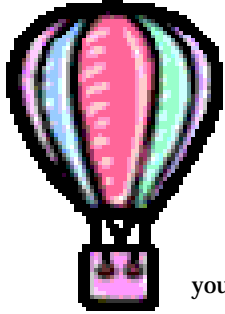


# AUTISM SOCIETY

Greater Harrisburg Area Chapter



## “Tethered”

## Hot Air Balloon Ride

The balloon will remain anchored to the ground and will rise **up to 80 feet** (YOUR choice how high you want to go), before being released back down to the ground. There will be headphones provided for those who have a hard time with the noise of the “firing up” to send the balloon up.

Friday August 29

5-8 pm

Mechanicsburg Club Picnic Grounds  
Parking Area

There will also be a “blown up” ground balloon used as a “safe waiting area” for our children!

## Schwan’s ICE CREAM

will provide a choice of treats for everyone!

Water will also be provided

RSVP by **Wed. Aug. 27** – Suzy Brenner

697-2725

[Suzy111@verizon.net](mailto:Suzy111@verizon.net)

This event is **FREE** to all immediate family members who have a family member diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder

**From Harrisburg & North:** Take 81 south to Mechanicsburg, Exit 57 -Rt. 114. Go to exit light and turn right. Proceed to next light at Wertzville Rd. and turn left onto Rt. 944 west. About 1 mile from the Wertzville Rd. and 114 intersection look for signs at Glendale Dr., turn right and follow the road all the way back until you see signs for parking.

**From Carlisle:** Take 81 north to Mechanicsburg Exit 57, Rt. 114. Go to exit light and turn left. Proceed to 2<sup>nd</sup> light at Wertzville Rd. and follow the same directions as above.

**From Mechanicsburg:** Take York Street, north (Rt. 114) out to Rt. 11(Carlisle Pike at Kentucky Fried Chicken) light. Go straight and over Rt. 81 to Wertzville Rd. & follow the same directions as above.

**LOOK FOR SIGNS!!!**

If you **get lost** call this cell - **497-2745**

\*\* put it on your fridge, save the directions & make your reservations

# Hot Air Balloon Rules

**NO Smoking** in any area at this event!

There are **highly combustible products** at this event.

1. **Sign one Release** form for the entire family & take your number. We will call your number when it is your turn.
2. If possible, **Hold your child's hand**. Stay behind the colored rope.
3. If your family member with ASD decides NOT to take the ride, the **ground balloon** is a **safe place** to have your ASD child /siblings **WAIT** while parents ride. **Volunteers** will help keep your loved ones safe.
4. When we call your number, go to the **red line**. Wait your turn to board the balloon basket. (a ladder will be provided for the "vertically challenged".)
5. Use the headphones for people who have sensitivity to the loud noise of the burner. **You may NOT take anything along** that could be thrown out of the basket.
6. PLEASE **DO NOT FORCE** your child to go if he/she doesn't want to go, we have limited time to make sure everyone gets to ride and we want to make it as pleasant as possible for all.

We encourage you to visit the AE Balloon Flights, LLC website:

[www.AEBalloonFlights.com](http://www.AEBalloonFlights.com) for more information. They can also be contacted at [AEBF\\_Info@comcast.net](mailto:AEBF_Info@comcast.net) or 717-600-8482 if you have any questions.

**\*\*\*** If the weather is not cooperating and it is very windy or raining or the threat of a thunderstorm, the event will be cancelled. **PLEASE only call 497-2745** (Suzy's cell) if you are coming from a distance farther than 12 miles to see if it is cancelled Or if you are lost. The pilot has the last minute final judgment based on the weather conditions observed at the launch site.

**\*\*** There is **NO rain date** for this event, it will be **rescheduled** for the 11<sup>th</sup> annual **Family Sensory Picnic** on **May 17, 2009**.