

Autism Resources Miramichi Inc.

Newsletter 14

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May 2009

Upcoming **ARM** Events and Important Dates

May 25 (Monday) 7:00 PM to 9:00PM

Fundraising Committee Meeting. New members welcome. If you have West Jet tickets out, please bring them with you tonight.

May 30th (Saturday) All day

Miramichi Fusion Festival. See information below.

June 10th (Wednesday) Noon

Parent Luncheon. Please RSVP so we know how many will be attending.

June 11-14

Dr. Shannon Johnson from the Dalhousie /IWK Autism Research Team here for research study. Participants may still sign up. See information next page.

An open meeting for all with Dr. Johnson to be announced.

June 12th (Friday) 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Teen drop in night!

Drop in for half an hour or for the whole evening! **You must pre-register** though by calling the centre (622-8137) so we know how many to prepare for. Space is limited!

Hours of Operation

Tuesday to Friday

9:00 am – 4:30 pm

*Or by appointment as necessary.

Thank you to Katie Sherrard, our co-op student from James M. Hill High School for a job well done! Good luck with your future studies next year at Mount Allison university.

Summer Social Skills Program.

Once again this year, ARM will be offering the social skills program for all school aged students. Please register your child for this if you are interested.

Sessions again this year will take place individually or in a small group if students are able. Parents will be required to fill out an evaluation to also give your feedback on important skills we can work on with your child.

The program will start on June 29th, 2009 and once again, sessions will vary depending on the amount of children registered.

To register, please call Debby at 622-8137 or contact by email. arm@nb.aibn.com



Miramichi Fusion Festival



On **Saturday May 30th**, many groups and activities will come together for a day of community involvement, youth participation and fun. This is the third year for this event and it continues to grow! A festival just for our youth! Invite all your friends, come out and enjoy.

ARM has been chosen as the beneficiary of all funds raised at this event. We will be selling tickets as well there on the West Jet trip for 2 and the Tim Horton's Coffee Basket.

Please note: There will be a designated room for our kids to go to if they need a break from all the activity.

Also, we are still recruiting volunteers for the day! If you can help please call Debby at 622-8137 or email arm@nb.aibn.com

Here is a schedule of the day's activities.
Friday May 29th:

Dr. Scott Wooding - James M. Hill Theatre
7pm - 9pm

Saturday May 30th Schedule of Events:

- 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Mock Jail, Tent No. 3
- 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Slow Pitch, Golden Hawk Fields
- 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Geo Cache, Beginner Session, Tent No. 1
- 10:00 a.m.- 12pm, Tim Horton's Bike Rodeo
- 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Mountain Bike Clinic at the Tennis Courts
- 11:30 a.m. – 12 noon, Opening Ceremonies, Golden Hawk Field
- 12 Noon – 2:00 p.m. Geo Cache Advanced Session, Tent No. 1
- 12 Noon – 4:00 p.m., Paint Ball, Paint Ball Tent
- 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Live Bands, Tent No. 1 *Let us know if you would like to play that day*
- 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., 3 on 3, Tennis Courts
- 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Street Hockey, Tennis courts
- 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Guitar Hero, Tim Horton's Tent
- 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Skateboard Competition, Skate Park
- 7:00 p.m. Cow Patty Bingo, Golden Hawk Field

Refreshments

- 9:00 a.m. – Until Sold Out, Vendors Tent, No. 2
- 10:00 a.m. to Closing, BBQ's, Tent No.1 and Tent No. 3

Dr Shannon Johnson and Dalhousie/IWK Autism Research Team

Dr. Shannon Johnson and the Autism Research Team at Dalhousie/IWK will be in Miramichi between the dates of June 11th to June 14th. If you have already signed your child up, they will be in contact with you directly. Here is more information:

ASPERGER'S DISORDER and HIGH-FUNCTIONING AUTISM RESEARCH

Individuals with Asperger's disorder or high-functioning autism are invited to participate in a study of decision-making.

Participants must be at least 8 years old (adults welcome)

Study involves computer tasks, paper/pencil tasks, and questionnaires (approximately 2.5 - 3 hours)

Money or prizes may be earned on some tasks

If you are interested in participating and would like more information about eligibility, please contact the Johnson Lab in the Psychology Department at Dalhousie University; (902) 494-4819 or e-mail to alison.murton@dal.ca

