

## About Us

ASEA helps families find hope and inspires them to create full and rich lives for their family members with autism spectrum disorders.

## ASEA offers

- Individual and Family Support
- Programs for Children, Teens and Adults
- Summer Respite Programs for Children and Teens
- Parent Information and Discussion Groups
- Teacher Information Series
- Public Education, Awareness, and Advocacy
- Quarterly Magazine, Autism Now
- Autism Research

## How do I register my child for the group?

- Contact ASEA and make an appointment for an interview.
- During the interview, we will talk about the group and about your child's needs and interests.
- If you decide the group is right for your child, you can arrange to pay applicable fees.
- If you are not already a member of the ASEA, you will be asked to complete and submit a membership form.
- Once your application and membership forms have been submitted and registration fees paid, a start date will be discussed with you.
- If money is a problem, subsidies are available. Please ask for a subsidy application.

**For more information,  
or to make an appointment contact us at:**

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with Asperger Syndrome and other Autism Spectrum Disorders

*The Autism Society of Edmonton Area helps families and communities embrace and support people on the autism spectrum.*



*Full and Rich Lives*

Children and teens with Asperger Syndrome/ASD may have difficulty making friends and participating in community activities with peers. Parents may find themselves acting as companions for their children or alternately the teen may become increasingly isolated at home.

ASEA's social groups provide opportunities for kids and teens to meet peers of their own age, and to have fun participating in community-based recreational activities. At the same time, their parents can count on a few hours of respite once a week.

## What is this group about?

Friday and Saturday night social groups allow kids to meet other kids, to have a good time and to make friends. A team of young adult Youth Leaders supports the kids to participate in activities and to engage each other in positive ways. Activities may include: swimming, bowling, movies, LazerQuest, mini golf, and seasonal events.

### Who can attend?

- Children and teens with Asperger Syndrome/ASD.
- Children and teens who are interested in participating in a recreational group with other children/teens their age.
- Children and teens who manage with a ratio of two children or teens to one leader.
- Children and teens who are able to attend regularly.

### When do the groups meet?

- Children from 8 to 13 years of age attend the Saturday Night group.
- Teens from 14 to 17 years attend the Friday Night group.
- The group runs from mid-September until June, with holidays and other scheduled weekends off.
- Hours vary, but usually fall between 6:00 pm and 10:00 pm for the teen group and somewhat earlier for the children's group.

### Where do the groups meet?

- Drop off and pick up occur at various ETS bus stations throughout the city, as the children use public transport to get to and from activities.
- Youth Leaders travel to and from the activities with the children and support the participation of the children.

### What does it cost?

- Group participants are asked to become members of the Autism Society of Edmonton Area (\$40.00 for individual or family membership.)
- There is an annual registration fee of \$85.00.
- An hourly fee is also payable for each hour the child attends.
- Some families access respite care or community aide funding through FSCD. Other families pay the fee directly.
- If money is a problem, please let us know. We do not want anyone to miss out on this opportunity. Subsidies are available for those who qualify.



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