

# **ausm** Events & Education Calendar 2018

autism society of minnesota

Autism Society of Minnesota, 2380 Wycliff St. #102; St. Paul, MN 55114

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**Registration for AuSM Summer Social Skills Classes and Camps is open!**  
**Location: [www.ausm.org](http://www.ausm.org)**

**March 1, 2018**  
Women with ASD Support Group  
**Location: AuSM Office**

**March 3, 2018**  
Navigating MSP Airport  
**Location: MSP Airport**

**March 3, 2018**  
ASD 101 and Best Strategic Practices  
**Location: East Lake Street Library**

**March 5-April 2, 2018**  
ASD Direct Support Certification  
**Location: AuSM Office**

**March 8, 2018**  
LGBTQIA+ Adults with ASD Support Group  
**Location: AuSM Office**

**March 4, 2018**  
**Steps of Hope for Autism in Minnesota**  
**State's Largest Annual Autism Resource Fair**  
**AuSM Flash Dash**  
**Location: Southdale Center**

**March 10, 2018**  
Life with Autism: Adults  
**Location: AuSM Office**

**March 11, 2018**  
Como Zoo Autism Sensory Friendly Early Entry  
**Location: Como Park Zoo & Conservatory**

**March 13, 2018**  
AuSM Skillshop: Fidget Frenzy: Sensory Tool How To  
**Location: AuSM Office**

**March 15, 2018**  
Adult Family Member Support Group  
**Location: AuSM Office**

**March 16, 2018**  
The Wiz Sensory Friendly Performance  
**Location: Children's Theatre Company**

**March 19, 2018**  
Stock the Box to Celebrate All That's AuSM  
**Location: Xcel Energy Center, Wild Game**

**March 20, 2018**  
AuSM Skillshop: Guardianship: Do We Need It?  
**Location: Minnesota Life College**

**March 21, 2018**  
Birthday Celebration and Game Night for Adults  
**Location: AuSM Office**

**March 21, 2018**  
AuSM Book Club  
**Location: Wescott Library**

**March 22, 2018**  
Adults with ASD Support Group  
**Location: AuSM Office**

**March 24, 2018**  
Caregivers of Kids with ASD Support Group  
**Location: AuSM Office**

**April 25-28, 2018**  
**23rd Annual Minnesota Autism Conference**  
**Location: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel**  
**Minneapolis - Park Place**

**April 27, 2018**  
**Celebrate the Magic Within Gala**  
**Location: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel**  
**Minneapolis - Park Place**

**June 3, 2018**  
Autism Awareness Day with the MN Twins  
**Location: Target Field**  
**Tickets: [groupmatics.events/event/ausm](http://groupmatics.events/event/ausm)**

In line with our mission, the Autism Society of Minnesota's events and educational programming are designed to enhance the lives of individuals touched with ASD, along with their families, educators, caregivers and employers. Find out more at [www.ausm.org](http://www.ausm.org).

### **AuSM Social Skills Classes**

Led by autism experts, AuSM social skills classes foster confidence and self-esteem while participants make friends, interact with a group, practice socializing, and have fun – all while educators encourage participants to be themselves. Classes offer low-stress, accepting environments that promote learning and growth while celebrating neurodiversity. Class venues include CsZ Twin Cities, Toneworks, Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, and others.

### **AuSM Autism Training**

AuSM provides state-wide trainings on autism and related topics, including anxiety, autism and employment, practical and inclusion strategies, emergency preparedness, and transition needs.

### **AuSM Skillshops**

AuSM Skillshops are a skill-building series of workshops for people who care for individuals on the autism spectrum. Classes are designed with a "hands-on" approach, encouraging participation, discussion and problem-solving. AuSM Skillshops are located on location at Lionsgate Academy, Academy of Whole Learning, St. David's Center, Fraser, Minnesota Life College, University of St. Thomas, and Merrick, Inc. See AuSM website for details.

### **AuSM Camp**

AuSM Summer Camps are staffed with experienced directors, medical staff, therapists and counselors who understand the need for structure, visual schedules, environmental supports, social stories and individualized communication systems. Campers ages 6 and up can enjoy a summer experience in a safe, fun-filled environment.

### **AuSM Golf Classic**

The AuSM Golf Classic gives golfers a chance to make a difference in the lives of those with autism, while golfing on the amazing Royal Golf Club in Lake Elmo.

### **AuSM Life with Autism Series**

Parents, family members, relatives and caregivers come away with practical strategies and suggestions to help guide their journey through the age-specific stages of life.

### **AuSM Counseling and Consulting Services**

AuSM's Counseling and Consulting Services team has decades of experience working with individuals with ASD. Our licensed psychologists and therapists offer diagnostic, functional, or behavioral assessments for all ages; individual therapy; family therapy; behavior consultation; marriage and couples therapy; IQ, emotion regular, and adaptive functioning tests, and consultations for organizations and service providers.

### **Minnesota Autism Conference**

Held annually during Autism Awareness Month, the Minnesota Autism Conference is open to the public and is especially beneficial for teachers, educators, doctors, clinicians, psychologists, as well as parents and families of individuals on the autism spectrum, including adults with ASD.

### **Navigating MSP Airport**

Held at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, Navigating Autism allows families the opportunity to familiarize themselves with airport and travel procedures. These events are co-organized by the Minneapolis Airport Commission, AuSM and Fraser.

### **Steps of Hope for Autism in Minnesota Fundraising Walk**

Steps of Hope is AuSM's annual fundraising walk to raise community awareness of autism in Minnesota. Walkers participate as teams and individuals to raise money for autism programming and education.

### **Support Groups (free of charge)**

AuSM provides a variety of support groups to meet the needs of parents, children, family members, individuals, couples, LGBTQA+ communities, and more. AuSM Support Groups are held at the AuSM office in St. Paul.

### **Workshops**

AuSM workshops meet the professional development needs of busy ASD specialists, educators and parents by presenting cutting-edge research, technology and therapies in one- and two-day formats.