

## General Conference Information

### **Lodging reservations must be made directly with the hotel.**

Call: toll free 800-236-3330. Call soon; a limited number of rooms are blocked at a special rate of \$105 per night for single or double occupancy standard double or king suite; \$147 for a single or double occupancy executive suite. Room reservation cut off date is February 19, 2010; all unconfirmed rooms will then be released to the general public. **Hotel Sierra / KI Convention Center**, 333 Main Street, Green Bay, WI 54301. [www.hotel-sierra.com](http://www.hotel-sierra.com).

**Directions can be found on the Hotel Sierra website at [www.hotel-sierra.com](http://www.hotel-sierra.com).**

**Parking:** Complimentary parking is available for Hotel Sierra overnight guests. Additional parking is located at the Main Street Parking Ramp connected via skywalk to the hotel. The current charge is fifty (50) cents per hour. This is a city-owned parking structure, and the Hotel has no control over prevailing rates.

**Complimentary Breakfast & Beverages:** All overnight guests will enjoy a full breakfast each morning from 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday, and 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday in the West Atrium. All overnight guests who are at least twenty-one (21) years of age are invited to enjoy complimentary beverages each evening in the West Atrium.

**Complimentary Amenities:** All overnight guests are invited to indulge in the complimentary use of a large indoor pool, whirlpool, sauna, steam room, and exercise room.

**In order for ASW to NOT increase the conference fee during these difficult economic times, lunch will be provided Thursday ONLY, for the pre-conference workshop. Friday and Saturday, all attendees will be on their own for lunch. Lists of restaurants in the area will be available at the registration desk.**

### **Scholarships for Parents:**

**WI FACETS**, Wisconsin's Parent Training and Information Center, has a limited number of partial scholarships available for parents of Birth to 6 year old special needs children to attend their first professional development conference. Please call Dawn Wians at 608-827-5234 or email her at [dwians@wifacets.org](mailto:dwians@wifacets.org) for more information.

**County Funded Programs/Waiver Programs:** Check with your county coordinators. Most cover expenses for parent trainings.

**Local Chapters:** Check with your local Autism Society chapter. Several of them offer scholarships.

**ASW:** ASW has a limited number of Parent Scholarships available. Contact the ASW office to apply.

### **REDUCED REGISTRATION FEE FOR CURRENT ASW/ASA MEMBERS:**

If you receive the ASW newsletter, this does not mean that you are an ASW member. Your newsletter mailing label states your status. If you are a current member with either a local chapter or ASW, your label will state your expiration date. You will not be able to register for a member discount unless you are a current member OR you are a parent of a child with an autism spectrum disorder. You can either renew your membership or become a member when registering.

- ⇒ All registration forms **must** be complete and accompanied with a check, purchase order, or Visa or MasterCard information.
- ⇒ Only an e-mail **confirmation** will be sent, if provided with an e-mail address.
- ⇒ Registration deadline is March 5, 2010.
- ⇒ On-site registration is subject to an additional \$25 fee and space availability. Handouts are not guaranteed.
- ⇒ Written cancellation requests must be received by March 5, and will be charged a \$25.00 processing fee.
- ⇒ No refunds after March 5, 2010.
- ⇒ \$30.00 fee for returned checks or denied charges.

**TIPS** for conference attendees:

- Dress is casual; it is helpful to bring a pad of paper, pen/pencils and highlighter.
- Upon arrival, go to the ASW registration desk to check in and receive your name tag and conference book.
- If possible, arrive early, take time to browse through the conference information, check agenda to note any changes and check the hotel map to know where the sessions you plan to attend are located.
- Some sessions are very popular so try to get to the session as early as possible to be sure of having a seat.
- Take time to browse the bookstore and exhibits; talk to the exhibitors.
- Take time to network with others; Friday evening activities are a great place to do this.
- Realize that rooms will be too warm/cold for some, just right for others. Dress in layers.
- You can expect some sessions may have audio-visual equipment problems.
- ASW will make every effort to accommodate your individual needs. If you require assistance to fully participate in this conference, ASW requires notification by February 12, 2010.

**Questions or Special Needs:** Email [jpribek@asw4autism.org](mailto:jpribek@asw4autism.org)  
or call 920-973-4080.

**GRADUATE CREDIT:** One Graduate Credit can be applied for, through Viterbo University, for attending any two days of the conference. Apply and pay for this credit when you arrive at the conference.

**Pre-Requisite:** Bachelor's Degree      **Fee:** \$160.00

**If you are registering your child with an Autism Spectrum Disorder for the conference, please keep in mind that the child needs to be at least 10 years of age, and accompanied by a support person, if needed. Child care is not available!**

**ASW 2010 Conference Sponsorship and/or Advertising:** Anyone interested in being a sponsor of the 2010 ASW Annual Conference, or in purchasing advertising space in our 2010 Conference Proceedings, should contact Jane Pribek at [jpribek@asw4autism.org](mailto:jpribek@asw4autism.org), or by calling 920-973-4080. You can also find the informational packet on the ASW website, [www.asw4autism.org](http://www.asw4autism.org).

**RAFFLE:** The ASW basket raffle will be available during the conference. If you or your organization would like to donate a themed basket, please contact Kelly Brodhagen at [asw@asw4autism.org](mailto:asw@asw4autism.org), or 888-4AUTISM.

### **REGISTRATION FORMS**

**Regular Registration Form:**

- Parent/and or ASW Member – this is the fee if you are a family member of an individual on the autism spectrum, and/or if you are a current ASW dues paying member.
- Non-Member/Professional – this is the fee if you are NOT a dues paying member of ASW.
- Person with ASD – this is the fee for individuals with an autism spectrum disorder registering for the conference.
- Support Person – this is the fee for an individual attending the conference strictly to provide support for an individual on the autism spectrum that is also attending the conference.

**Special Events Registration Form:**

- This form is used for individuals on the autism spectrum who are attending the conference and wish to participate in either or all of the following: Art Show, Favorite Things Display, or Talent Show.