

# THE ECHO

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<i>HFA Support Group at Spainhour</i>	March 10, 2008 5:45 pm
Monthly Parent Ed. Meeting at Spainhour	March 10, 2008 6:30 pm
<i>ALC Support Group at Smokey Bones</i>	March 11, 2008 11:30 am
<i>ABC Support Group at McDonald's—Skibo</i>	March 19, 2008 9:30 am
<i>ASCC Board of Directors Meeting, Omni Family Resource Center</i>	March 18, 2007 11:00 am

## Autism Society of Cumberland County Monthly Parent Education Program:

### *Parent to Parent: The Key is Sharing*

A parent panel shares the joys and challenges of life with a child with autism spectrum disorder. Our panel will also offer creative ideas and techniques as well as entertain questions from parents/caregivers.

**Join us on March 10, 2008 at 6:30 pm  
at the Dorothy Spainhour Center  
223 Hull Road, Fayetteville, NC**

*Please note that a brief membership meeting will begin at 6:30 pm ;  
the presentation will follow.*

As a courtesy to our presenters, PLEASE be prompt!  
Please help contribute to our refreshment table.

For your convenience, free respite care is available on site through Community Based Developmental Services. Contact Cynthia Billops at least 24 hours prior to reserve your space at 488-5820/488-4584. You may leave a message to reserve your space; you will **not** receive a return phone call.

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## SAVE THE DATE



## 2nd Annual Autism Awareness Golf Invitational

**June 7, 2008 @ Cypress Lakes Golf Course**

**More information on pages 2 and 3**

Please submit this application no later than May 15, 2008



**Second Annual  
Autism Awareness Golf Invitational  
Saturday, June 7, 2008**

The Autism Society of Cumberland County will be hosting a 4 Man Team, Captain's Choice Tournament. Tournament will be held at Cypress Lakes Golf Course in Hope Mills, NC. There will be a shotgun start at 8:30 am.

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Player: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Player: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_  
 4<sup>th</sup> Player: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Team Captain's Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

The fee is \$50 per person. Fees will include Golf Cart, Green Fees, Range Balls, Raffle Ticket, T-shirt and Lunch.

**I would also like to be Hole Sponsor for an additional \$100:            \$\_\_\_\_\_**

*I would like my Hole Sponsor sign to read:*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ is a Hole Sponsor in Honor of  
 \_\_\_\_\_.

Sorry, I am unable to attend the ASCC Golf Invitational. Please accept my tax-deductible donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

If you have any questions, please call Jackie Pfuntner at (910) 826-3004.

*Please make check payable to: Autism Society to Cumberland County*

Mail to:        ASCC  
                   351 Wagoner Drive, Suite 410  
                   Fayetteville, NC 28303

\*ASCC is a non-profit organization. Your donation is tax deductible within IRS regulations. Please consult your accountant. NOTE: Golf Registrations are not tax-deductible.

Please submit this application no later than May 15, 2008



**Second Annual  
Autism Awareness Golf Invitational  
Saturday, June 7, 2008**

Name of Sponsor/Donor: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Company Slogan: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please fill in the area below and let us know how you are going to participate:**

**Corporate Sponsorship:            \$500    \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
*(Includes Hole Sponsorship, 4-Man-Team, logo on Tourney t-shirt and print media)*

**\$1,000    \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
*(Includes Hole Sponsorship, Two 4-Man-Teams, logo on Tourney t-shirt and print media)*

**Hole Sponsorship:                    \$100    \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
*I would like my Hole Sponsor sign to read:*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *is a Hole Sponsor in Honor of*  
 \_\_\_\_\_.

**Tax Deductible Donation: (Fill in Amount)    \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Any items or gift certificates you would like to donate for door prizes:**

*Items:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Gift Certificates:* \_\_\_\_\_ *(Number of gift certificates you are donating)*

\$ \_\_\_\_ *(Value of each gift certificate)*

Please submit gift certificates or make check payable to:  
 Autism Society of Cumberland County

Mail to: ASCC  
 351 Wagoner Drive, Suite 410  
 Fayetteville, NC 28303

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 Please consult with your accountant.

**Autism Society of North Carolina**  
**2008 Annual Conference on Autism Spectrum Disorder**  
April 25-26, 2008  
At the Radisson Hotel in High Point

This year's **keynote address**, entitled: ***Asperger Syndrome: The Ins, the Outs & the Things In-Between***, will be presented by **Liane Holliday Willey, Ed.D.**, an author and educational consultant. The keynote will take a look at what AS is and how it effects the Aspies' language, cognitive processing, sensory systems, emotional life and social world. In addition, this presentation suggests practical ways to help the individual with AS learn to cope with his/her unique needs and challenges. In the end, this presentation should make it clear that individuals with AS can be fabulous contributors to a variety of life situations. Mixing personal perspective and humor this presentation will provide an informative and upbeat closing session for the conference.

*The keynote address will close the conference on Saturday.*

**Friday Pre-conference Workshop:**

- **Integrating Effective Methodologies Workshop**

**Friday Evening Break-out Sessions (choose one):**

- ***Autism, Asperger Syndrome & Sibling Relationships***
- ***How Did They do That? Creating Programs for Children and Adults with Autism in the Community***

**Saturday Sessions:**

- ***Keeping your Child Safe: What you Need to Know & Prepare For***
- ***Charting a Course for Transition—Where's the GPS?***
- ***Social Relationships: Challenges and Strategies***

**Conference Rates and Fees:**

The conference fee is \$100 for current ASNC members, which includes all meals, handouts and admission to the sessions. Non-member rates are \$150/person. The rate for students and people on the autism spectrum is \$60.

Register online before March 1 and receive a \$10 discount on conference fees.

For more information call 1-800-442-2762 or visit the conference section of the ASNC website at [www.autismsociety-nc.org](http://www.autismsociety-nc.org).

***\*\*\*Please note that the ASNC has limited Parent Conference Scholarships available. More information can be found on Pages 5 and 6 of this newsletter.\*\*\****

**CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
**2008 Autism Society of North Carolina Annual Conference**  
**At the Radisson Hotel in High Point**  
**Friday and Saturday, April 25—26**

**DUE DATE: NO LATER THAN March 15, 2008**

A limited number of conference scholarships are available to parents interested in attending the ASNC Annual Conference in High Point, NC on April 25—26. **Scholarship funds are available for the conference attendance only; funds for hotel accommodations are not available.** These scholarships will be provided on a reimbursement basis. Selected recipients will be reimbursed after the conference ends and upon confirmation of conference attendance.

If you are interested in applying for a scholarship to attend this conference **please do the following:** 1) **complete this scholarship application form,** 2) **complete the ASNC registration form on the reverse side,** and 3) **return to: the Autism Society of Cumberland County, 351 Wagoner Drive, Suite 410, Fayetteville, NC 28303.**

**Send no money or credit card information at this time.** If selected as a scholarship recipient, we will notify you. Please call our office (826-9100, Ext. 266) if you have questions.

**Applications received after March 15 will not be considered.**

**(PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN BY March 15)**

*Please also complete the ASNC Conference Application on the reverse side.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a current member of ASNC ? \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO ASCC \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of child with ASD \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a brief statement as to why you would like to attend the ASNC Annual Conference and how you feel that this would benefit you or your child.

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Autism Society  
of NORTH CAROLINA

# 2008 Annual Conference on Autism Spectrum Disorder Registration

Please complete and return this portion with your payment. **Each individual attending the conference must submit a separate form.** Extra forms may be printed from our website at [www.autismsociety-nc.org](http://www.autismsociety-nc.org). Registrations can be paid for with a personal check, money order, credit card (Discover, Visa, MasterCard), or school purchase order (enclose original PO documentation). **There will be NO on-site registration. Registration deadline is April 18.**

**Attendee Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pre-Conference Workshop Registration**

Integrating Effective Methodologies Workshop  
 Friday, April 25 (9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.)

In addition to our main conference, we will be holding a separate day-long Pre-Conference Workshop presented by

The Pre-Conference Workshop is separate from the main conference and requires an additional fee of \$145/person. Autism Society of North Carolina members who attend both the conference and the Pre-Conference Workshop can receive a discounted combined rate.

If you are attending the Friday Pre-conference, please select your lunch choice:

- Vegetarian Boxed Lunch       Smoked Turkey & Provelone Sandwich Boxed Lunch

**Session Information:** Throughout the conference there will be times when several sessions run concurrently. Please check only one workshop per session. (Overviews of each session, as well as the rest of the conference program can be found in this flyer, on our website, and in the winter issue of the Spectrum.)

**Friday, April 25 Concurrent Sessions:**

- Workshop Session 1 (7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.)  
 Autism, Asperger Syndrome and Sibling Relationships  
 How did they do that? Creating Programs for Children and Adults with Autism in the Community

**Saturday, April 26 Sessions:**

- Workshop Session 1 (9:20 a.m.–10:40 a.m.)  
 Keeping your Child Safe: What you Need to Know and Prepare For  
 Workshop Session 2 (11:10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.)  
 Charting a Course for Transition: Where's the GPS?  
 Workshop Session 3 (1:30 p.m.–2:50 p.m.)  
 Social Relationships: Challenges and Strategies  
 Closing Session 2 (3:15 p.m.–4:35 p.m.)  
 Asperger Syndrome: The Ins, the Outs, & Things In-Between

**Lunch Information:** Please select your Saturday Conference lunch choice

- Vegetarian Lasagna       Tarragon Grilled Chicken Breast

**Social Hour:** Following the Friday evening sessions, There will be a reception with light finger foods from 8:45 - 10:00 pm

- Yes, I will attend       No, I will not attend

**Membership Info:**

Save money on your registration by joining or renewing your society membership at this time for 2007!

- New Member     Renewing Membership (member # \_\_\_\_\_)

Please check your Autism Society of NC membership level:

- Individual/Family \$40  
 (\$10 goes back to local ASNC Chapter or Affiliate)  
 Contributor \$75  
 Supporter \$150  
 Agency/Service Provider \$200  
 Life \$1,250 -one time fee  
 Student \$25

ASNC Chapter or Affiliate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Fees</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Pre-Conference Only	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$145/person	_____
Conference Only	
<input type="checkbox"/> Member registration \$100/person	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-member registration \$150/person	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Student \$60/person (must include a copy of student I.D.)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual with ASD \$60/person	_____
+ membership fees \$	_____
<b>Total Due \$</b>	<b>_____</b>

**Payment Info:**

- Check, money order, or school purchase order enclosed

- I wish to pay by Credit Card

Card Type     Discover     MasterCard     Visa

Account #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name as it appears on card: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send completed form(s) and payment to:**

ASNC, Annual Conference Registration,  
 505 Oberlin Road, Ste. 230, Raleigh, NC 27605;  
 or fax to (919)743-0208  
 or register online at [www.autismsociety-nc.org](http://www.autismsociety-nc.org)

**Registration deadline is 4/18/08. Late registrations will be charged a \$15 late fee.  
 There is a \$30 returned check fee. No refunds given after 4/18/08.**

## Understanding Early Intervention Strategies: A Workshop for Families of Young Children with Autism

### Ann Palmer

Director of Chapter Relations  
Autism Society of North Carolina

### Christine Reagan

Psychoeducational Therapist  
Asheville TEACCH Center

### John B Thomas

Consulting Director of ASD Partners  
Autism Society of North Carolina

**March 5, 2008**

**Hickory, Convention Center**

**March 12, 2008**

**Burlington, La Quinta Inn**

**May 14, 2008**

**New Bern, Sheraton Riverfront Hotel**

Presented by the  
Autism Society of North Carolina  
as part of the  
Autism Early Intervention Model (AEIM)

For More Information  
Contact Marty Kellogg at the  
Autism Society of North Carolina  
at 919-743-0204, ext. 55 or  
[mkellogg@autismsociety-nc.org](mailto:mkellogg@autismsociety-nc.org)

### Workshop Information:

- Check-in will be held from 8 - 9 a.m.
- There is **NO** on-site registration.
- All workshops will begin at 9 a.m.
- Lunch will be provided free at 12 p.m.- 1 p.m. on-site
- All workshops will conclude at 3:30 p.m.
- Online registration is available through [www.autismsociety-nc.org](http://www.autismsociety-nc.org)
- Space is limited for each workshop.
- Registration is **FREE**, but required.
- Registration forms are due one week prior to each workshop so we can plan for lunches.

### Participants will:

- Increase knowledge of key features of autism that must be addressed in early intervention
- Increase knowledge of key aspects of effective early intervention programs
- Improve understanding of specific skills that must be addressed in early intervention
- Identify how strategies and methods address key features of autism and build specific skills

### Support Group Info:

ASCC Monthly Support Groups are open to parents, professionals, and anyone else who wishes to attend. Our support groups are a great place to network with other parents and share your ideas or concerns. Find a support group meeting to fit your busy schedule.

The **Autism Breakfast Club (ABC)** Support Group will meet **Wednesday, March 19** at 9:30 a.m. at McDonald's on Skibo. This group is for parents of ages pre-school—elementary with autism.

The **Autism Lunch Club (ALC)** Support Group will meet **Tuesday, March 11** at 11:30 am at Smokey Bones. This group is for parents of ages middle school—adults with autism.

The **Autism Supper Club (ASC)** Support Group will **NOT** meet **in March**. This group is for parents of preteens/teens with high-functioning autism/aspergers.

The **High Functioning Autism (HFA)** Support Group will meet **Monday, March 10**. This group is for parents of individuals with high-functioning autism/aspergers.

## 2007 Mini Grant Recipients

*The Autism Society of Cumberland County would like to congratulate the following teachers who have been approved for our classroom mini-grants:*

### *Pine Forest Middle School*

*Helen Frey  
April McGuire*

### *JW Coon Elementary School*

*Sharon Parnell*

### *Ireland Drive Middle School*

*Katie McDougald*

### *Sherwood Park Elementary School*

*Kelli Vick*

### *Anne Chesnutt Middle School*

*Junia Cedano*




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 On the web at [www.autismcc.org](http://www.autismcc.org)



Winner of the  
 Autism Society of  
 North Carolina  
 Affiliate of the Year  
 Award -1996, 2002  
 & 2003 

The Autism Society of Cumberland County is an affiliate of the  
 Autism Society of North Carolina

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The Autism Society of Cumberland County is committed to  
 providing support and promoting opportunities which enhance  
 the lives of individuals within the autism spectrum and their  
 families.

**VISION STATEMENT**

The Autism Society of Cumberland County strives to create a  
 community where people within the autism spectrum and their  
 families receive respect, services, and supports based on  
 individual differences, needs, and preferences.

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Visit the Partnership for  
 Children on the web at  
**[www.ccpfc.org](http://www.ccpfc.org)** the virtual  
 first stop for families.

The **NICHOLAS FASUL FINCH AUTISM FUND** of the Cumberland  
 Community Foundation is a tax deductible fund created for the purpose of  
 assisting all of the autistic population in the Cumberland County area.  
 You may make donations to the endowment fund.

**Checks should be made payable to:**

*Cumberland Community Foundation  
 P.O. Box 2345  
 Fayetteville, NC 28302-2345*

**Please write "For the Nicholas F. Finch Autism Fund" on your check.**

Please remember us with your *tax-deductible* charitable contribution!

**Checks Should be made payable to:**  
 Autism Society of Cumberland County  
 PO Box 35600  
 Fayetteville, NC 28303

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Contribution \_\_\_\_\_