



**AUTISM PROJECT OF SOUTHERN OHIO
1112 GALLIA STREET
PORTSMOUTH, OH 45662**

FYI--October, November and December meetings will be on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Events will be announced in the next quarterly newsletter. There will be no monthly meetings for January and February 2008 because of the increased risk of cancellation due to bad weather. We need new membership....please bring our numbers of parents up. Spread the word!

740-353-3039

Childcare available, please phone ahead. Membership: Person with Autism-Free Family-\$15 Individual-\$10 Dues collected each April. Speakers, support, and functions for autism spectrum disorders. Please join.

Wendy Potts-Pres. 259-0055
Leah Ann Joyce-VP 259-2363

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OUR SUMMER ACTIVITY

The Autism Project of Southern Ohio would like to extend to the members who have children with an autism spectrum disorder free swimming lessons at the SOMC Life Center that will begin sometime the end of June. Specific day to be announced. What we do know: A parent or guardian or person with parent's permission will need to accompany the child in the pool, it will be on a Wednesday, 1/2 hour session, 1x/week for 6 weeks. Please take the time to let us know if you are interested and what 1/2 hour session will be best for you. We will begin filling up the 1/2 hour session that has the most responses. The time slots are 5 to 530, 530 to 600, or 600 to 630. Please reply BEFORE JUNE 20 with your response: Wendy Potts 259-0055. If I am not at home, please leave a message on my recorder with your member name, child's name and age, time slot you would like, and a phone number where you can be reached. If you know an individual with autism, and their family is not a member, we would like to extend this offer to them if they sign up for a family membership of \$15 per year. We need new, as well as old faces, in our group. But more importantly, our kids need to know how to swim if the need should ever arise. **WE WILL NEED PERMISSION SLIP ENCLOSED RETURNED.**

July 31st, from 6 to 730pm. Speaker will be **Jennifer Monahan, M.A., CCC/SLP**

Speech Pathologist & Augmentative Communication Specialist

The Prentke Romich Company. She will be showing us all kinds of assistive technology devices. Please phone ahead for childcare. Meeting at the Carousel Center, 1112 Gallia St., Portsmouth 353-3039 ext 205 or 259-0055.

August 28th, from 4 to 8pm. Our main event at the Portsmouth Welcome Center, 342 2nd Street, Portsmouth, OH. Speakers will be **Larry and Lowell Austin and Marshall's Autism Training Center (Jennifer McFarland, Scott Short, and possibly other guests)**. Lowell is a young man with autism that recently graduated from Marshall with a Bachelor's Degree in Sports Marketing, and his father, Larry, who has recorded Lowell's story on DVD and both have a very personal story to tell that is uplifting and promising to our autism community. Both were featured on WSAZ the month of May. Lowell gave a lot of credit to his success to the Marshall Autism Training Center. We invited all sides of this powerful story for an evening of promise and hope. There will be a catered dinner provided. Childcare will be available for children with autism on a limited basis....you must phone ahead at 353-3039, ext 205 or 259-0055 by August 15th. Members of the Autism Proj of Southern Ohio will be admitted for free, all others will need to pay \$5 each. **Fee will be waived if you sign up for membership that day. REGISTRATION FORM ENCLOSED.**

September 25th, from 6 to 730. Speaker will be Melissa Lawrence and others from Children's Hospital Autism Center in Westerville, Ohio. The agenda for this meeting is pretty much open at the present time. Carousel Center/arrange childcare.