

Autism Ambassadors

The group which the organizer runs alone (no website, not affiliated with any other Autism organization) is called Autism Ambassadors because she considers people with autism to be among the noblest, brightest and best that humanity has to offer. Ambassadors refers to the kids themselves, the distinguished ambassadors or representatives of Autism.

Several years ago she decided that the autism community needed a place where kids, teens and adults of all ages could recreate their own way without concern for public reaction or judgment. They needed to be able to flap, bounce and be entirely themselves without fear of reprisal, this was especially important to her as a parent of a child on the spectrum. So she started running monthly "Autism events" at various venues in Maryland, which are rented out exclusively for the use of the group. Word has spread so that the organization now serves about 300 families in town. Autism Ambassadors **accepts ALL children, teens and adults with Autism regardless of age or ability into the group, but limit membership to families impacted by Autism, simply because numbers are so large.**

Autism Ambassadors runs events monthly at various venues ~ indoor & outdoor pools/splashparks, inflatables gyms, gymnastic facilities, movies etc... ~ with the facility always rented out exclusively for our use. Autism Ambassadors charges \$5/per child for events, **siblings are always welcome**, and Autism Ambassadors always serve food (usually gourmet pizzas) at the events. Autism Ambassadors circulates any information relevant to our group as they come across it to keep everyone informed about resources around town.

For some venues, Autism Ambassadors divides up the overall group by age to prevent overcrowding and keep same-aged peers together as follows:

Ages 8 years old & Under
Ages 9-12 yrs. old
Ages 13 -21 yrs. old
Adults ages 21 & Up

Autism Ambassadors **keeps a confidential list of families so everyone is notified of all monthly events and information, and blind-copies all e-mails to protect everyone's confidentiality.**

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