



October Half Term Activities

Join our October Half Term Activities for exciting activities, make friends, and try something new!



Our October Half Term Activities are for young people who are:

- **8-18 years old** at the time of the activity*, and
- have a diagnosis of **Autism** without a learning disability*, and
- are sufficiently independent to participate in a community setting, with a **staff ratio of 1:4** (one staff member to 4 children), and
- can play as part of a **small team with other young people**
- and live in **Oxfordshire** (or access statutory services in Oxfordshire e.g. education, healthcare) *.

* These requirements are in accordance with our funding terms.

If you are uncertain about your child's eligibility, please do contact us.

We are REALLY good at supporting young people to do "the social stuff", have fun, make friends and try something new!

**DON'T WAIT –
WE ARE POPULAR -
BOOK EARLY!**

**The closing date for bookings is
Sunday 29th September 2024**

STUFF YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Children should be **dropped off and collected** from the **stated venues**. We cannot provide minibus transport this year.
- Most of our activities are separated by age – juniors (8 – 12 years) and seniors (13 – 18 years). **Age restrictions are stated - participants must be the correct age at the time of the event.** Applications for the incorrect age group will be declined.
- If your child turns 13 during the half term holiday, please book activities for the 13-18 age group **only** for the **whole** week.
- If you are not already known to us, you will need to complete a full Referral Form for your child **before** they attend an activity. Please visit our website or contact us for a Referral Form.

Laser Tag

Gaming

Horse riding

Science





Pizza making

and much more!


Daniel **loved** his first activity day.
Thank you so much for making him feel
so welcome and at ease.
A **happy** mum and son.

**If you have any queries or need help to complete the Application Form,
please: Email: activities@afso.org.uk ☎ 07929 379124**

October Half Term Activities Programme

Age	Activity	Booking Fee
Juniors: 8–12 years	<p>Monday 28th October, 9:45am – 12:15pm Outdoor Laser Tag (session 1) at Furze Brake Woodland, Lockwood Farm, Culham No1 site, Station Road, Culham, Oxford, OX14 3DA</p>  <p>Prepare to do battle! Back by popular demand – Come and play laser tag in an awesome outdoor setting. If you have never tried Laser Tag before – this is the perfect opportunity to try something new! NOTE: A headband is provided and must be worn (it holds the laser sensor). This is an outdoor activity in woodland, so please wear appropriate clothing and footwear.</p>	<p>£30 per child. per session</p> <p>Bring a drink. This is an outdoor activity in woodland so wear appropriate clothing and footwear</p>
Seniors: 13–18 years	<p>Monday 28th October, 12:45am – 3:15pm Outdoor Laser Tag (session 2) at Furze Brake Woodland, Lockwood Farm, Culham No1 site, Station Road, Culham, Oxford, OX14 3DA</p>  <p>Prepare to do battle! Back by popular demand – Come and play laser tag in an awesome outdoor setting. If you have never tried Laser Tag before – this is the perfect opportunity to try something new! NOTE: A headband is provided and must be worn (it holds the laser sensor). This is an outdoor activity in woodland, so please wear appropriate clothing and footwear.</p>	<p>£30 per child. per session</p> <p>Bring a drink. This is an outdoor activity in woodland so wear appropriate clothing and footwear</p>
All 8 – 18 years (11.5 stone weight limit)	<p>Tuesday 29th October, 10am – 3pm Horse riding & day at the stables at Horsewyse, Westfield Farm, Westfield Road, Long Crendon HP189EW</p>  <p>A wonderful 'horsey' day which includes horse riding, horse grooming, animal care and maintaining the stables. 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. NEW: Please note participants must weigh 11 and a half stone or under to attend, due to limits for horse riding.</p>	<p>£35 per child</p> <p>Bring a packed Lunch.</p> <p>Appropriate outdoor clothing and sturdy trainers/boots</p>
Junior Day for 8–12yrs	<p>Wednesday 30th October, 10am – 2:30pm Science Detectives at Science Oxford Centre, Stansfeld Park, Quarry Road, Oxford, OX3 8SB.</p>  <p>Visit to Science Oxford to explore a variety of science experiments and short workshops indoors and outdoors. There will be opportunity to spend time in the Exploration Zone with it's 20 hands-on science exhibits, as well as the test and build your own experiments in the Water Lab and explore the Woodlands together.</p> <p>Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather - please bring a waterproof coat, a change of clothes and suitable footwear. Oxford science have excellent resources online to see a virtual tour of the venue, access a social story (under their downloadable resources) or access exhibit guides. To access these please visit - https://scienceoxford.com/resources/accessible-resources/</p>	<p>£30 per child</p> <p>Please bring a packed lunch. Wear clothes and footwear suitable for outdoors and bring a change of clothes</p>



Juniors: 8–12 years	<p>Thursday 31st October, 10am - 3pm Gaming and Pizza Making at Wolvercote Young Peoples Club, St Peters Road, Wolvercote, Oxford OX2 8AU.</p> <p>Join us for a day of gaming and decorating (and of course eating) pizzas. Please bring your own game console and controllers if you can – to play and share with others! Multi-player games only! This is a great space to relax, play games and make friends.</p>		<p>£25 per child</p> <p>Bring a snack. Pizzas will be provided for lunch – Please tell us about any dietary needs in the Application Form</p>
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Seniors: 13–18 years	<p>Friday 1st November, 10am - 3pm Gaming, Pizza Making, and virtual reality space exploration and moon walk! at Wolvercote Young Peoples Club, St Peters Road, Wolvercote, Oxford OX2 8AU.</p> <p>Join us for a chance to experience a virtual reality walk on the moon, try on a real space suit and decorate (and of course eat) pizza. Please bring your own game console and controllers if you can – to play and share with others! Multi-player games only! This is a great space to relax, play games and make friends.</p>		<p>£25 per child</p> <p>Bring a snack. Pizzas will be provided for lunch – Please tell us about any dietary needs in the Application Form</p>
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**Our activities create special memories and friendships –
we actively encourage and facilitate friendships
and enjoying the “social stuff”!**

October Half Term Activities **How to Book**

To book your October Half Term Activity places please complete the **attached Application Form**.

- When booking, please ensure you can **drop off and collect** your child **at the stated venue** on time.
- The stated arrival times are when Registration will begin. If you arrive early, please supervise your child and wait for registration to begin. 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.
- Applications with information missing will be returned and the booking will not be considered unless a fully completed form is submitted.
- Final confirmation of places will be sent **AFTER the closing date via a confirmation letter sent by email**. If you have not been allocated all your requested spaces we will arrange to refund you.
- 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 **BOOK EARLY** and 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 **Sunday 29th Sept 2024**

DON'T WAIT - BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

Thank you for the experience my son attended yesterday. He spent the whole journey home not pausing for breath while **he just raved about it. He thoroughly enjoyed himself and thought it was fab and said he would highly recommend it to anyone.** He was so happy he even thanked me for his packed lunch! - Parent

I was really worried about the summer, but **I'm so happy now. You get me and make me feel good about myself.** There should be more people like you in the world.
– Teenage Summer participant

Possible funding for October Half term Holiday Activities

Inclusion Support Scheme (Short Breaks) for Disabled Children and Young People

Funding *may* be available from Oxfordshire County Council to *possibly* help pay fees **for those on low income or benefits**. We are able to make an application from the **Inclusion Support Scheme (Short Breaks) for Disabled Children** on your behalf. We need to make this application before 9th October **so please let us know by completing the section in the Application Form**.

You will initially only need to **pay us what you can afford but at least 10% of the total cost** and we will apply for the remainder.

If for any reason the application for funding is unsuccessful, we will advise you and you can then choose to pay the outstanding amount or cancel the place(s). The maximum you can apply for is an average of 2 places per week per child.

More information is given here www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/shortbreaks

To check your eligibility and more information please contact Pauline Mackinnon at Oxfordshire Family Information Service on 01865 323332 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