

AUTISM SOCIETY

OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO



SOCIETY NEWS

Its hard to believe another summer has come and gone. We hope our families have started to settle into the routines of back to school. Just a reminder that our sensory store has some specialty school supplies, if your child is in need of some sensory items for their toolbox please reach out.

If your school, business or organization is looking for an Autism Awareness presentation please reach out to Danielle at community@autismrmwb.org

Our Education Inclusion bins are also available for teachers and schools to sign out for the new school year. Please see page 11 for more information.

We hope that everyone enjoys the rest of these warmer days and some beautiful fall weather ahead. Please keep a watch out for our member events coming up for the remainder of the year. Watch for our annual Halloween and Christmas party sign ups.



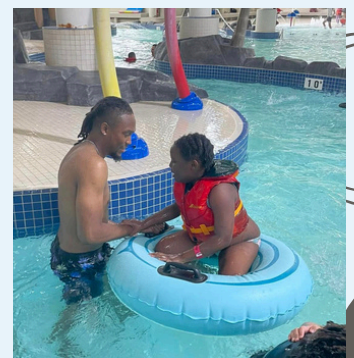
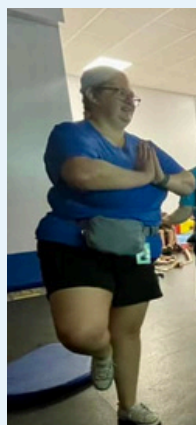
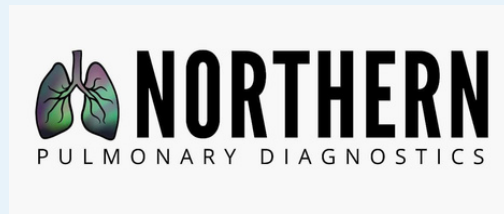
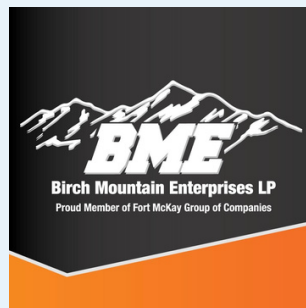
**WE LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING EVERYONE AT OUR
COMMUNITY BBQ ON
SEPTEMBER 13TH, FROM
3:00-6:00 PM AT
LIONS PARK!**

CAMP KIDS FIRST

After another successful summer of Camp Kids First we would like to send out a huge thank you to the staff, community funders, and partners. Without you summer camp would not be possible.



WB Kids Funding
(Regional Recreation Corporation of Wood Buffalo)



Camp staff

CAMP KIDS FIRST



Running Bear Wilderness Adventures



Fort McMurray Fire Department



4H Horse Club

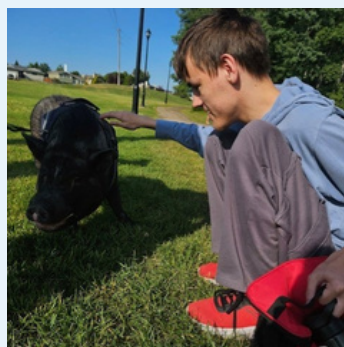
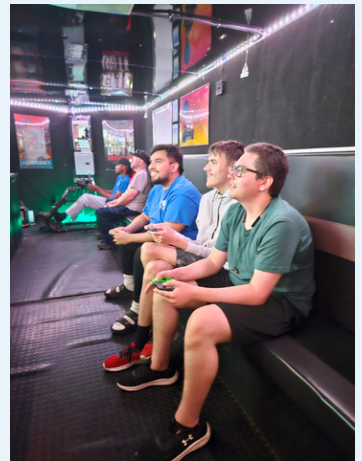


Beyond Adventures

ADULT PROGRAM

This year we were very happy to be able to offer an Adult Summer Camp for the first time and our participants had a fantastic time.

We are beyond thrilled and grateful for our amazing staff and the incredible support of Running Bear Wilderness Adventures, OIL City Game Rig, Vista Ridge and Walter G. Fitzpiggins: Therapy Pig that made our adult chat "n" chill camp a success!! Thank you for helping us create unforgettable memories!



SOCIETY & COMMUNITY EVENTS



Tina and Courtney spent the day in Janvier supporting youth preparing for back to school.

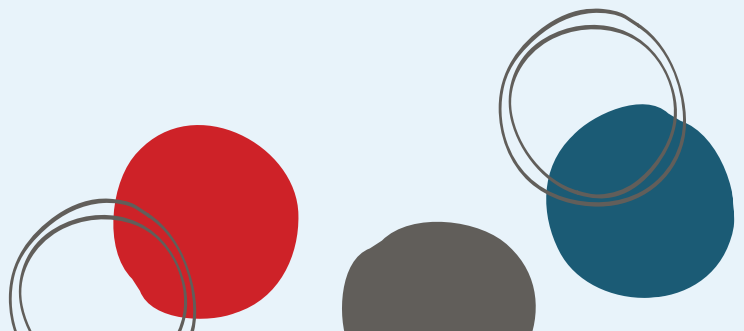


Lindsay attended The Fam Expo for Kidsport Wood Buffalo.



Barb had our resource table set up at the Big Brother Big Sisters Rubber Duck Race.

For more information on having the Autism Society be a part of your event please reach out to Danielle, Community Development Office at community@autismrmwb.org



MEMBERSHIPS

Join the growing number of families, professionals and community members that make up the Autism Society of the RMWB.

Together we can raise awareness and bring positive changes in our community! For \$40.00 annually you have the opportunity to get involved, stay connected and help guide the strategic direction of the Autism Society of the RMWB by electing our board-level leadership at the annual general meeting. Join the growing number of families, professionals and community members that make our society.

Come and join our monthly public meeting and see what the board is all about! We are always looking for new and fresh ideas to help diversify and grow our membership! To attend a meeting email your request to autismsupport@autismrmwb.org.

Why become a member of our Society?

- Support: in the form of parent discussion groups, information sessions on various topics, information and advice on working with your child's school or simply a friendly ear on the end of a phone.
- Voting rights: when you purchase a paid membership and agree to the Society's Approved Bylaws 2020, Guiding Principles, Vision and Mission.
- Advocate: be a voice for our autism community. Help us to raise awareness and supports for people with special needs in our region.
- Opportunity: to be involved with committees, events and activities to work towards an inclusive community.

Benefits to becoming a member:

- 10% off sensory store items
- Access to newsletters and information about the society
- Unlimited access to our lending library
- Early registration for programming and special events
- Member rates for workshops, seminars, and conferences
- Discounts with community partners
- Voting rights at our Annual General Meeting and special resolution meetings
- Non-Voting Rights for professional Membership

**To become a member, follow the link. Membership – Autism RMWB
Or contact the office 587-452-9334**

Thank you



THANK YOU, RBC , FOR THIS INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT OUR CLIENTS THROUGH OUR TRANSITIONS PROGRAM. WE ARE THRILLED TO CONTINUE EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS AND GUIDING THEM TOWARDS MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT.

VOLUNTEER OPORTUNITIES

United Way For McMurray and Wood Buffalo
AUTISM SOCIETY OF THE RMWB
Saturday Sept 21st, 2024
BOTTLE DRIVE
Save Your Empties
ALL FUNDS TO SUPPORT AUTISM SOCIETY OF THE RMWB
PICK-UPS BETWEEN 9AM - 1PM ON SATURDAY September 21st
Email: autismsupport@autismrmwb.org or text 780-715-7585 to arrange pick up!
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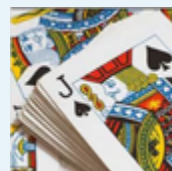


Bottle Drive - September 21st, 2024

The Autism Society of the RMWB is doing a bottle drive on Saturday, September 21st. We will be out...

[signupgenius.com](https://www.signupgenius.com)

Autism of the RMWB
Casino Fundraiser
October, 21 & 22nd, 2024
Looking for Volunteers



October 21 & 22 Casino 2024

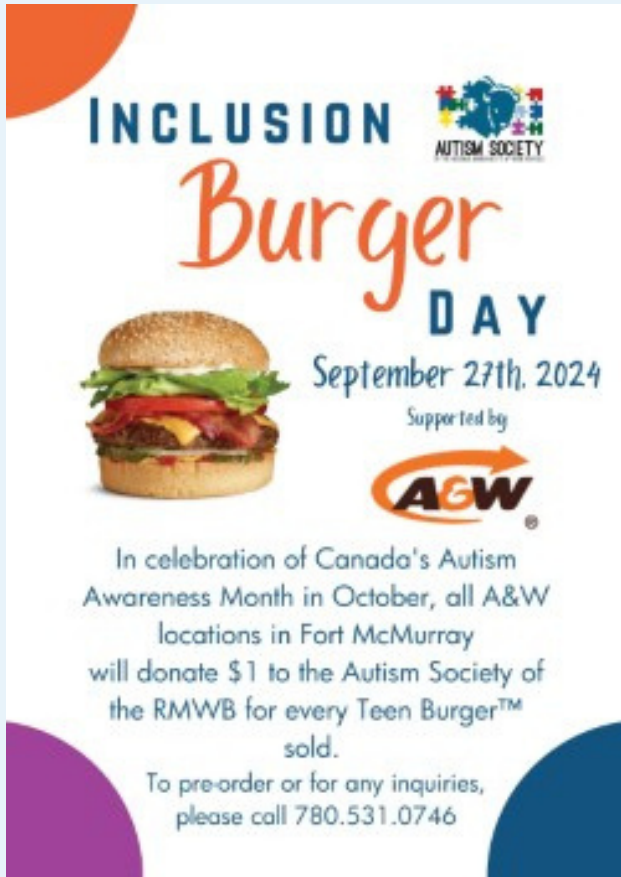
We are very excited to announce our Casino dates for October 21st, 22nd. All Funds raised are used for our programs like Social Respite Care, Camp Kids...



[signupgenius.com](https://www.signupgenius.com)

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UPCOMING & EVENTS



INCLUSION  **Burger DAY**
September 27th, 2024
Supported by 

In celebration of Canada's Autism Awareness Month in October, all A&W locations in Fort McMurray will donate \$1 to the Autism Society of the RMWB for every Teen Burger™ sold.

To pre-order or for any inquiries, please call 780.531.0746




You're invited to join us for a free **COMMUNITY BBQ**
Lions Park Cabin, Friday, September 13th, 2024 @ 3:00pm to 6:00pm



Enjoy beef hot dogs, burgers, chips, and refreshments (gluten-free options are available). Check out our Traveling Sensory Room

Contact us at: community@autismrmwb.org for any questions
Lions Park, 3 Tolen Dr, Fort McMurray, AB T9H 1G7

Caregivers Coffee

A group for caregivers of neurodiverse individuals to come together to socialize, learn about resources and supports, and take time for themselves. Beverages and snacks provided.

Time:
First Tuesday of the month, 9:30 AM- 11:00 AM
Third Thursday of the month, 12:00 PM- 1:30 PM
Schedule is also posted on Wild Apricot.

Location:
Autism Society Office
5B-10019 MacDonald Ave



Coffee Time
It's ok to take a break!



For questions or more information please contact:
Danielle Lidstone- Community Development Officer
Phone: 587-452-9334
Email: community@autismrmwb.org
or
Barb Fitzpatrick- Family Resource Coordinator
Phone: 780-215-2459
Email: barbaraf@autismalberta.ca



ENTER OUR DRAW BASKET!



Community Programming

Anzac Community Recreation Center October 1st-2024 11:00-3:00 PM

Please join us at the Anzac Community recreation center. Transitions and Employment Coordinators will be running our Adult Chat N Chill program from 12:00-2:00 PM in the field house. Meet our Disability Resource Coordinator they will be set up to talk 1 on 1 about applying for disability funding. Our Community Development Officer will have our resource table, sensory room and can help with questions. Enter our draw basket, snacks and refreshments provided.



Adult Chat N Chill
12:00-2:00 PM
Rec Center Field house



Traveling Sensory room & resources



1 on 1 support
Disability Resource Coordinator

For more information please contact
Danielle- Community Development Officer
community@autismrmwb.org
587-452-9334

Click poster to register

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



The Inter Pipeline Fort McMurray Marathon is coming on Sunday, September 22, at MacDonald Island! If you had fun at our Santa Fun Run, 🎅 you won't want to miss this event. Mark your calendar and get ready for another exciting race day! To register or to donate to our organization: <https://www.fortmcmurraymarathon.ca/>



Registration is now open!
Karla Power has started a new all abilities choir. This choir is open to all individuals ages 10+ who love to sing, however that looks (vocally, using ASL or ASL)

Please click for details to register.
https://www.facebook.com/share/Kk_WFS2FG2PbqVQg3/



Click poster for more information

ADULT PROGRAMS



EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Are you a neurodiverse individual or a person living with a disability and looking for employment?

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

- ✓ Digital Training
- ✓ One to One Coaching
- ✓ Person-centered Tools
- ✓ Employability Skill Evaluations
- ✓ Develop Goals
- ✓ Build Healthy Working Relationships

REQUIREMENTS: Neurodiverse individuals and persons living with disabilities from the ages of 16+

APPLY NOW

Seamless Support Project

Seamless Support Powered By METICULON.

Employment Supports Facilitator
Email: employment@autismrmwb.org
Phone: 780-215-7280

Funded in part by:
UNITY AUTISM
WOOD BUFFALO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Employment Program

Identify as neurodiverse or as a person living with a disability?

Want to achieve your career goals?

Now accepting applications.

For more information

please contact:

Employment Supports Facilitator

Email: employment@autismrmwb.org

Phone: 780-215-7280

Neurodiverse Social Group is a Social Program for 16 years plus. The Program focuses on building and maintaining friendship skills in group activities.

Activities included:

- Pizza Party with crafts & games
- Wood Buffalo Regional Library.
- Bowling at The Alley YMM
- Sensory Friendly Movie
- Games and activities night
- Sensory time

For any questions please contact 587-452-9334 or email community@autismrmwb.org



Neurodiverse

ADULT SOCIAL GROUP

Social program for 16 years plus. The program focuses on building and maintaining friendship skills in group activities.

TUESDAYS
12:00-2:00 PM

LOWER LEVEL OF THE LOCAL 707A UNIFOR BUILDING
218-10019 MACDONALD AVE.
FORT MCMURRAY, AB
T9H 1S9

PHONE: 587-452-9334
EMAIL: COMMUNITY@AUTISM RMWB.ORG
WEBSITE: WWW.AUTISM RMWB.ORG

AUTISM SOCIETY
OF THE SOUTHERN MANITOBA PROVINCE

ADULT LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM

Our Life Skills Program is open to any neurodiverse individuals and persons living with disabilities from the ages of 18-30 to learn critical life skills and to promote independent living.

For more information

please contact:

Leslie Rae Samson Life Skills Leader Email:

lifeskills@autismrmwb.org

Phone: 587-452-9334



Independent Living Skills

Ages 18-29yrs

- ✓ Health & Self-Care
- ✓ Personal Finance
- ✓ Household Management
- ✓ Relationships
- ✓ Community & Leisure

An opportunity for neurodiverse young adults to learn critical life skills to promote independent living.

Apply: 

MORE INFO:
lifeskills@autismrmwb.org

WOOD BUFFALO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
AUTISM SOCIETY

EDUCATION INCLUSION PROGRAM

We have been able to continue the delivery of this program through funding provided by the Community Initiative Grant from the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

Thank You

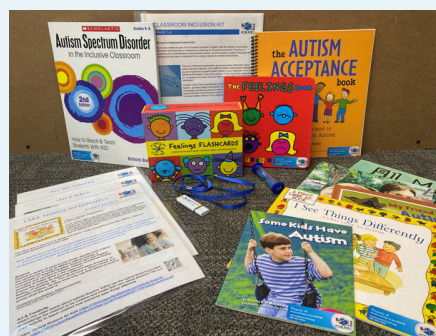
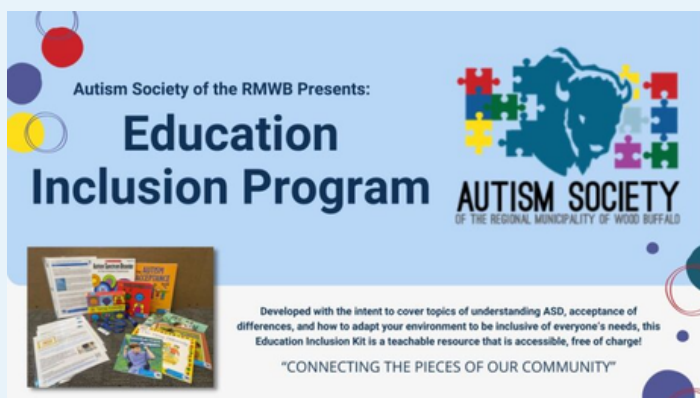


THE EDUCATION INCLUSION PROGRAM

The Education Inclusion Program, was created by the society as a lending resource that is accessible to and free of charge. It is was developed with the intention of promoting and educating others about Autism Spectrum Disorder. With a focus on acceptance and understanding, it covers topics of understanding ASD, acceptance of differences, and how to adapt your environment to be inclusive of everyone's needs. Since its conception it has grown to a library of presentations that cover a range of topics for almost any organization, service provider, business, employer and family wishing to learn more about ASD acceptance and accommodations.

Our school lending bins have been created for an intended audience of early entry to grade 6. Educators can request to borrow a bin for their class. Included in the bin is a collection of books, interactive material and an informative slideshow. We

have ensured that the bins have curriculum related material that could be substituted for items in health or language arts. Reading comprehension activities, novel study material and critical thinking activities are just some of what you will find in this resource. We have also ensured to add Leader in Me language to slideshow content. It really is a "win, win". An extensive teacher recourse guide has been created for each bin and offers ideas for activities and group projects. A teacher could use as little or as much of this program as they like. The resource can be borrowed from the society office with training provided if required or requested. A presentation to the intended audience is available by our Community Development Officer as well.



Please follow the link bellow to request a kit:
[Education Inclusion Kit Request \(office.com\)](http://office.com)

NOW HIRING



We are looking for motivated, caring, enthusiastic, supportive and professional members to join our team. Knowledge and previous experience supporting individuals with disabilities is essential.

Flexible hours
part time/casual

Email Resume to:

programdirector@autismrmwb.org

CONTACT US

Lower level of the Local 707A UNIFOR Building
21B-10019 MacDonald Ave,
Fort McMurray, AB
T9H 1S9



Phone: 587-452-9334



Email: community@autismrmwb.org



Website: www.autismrmwb.org

Vision

A Region where autistic Individuals and all those living with a disability, are valued and are participating members of the community. A region that recognizes that all citizens have the right to live, work and play.

Mission

We are committed to creating an inclusive community through programming, supports, and understanding for autistic individuals in our region, and all those living with a disability and their families across the lifespan.