

Youth Information Sheet
ASW Conference 2010

1. The Youth Activities Strand is a “track” of presentations in the ASW conference designed specifically for youth on the autism spectrum. The underlying vision for the strand is to include, accept and validate the individuals whose very being is the driving force for ASW.
2. You must register specifically for the Youth Strand to participate in all its activities. Your nametag will be your ticket to get in. There will be a special registration area for Youth Strand participants.
3. Autism individuals of all functional levels, ages 10 and up, are welcome, but the Youth Strand will not provide caregiver or support services. If you need assistance in the Strand activities, please arrange for appropriate support.
4. Special care has been taken to include individuals with autism spectrum in planning these activities. Your unique characteristics (such as sensory defensiveness and communication needs) have been taken into account as much as possible.
5. All Youth Strand activities are listed in the program along with the rest of the conference information. All activities are optional. You can attend any session in any other track in the conference. Feel free to leave an activity at any time if you feel uncomfortable or tired.
6. Those under 18 will need to sign in and out of the hospitality rooms. This is to keep track of participants for safety reasons. For those under 18, we will ask you to please provide a cell phone number, or which session a parent or guardian is attending so we may contact them if needed, once you arrive at the conference.
7. There will be an Art Show again this year on Friday and Saturday. The art show set up starts at 7:30 am Friday. Items should be taken down by 2:00 pm on Saturday. You may sell your artwork in the exhibit area for a fee of \$30, if interested. If you would like to take advantage of selling your artwork, or anything else, please fill out the Exhibitor Prospectus on the website, www.asw4autism.org, and send it to the address listed with a check for \$30. Indicate your interest to participate in the Art Show on the appropriate registration form and you will be contacted with more details. Our definition of “Art” is very broad and inclusive. Display anything you are proud of.
8. There will be a pizza supper at 5:30 pm on Friday night for conference participants who are on the spectrum and their families. This year we are not able to provide any special diets. We do encourage those with special dietary needs to attend and bring their own food.
9. There will be no quiet room provided this year. We encourage participants who need a break from the conference to either go to their hotel room or the adult hospitality room.
10. There will be one hospitality room for adults on the spectrum and two hospitality rooms for youth on the spectrum this year. The Youth hospitality rooms will consist of one for 10-14 year olds and one for 15-18 years olds.
11. Each Youth hospitality room will include one video game system. Usage on these systems will be monitored by volunteers. Our main priority is the safety of all conference participants.
12. There will be a Talent Show again this year on Friday Evening after the Pizza Supper. We will have time for twelve performances. Indicate your interest to participate in the Talent Show on the registration form and you will be contacted with more details. Talent show participation is first come first serve, with first choices going to those who haven’t participated in the year prior.
13. One goal of the ASW Conference is to treat everyone with respect and kindness. Differences are celebrated here. So relax, have fun and just be yourself.