

ASGO's 2017 Autism Space Walk & Family Fun Night

The Autism Society of Greater Orlando is in the planning stages of our 12th Annual Autism Space Walk & Family Fun Night inside the Orlando Science Center on **Saturday, March 18, 2017 from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM.**

As part of our on-going collaboration, ASGO has come up with a way to support our local schools, while meeting our mission of providing supports and services to individuals living with autism today.

Here is the proposal:

1. Purpose – to increase the number of schools participating in the Autism Space Walk & Family Fun Night
2. Plan –
 - a. Your school sets up a “Space Team”
 - b. Name your space team (most likely your school name)
 - c. Promote the event through flyers and e-mails
 - d. Register people for your space team (**Minimum 10 people per team**)
 - i. Registration fee is \$10.00 per person for ages 3 to 17 and \$15.00 for participants ages 18 and above. This includes your admission. T-shirts are available for an additional cost of \$5.00.
 - ii. Registration form must be completed and submitted with payment.
 - iii. Waiver must be signed at event
 - e. Raise pledge money by selling planets of the solar system (please see attached participant registration forms for more information) - Minimum 1 Solar System per School (**Minimum \$200 donation**)
 - i. Ask for donations from family members, friends, co-workers, businesses, etc. with the goal of selling planets for \$25.00 each (you can combine donations of less to make a \$25.00 planet sale) in order to complete an entire solar system of \$200.00.
 - ii. Hold fun awareness events (i.e. slime the principal, talent show, sell ice cream at lunch, etc). This could be used not only as a fundraising effort, but as an event to promote autism awareness.
 - iii. Ask local businesses to join the cause
 - iv. The more solar systems you sell, the more prizes for your team and the bigger the donation back to your classroom.
 - f. Meet your Space Team at the Orlando Science Center on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 6:00 PM.
 - i. Wear your school shirts to promote your school
 - ii. Enjoy the exhibits, resource partners, kid friendly activities, massage area, etc
 - iii. Participate in the event
 - iv. Enjoy yourselves and have some fun☺
3. Benefit – **100% of the funds raised stay right here in the Central Florida community to support families living with autism today.** With that being said, what better way to give back then to reward schools for their participation. Therefore, we have set up some criteria whereby **25% of the pledges raised by the school will go right back to the school to support your students with autism.** The criteria is simply:
 - a. Register participants for your school space team (minimum of 10)
 - b. Collect pledges for your school space team (minimum of \$200)
 - c. Turn in all money at check in the night of the event (March 18, 2017)
4. Distribution of funds - Once the event is over, ASGO will verify all donations received. Checks will be cut and delivered to each school. We are working in conjunction with the school districts to ensure that the money returned to the school will be spent on students with autism.

We truly appreciate all the support that we have received in the past. In these trying budget times, ASGO and our local school districts must work collaboratively to continue to meet the needs of our children with autism. Together we can make a difference! If you need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thanks for your support and participation.

Sincerely,

Donna Lorman