

THE ECHO

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| <i>HFA Support Group at Spainhour</i> | May 12, 2008 5:45 pm |
| Monthly Parent Ed. Mtg. at Spainhour | May 12, 2008 6:30 pm |
| <i>ALC Support Group at Hilltop House</i> | May13, 2008 11:30 am |
| <i>ABC Support Group at McDonald's Skibo</i> | May 21, 2008 9:30 am |
| <i>Board of Directors Meeting, Omni Family Resource Center</i> | May 27, 2008 11:00 am |

Autism Society of Cumberland County Monthly Parent Education Program:

Sarah Gewanter, LCSW

Berard Auditory Integration Training Systems

Will Present

The Sound Connection:

Helping Hypersensitivity and Speech Issues in Autism

Board of Director

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Discussion will include:

- 1. Why sensitive or "painful" hearing does not show up on a "standard" hearing screening test.**
- 2. How Auditory Integration Training can help all different sensory issues.**
- 3. Under what conditions the benefits from Auditory Integration Training can be "lost."**

Join us on May 12, 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.

Disclaimer: The Autism Society of Cumberland County does not take any position regarding studies of ASD, nor endorse any particular form of treatment, intervention, or therapy. This newsletter allows us to pass along current information in the field of ASD to our families and organization members.

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.

This is the last edition of “**The Echo**” for this fiscal year. We will return with a new edition in September 2008. Watch your mailbox for all the latest information coming your way. The Autism Breakfast Club and the Autism Lunch Club will continue to meet during the summer months. Summer dates for both groups are listed in the summer calendar located on pages 4 & 5 of “The Echo”. The High Functioning Autism group will not meet during the summer months, but will resume in September. You may attend either of the other two groups if you wish. For more information-call 826-3004/3005.

Free Comic Book Day

The Dragon’s Lair

6243 Yadkin Road

May 3, 2008 • 11am—7pm

Lots of Fun and Events All Day Long for the Whole Family!!!

For more information call 868-4868 or visit
www.freecomicrookday.com.

Partial proceeds will benefit the ASCC.

Parent Education Workshop Ideas

Soon we will begin planning for the monthly Parent Education Programs/Meetings that will be beginning in the fall. We would like your input. If you have any ideas for topics and/or guest speakers then please detach this form and return it to or email to autismcc@ccpfc.org:

ASCC, 351 Wagoner Drive, Suite 410, Fayetteville, NC 28303.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Ideas for Monthly Parent Education Meetings:

ABA Group

An ABA Group (Applied Behavioral Analysis) will begin meeting the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Jason's Deli at 10:30am. The group is open for anyone who is doing ABA with their child or is interested in learning more about it. Please email Debbie Hopson at Debbie@Weathers.biz for more information.

Gift Certificates and Prizes Needed

Do you know of a business that would be more than willing to donate items (gift certificates, gift baskets, etc) for a great cause?

The ASCC is currently soliciting prizes for our upcoming fundraiser, the 2nd Annual Autism Awareness Golf Invitational. The tournament will be held May 31. We will have door prize drawings as part of the event.

Please contact Jackie or Jennifer at 826-3004/3005 if you have items to donate.

Thank you to the following list of volunteers who provided support to the ASCC between January—March 2008.

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| Anna Finch | Cynthia Billops |
| Chontelle Thompson | Steve Kroupa |
| Debbie Gillum | Brenda Brown |
| Chris Leacock | Cathy Howell |
| Gwen Scott | Sandra Surles |
| Wendy Kennedy | Ranette Fischer |
| Dianne Farris | Le Juan Jones |
| Susie Gaylord | George Loucks |
| Amber Thompson | |

Thank you to the following list of donors who made financial contributions to the ASCC between January—March 2008.

Cumberland County Partnership for Children
Sandy Riopel
John and Kay Poulos

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, May 21** 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, May 13** at 11:30 am at Hilltop House. This group is for parents of ages middle school—adults with autism.

The **High Functioning Autism (HFA)** Support Group will meet **Monday, May 12** at 5:45 pm at Dorothy Spainhour Center. This group is for parents of individuals with high-functioning autism/aspergers.

May 2008

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| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 <small>HFA @ 5:45pm Parent Ed @ 6:30 pm</small> | 13 <small>ALC @ 11:30 am—Hilltop House</small> | 14 <small>ABA @ 10:30 am—Jason's Deli</small> | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 <small>ABC @ 9:30 am - McDonalds—Skibo</small> | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 <small>Board Meeting @ 11am</small> | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 <small>ASCC Golf Tournament—Cypress Lakes</small> |

June 2008

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| 8 | 9 | 10 <small>ALC @ 11:30 am—Lone Star</small> | 11 <small>ABA @ 10:30 am—Jason's Deli</small> | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 <small>ABC @ 9:30 am—McDonalds—Skibo</small> | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 <small>Camp Sunshine Starts</small> | 26 | 27 | 28 |
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July 2008

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| 6 | 7 | 8 ALC @ 11:30 am – Red Lobster | 9 ABA @10:30 am – Jason’s Deli | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 ABC @ 9:30 am at McDonald’s – Skibo | 17 | 18 | 19 |
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August 2008

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| 10 | 11 | 12 ALC @ 11:30 am – Mi Casita’s - Tallywood | 13 ABA @10:30 am – Jason’s Deli | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 ABC @ 9:30 am – McDonalds - Skibo | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 ASCC Board Meeting @ 11am | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
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Please submit this application no later than May 15, 2008



**Second Annual
Autism Awareness Golf Invitational
Saturday, May 31, 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 #: _____
 Mailing Address: _____ T-shirt size: _____
 2nd Player: _____ Phone #: _____
 Mailing Address: _____ T-shirt size: _____
 3rd Player: _____ Phone #: _____
 Mailing Address: _____ T-shirt size: _____
 4th Player: _____ Phone #: _____
 Mailing Address: _____ T-shirt size: _____

The fee is \$50 per person. Fees will include Golf Cart, Green Fees, Range Balls, Raffle Ticket, T-shirt and Lunch. *Plus, if you make a hole in one at the right time, you're driving home in a brand new vehicle.*

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.



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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.

Funded In Part By:



A community service agency that plans, coordinates, and provides mental health, developmental disability, and substance abuse services.



PFC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization supported by public and private funds through Smart Start - North Carolina's Early Childhood Initiative, tax-deductible donations, and grants.

Visit the Partnership for Children on the web at www.ccpfc.org the virtual first stop for families.

The Nicholas Fasul Finch Autism Fund was established in 1998 by Hank and Anna Fasul Finch, in honor of their son Nicholas. The fund is a donor advised fund of the Cumberland Community Foundation and was created for the purpose of supporting programs and services for individuals with autism in the Cumberland County area. All contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Checks should be made payable to:

*Cumberland Community Foundation
 PO 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 _____