professionals throughout the community. Advertising space is available as follows:

business card size	-----	\$25
¼ page	-----	\$50
½ page	-----	\$75
full page	-----	\$150

## Membership

Please check your address label for expiration date. If applicable, please send your membership dues to our PO Box address. Don't forget to make any necessary changes.

Thank you for your support!

*Due to budget constraints, we will not be able to send you a newsletter if your dues are not current.*

## Thank You!

Special "thank you" to GRACA for meeting each month to assemble and label newsletters for distribution.

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE ADULTS FROM THE ARC ADULT TRAINING PROGRAM for volunteering their time and effort as well. Your tireless contribution is greatly appreciated!

ASA Broward especially thanks chapter member Denise Karp for maintaining a free informational list serve for all persons interested in Autism. IT'S YOUR #1 SOURCE FOR AUTISM RELATED INFO IN SOUTH FLORIDA E-mail Denise at deniseslist@yahoo.com to subscribe.

## Recreational Activities

The Broward Autism Foundation is pleased to be able to offer for chapter members partial scholarships for selectively sponsored recreational programs. Please contact the following for additional information:

**Tag Gymnastics** Alicia Murphy (954) 943-8659

**Incredible Ice (ice skating)** Carol DiMauro (954) 962-0901

**Project Stable Horseback Riding** Eileen Roth (954) 474-5333

## Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for assisting in set up and clean up duties for our monthly meetings. Please contact our Hospitality Chairperson, Judi Steinberg at (954) 577-4141 if interested.

## Support Groups

### SPEC (Support for Parents of Exceptional Children)

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month (7:00) at the Dan Marino Center in Weston, Florida. For more details please contact Laura House at (954) 893-5553.

### GRACA (Grandparents and relatives of Autistic Children and Adults)

Please contact Roz Bellman for meeting dates and times at (954) 720-5683.

### CARD (Center for Autism and Related Disabilities)

Please contact the CARD center directly at (800) 9-AUTISM and register to be on their mailing list. CARD hosts many informative workshops and conferences, addressing a variety of issues and needs.

### ACE (Autism Committee for ESE)

This school advisory meeting is held the third Wednesday of every month (9:00a.m.) at the Baudhuin School in Davie. Call Stacey Hoaglund for more details at (954) 252-8764.

### South Florida Fragile X Resource Group

Please contact Randy Green for meeting dates and times at (954) 433-5413.

### Adult Transition Group

Please contact Eileen Roth for meeting dates and times at (954) 474-5333.

## Fundraising

The Broward Chapter of the Autism Society has a variety of NEW gift items available to help in our fundraising efforts:

Autism Car Magnets	-----	\$5 each
NEW logo EMBROIDERED T-shirts	-----	\$12 each
NEW Autism Remembrance "Brie" Bears	-----	\$10 each
Puzzle pins	-----	\$10 each
Angel cards (Qty 10)	-----	\$16 pack

Also, don't forget that donation cards are available for "In Memory Of" and "In Honor Of". All gift items can be purchased at the monthly chapter meetings or by calling the ASA office @ (954)577-4141.



**Membership—ASA Broward Chapter (Please Print) This amount includes local, state and national dues**

Individual  \$50.00 Family  \$60.00 Full-time Student  \$35.00 (copy of current registration as evidence of full-time status)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Parent  Professional  Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ F/T Student  Location \_\_\_\_\_

Relative  or Friend  of: Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Residence: Home  Group Home \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

School, Job or Workshop Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to be part of our referral and Information Network? (yes/no) \_\_\_\_\_ On a committee (yes/no) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you give ASA Broward Chapter permission to put your name on the U of M CARD Center mailing list (yes/no) \_\_\_\_\_

Other comments or suggestions? \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your check made payable to Broward Chapter / Autism Society. PO Box 450476, Sunrise, Florida 33345

**Public Notice: The Broward Autism Foundation and the Autism Society are publicly supported organizations under the IRS Section 501(c)(3). A copy of the exemption, determination letter and tax returns are available for public inspection at our home office with advance notice.**

**BROWARD AUTISM FOUNDATION AND PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 496, FL STATUTES "A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES, BY CALLING TOLL-FREE WITHIN THE STATE 1-800-HELP FLA. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL, OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE."**

**REGISTRATION # sc-07923. 100% OF YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE RECEIVED BY THE BROWARD AUTISM FOUNDATION.**

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Broward Chapter

PO Box 450476  
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**Our Next Meeting: April 20, 2005**  
**Social Skills Groups**

7:30pm at ARC Broward, 10250 NW 53rd Street, Building #2, Sunrise  
(One block south of Commercial between Nob Hill and Hiatus Road)

Our meetings are open to all that are interested in autism.  
Refreshments will be served. Child care is available by reservation only.  
Please call 954-577-4141.

*We're on the Web!*  
[www.asabroward.org](http://www.asabroward.org)

# ASA Broward Awarding Summer Camp Scholarships

ASA Broward will be awarding a limited amount of partial summer camp scholarships through our foundation, the Broward Autism Foundation. Applicants are required to be current members of ASA Broward. If you are interested in applying, you must submit a letter of necessity to: Broward Autism Foundation Board Members, P.O. Box 450476, Sunrise 33345 or via e-mail [asabroward@aol.com](mailto:asabroward@aol.com). You will not be required to submit any financial documentation.

If you want to become a member of ASA Broward, simply complete the membership form on the back of this newsletter. Instructions as to where to send the application, cost of membership, etc. are included on the form.



## Photography Club Holds Exhibition

The Broward Autism Foundation photography club will exhibit their photos at the Tamarac Library during April. The photos on display are the work of students from Atlantic Vocational PASS program, individuals from ARC, Peaceful Haven Ranch Group Homes and Hatikvah Family Group Home.

The club is made possible by a grant from Coral Springs Community Chest.

**Back In Stock!**

## Autism Awareness Car Magnets



See page 3 for details  
(under Fundraising)

Please submit your letter by May 1, 2005. If you have any other questions, please call us at 954-577-4141.



## Pen Pals Support Troops

The Broward Autism Foundation in cooperation with the Plantation Police Department is sponsoring a "pen pal" program. Individuals with Autism and other disabilities have sent cards and letters to the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Some "pen pals" have received replies already.

Please contact Eileen Roth at [asabroward@aol.com](mailto:asabroward@aol.com) if you are interested in participating. All ages are welcome.