



Save the date...

World Autism Awareness Day

Saturday 30th March 2019

Watch out for further details

Easter Activities 2019

for 8–17 year olds with Asperger’s Syndrome / High Functioning Autism

Easter is on its way and our Activities are back, with a range of new activities as well as your old favourites! Join us this Easter for

fun & friendships and maybe try something new (yep, we do the social stuff & help build friendships!)

The Closing Date for bookings is

Friday 15th March

Please **book early** as activities are usually fully booked!

We prioritise early bookings as much as possible.

STUFF U NEED TO KNOW:

- Our Easter Activities are staffed at a staff:child ratio of approx **1:4**. **If your child requires more support please contact us before booking.**
- Children should be dropped off and collected from the stated venues / meeting points.
- Most of our activities are separated by age – juniors and seniors. Age restrictions are stated - participants must be the correct age at the time of the event.
- If your child turns 13 during the Easter holidays, please only book activities for the 13-17 age group (and all-age activities for 8 – 17s) for the whole Easter.
- If you are not already known to us, we prefer to receive a full Referral Form for your child **before** they attend an activity. Please visit our website for a Referral Form.
- Our Easter Activities are funded for **young people aged 8-17 years old at the time of the activity**, who have a diagnosis of **Asperger’s Syndrome or high functioning Autism** and live in **Oxfordshire** (or access statutory services in Oxfordshire e.g education, healthcare). If you are uncertain of your child’s eligibility, please do contact us.



If you have any queries or need help to complete the Application Form,

please contact Judith: **Email: info@afso.org.uk** ☎ **01844 338696**

(phone is answered Mon-Wed 8:30am – 4:30pm, term time only or answerphone at other times)

Gaming

Laser Gaming

Horse-riding

City Mazes

Survival in the wild

Techno Ninjas

and much more!

We look forward to seeing you this Easter



Easter Activities Programme

Activity	Booking Fee
<p>Monday 8th April 2019 10am - 3pm ⓘ 8-12 year olds ONLY</p> <p>Techno Ninjas at Blessed George Napier School (Learning Resource Centre), Addison Road, Banbury, OX16 9DG</p> <p>Minecraft Mayhem: If your ninja has a PC Minecraft account that is great, if not they have plenty of spare accounts, so that everyone can join in the fun.</p>	<p>£20 Bring a packed lunch</p> 
<p>Tuesday 9th April 2019 10am - 3pm ⓘ 8-12 year olds ONLY</p> <p>Survival and Shelters at Earth Trust, Hill Farm, Little Wittenham, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 4QZ</p> <p>Have you got what it takes to survive in the wild? Build a waterproof shelter and learn how to start a fire without matches. NOTE: This is an outdoor activity and may involve getting muddy and wet. It is essential that your child bring a waterproof coat, a change of clothes, suitable footwear (preferably wellies) and a towel.</p>	<p>£18 per child. Bring a packed lunch, change of clothes and towel.</p>
<p>Wednesday 10th April 2019 10am - 3pm ⓘ 13-17 year olds ONLY</p> <p>Chill@TheMish at The Mish, 57f St Clements, Oxford, OX4 1AG</p> <p>Gaming, Internet, DVDs, & just chilling. Bring your own game console, games, or DVD, to play and share with others. Table football, pool table, board games. We plan to go to Subway for lunch so everyone needs to bring some money for lunch, Note: ALL Certificate 18 games are prohibited!</p>	<p>£15 per child Plus money for lunch at Subway (no packed lunches)</p>
<p>Thursday 11th April 2019, 10am - 2:30pm ⓘ 8-12 Year olds ONLY</p> <p>Video games, Arts & crafts, DVDs & Internet at The Mish, 57f St Clements, Oxford, OX4 1AG</p> <p>Bring your own game console, games and/or DVD – to play and share with others! A great chance to try new games. Two player+ games only! Please bring additional controllers! Plus there will be table football, pool table, board games and craft activities to try. NOTE: Certificate 15 and 18 games are prohibited!</p>	<p>£15 per child Bring packed lunch</p> <p>CRAFT ACTIVITIES INCLUDED!</p>
<p>Monday 15th April 2019, 11am - 1pm ⓘ 8-12 year olds ONLY</p> <p>Laser Storm at Let's Go Bonkers (formally Darcy Bear) Black Bourton Road, Carterton, OX18 3EZ.</p> <p>Laser Party with lunch (chips & either sausages, nuggets or fish fingers) NOTE: Helmets are provided and MUST be worn. Please make sure you wear socks or bring them with you to wear.</p>	<p>£15 per child Lunch is provided</p>
<p>Tuesday 16th April 2019, 9:45am - 12:45pm ⓘ 13-17 year olds ONLY</p> <p>Outdoor Laser Tag at Furze Brake Woodland, Lockwood Farm, Culham No1 site, Station Road, Culham, Oxford, OX14 3DA</p> <p>Laser tag followed by lunch. NOTE: a cap is provided and must be worn (holds laser sensor). This is an outdoor activity in woodland, so please wear appropriate clothing and footwear</p>	<p>£25 per child Bring packed lunch</p>
<p>Wednesday 17th April 2019 3:25pm - 9pm ⓘ 13-17 year olds ONLY</p> <p>City Mazes Unit 5, Ozone Leisure Park, Grenoble Road, Oxford OX4 4XP</p> <p>Play a game in the City Maze and then on to eat Frankie and Benney's. (fee includes a main course from the lunch menu, together with an unlimited refill drink - Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, R Whites Lemonade or Tango Orange only, follow the link for more details https://www.frankieandbennys.com/menu/lunch if you want to add a starter/dessert you will need to bring additional money) We will go on to the cinema for those who want to make an evening of it. You can be collected earlier if you don't want to stay after eating.</p>	<p>£25 per child (plus money for the cinema, plus CEA card if you have one)</p>

Thursday 18th April 2019 ⓘ 8-17 year olds

Horse Riding Activity Day

at Horsewyse, Westfield Farm, Westfield Road, Long Crendon HP189EW

A wonderful 'horsey' day including horse riding, horse grooming, animal care and nature walks. NOTE: This is an outdoor activity and may involve getting muddy and wet. Appropriate clothing must be worn and sturdy trainers/boots. Helmets will be provided and MUST be worn.

Please note there is a 14 stone weight limit for riding.

EITHER Drop off / collect your child at. Horsewyse: Arrive: **10am** / Collect: **3pm**

OR Transport is provided from/back to Wolvercote Young Peoples Centre,
St Peters Road, Wolvercote, Oxford, OX2 8AU: Drop off: **9am** / Collect: **3:45pm**

Please arrive on time – the bus will leave promptly!

£30 per child
or £35 with
transport
Bring packed
lunch

Easter Activities How to Book

To book your Easter Activity places please complete the **attached Application Form**.

- When booking, please ensure you can drop off and collect your child on time.
- The arrival/drop off times are when Registration will begin. If you arrive early please supervise your child and wait to register. Our staff become responsible for young people after registration.
- Applications will only be accepted after we have received both a fully completed Application Form **and** payment.
- Final confirmation of places will be sent **AFTER** the closing date on **Friday 15th March 2019**
- If you have queries or special arrangements regarding payment, please let us know as soon as possible.
- **IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT MEDICATION.** If **whilst attending** our activities your child will need *any* medication which *may* require action/intervention/storage by our staff, e.g. Diabetes, medication for ADHD, epilepsy, please let us know ASAP so we can organise staff training. If our staff are not able to receive training in good time, the child's attendance will not be permitted.

The Closing Date for bookings is Friday 15th March 2019

Please book early to avoid disappointment!

Possible funding for Easter Holiday Activities

Funding *may* be available from Oxfordshire County Council to *possibly* help pay fees as well as transport for those on low income or benefits. Contact Pauline Mackinnon at Oxfordshire Family Information Service for more information on 01865 32 33 32 or Email: fis.enquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk There may be funding available for transport. For more information, please contact the Oxfordshire Travel Hotline on 0845 310 1111 or www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/community-transport

Other Activities around Oxfordshire

If our activities do not meet the needs of your child there are several other groups who run activities during school holidays and term time. If you are on our emailing list you will be notified when we receive information about events, courses and activities and these are also advertised on our Facebook page. Also check out the Oxfordshire County Council *Local Offer* website page and *Family Information Directory* <https://fis.oxfordshire.gov.uk/kb5/oxfordshire/directory/home.page> for details of what is available across the County.

Fundraising

Be part of our ongoing success & adventures

**We support over 2,500 children & young people,
and receive 30+ NEW referrals per month!**

Our **small superhero team** do an amazing job trying to keep up with the **demand for support, plus we have lots of ideas and plans.** To make it happen we need more resources and more amazing people to join our team.

Please support us any way you can – here's some inspiration to get you going!

Fundraising ideas to inspire you

- **Ask your local pub/shop/business if they would display a collection tin**
We can provide the tin – simple! Contact us for details.
- **Set up regular giving via a Standing Order from your bank.**
Please contact us for details. Email gita@afso.org.uk.
- **Make a donation via our JustGiving page** www.justgiving.com/childrenintouch
You can leave a message when you donate.
- **Collect donations instead of gifts/flowers at special occasions**
An alternative to gifts at birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, or in memory of a loved one at funerals.
- **Ask your employer to raise funds for us** – we are happy to help with this. Nominate us as Charity of the Year, or organise an event such as a quiz night, sweepstake, cake sale, team building challenge.
- **Organise an event** e.g. quiz night, cake sale, golf day, disco, barn dance, an auction.
- **Participate or organise a challenge**
Like our fabulous fundraisers: Robyn cut her long hair, Christine and Kathy skydived, Daniel ran The Oxford Half Marathon, John walked The Ridgeway non-stop, Eva wrote a book!
- **Organise a school or work muffin day, fete, or fun day**
- **Leave a Legacy gift in your will.** Remember us in your will, leaving a legacy of support. Please feel free to contact us for information.
- **Sell on eBay, at a car boot, or auction for us.**

Contact us for a Fundraising Pack or to discuss your ideas

We are happy to hear your comments and suggestions.

Please contact Gita Lobo by email: gita@afso.org.uk or call **07929 379125**, or feel free to chat with our staff.

Stay informed – Keep in touch

You've probably heard that data protection laws have changed with the **General Data Protection Regulation** (GDPR).

REMINDER: If you made a referral to us **BEFORE May 2018**, and wish to **REMAIN** on our mailing list and continue receiving our news updates, then please contact us. We would love to keep in touch and let you know about our events, training, holiday activities, and other relevant news.

You can change your preferences or unsubscribe at any time, by emailing info@afso.org.uk

Thank you!

Contact Us

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Thank you!

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