

FAMilies and Company on Vacation

Thanks to the Fondation de l'autisme, you could benefit from free accommodation for your next vacation stay in Quebec.



The Fondation de l'autisme wishes to offer families with one or more than one child with ASD and individuals with ASD without intellectual delay vacations and respite opportunities. The Foundation will pay for accommodation fees during vacation stays in different regions of Quebec chosen by the participants.

PROCEDURES AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

First, your request has to be made via your regional autism association, which is a member of the Fédération québécoise de l'autisme (<http://www.autisme.qc.ca/ressources/ressources-par-regions.html>). For the Montreal region, it is Autisme Montréal.

Also, please note that only a certain number of people will benefit from this opportunity according to the available budget (approximately 4 vacation stays for the Montreal region, with up to \$1,000 for each of them).

Thus, Autisme Montréal has decided to do a random draw amongst all the requests received. Those who are interested must therefore register to take part in the draw, no later than January 27, 2017.

To be eligible, you must:

- a. **Be a member of a regional autism association** (corresponding to your street address).
- b. **Have a family income lower than \$100,000.** We will need a copy of your notice of assessment from Revenue Canada or Revenu Québec for the most recent tax year.
- c. Be eligible to the project (only once every 3 years).
- d. For the Montreal region, register to take part in the draw, **no later than January 27** by calling Marie-Claude Barbier (contact information below).
- e. Note: Adults with ASD without Intellectual Delay can choose an accommodation for a maximum of 3 people with ASD without Intellectual Delay per date and location for the stay.

Mrs. Barbier will contact the winners and they will have to:

1. **Complete the official form on the Fondation de l'autisme Website.** This form will be forwarded by Autisme Montréal, your regional association.
2. **Choose a date for their vacation stay.** There must be a certain period of time between the date of the draw and that of the vacations to allow the Fondation de l'autisme to process the request (approximately 2 months).
3. **Choose between the types of stays offered** (families with ASD children, families without ASD children, parents alone or individuals with ASD without Intellectual Delay).
4. **Make a first, second and third choice with regards to the accommodations** to make sure they are not sold out and to avoid having to submit a new request; the choices may vary regarding the types of stays, the accommodation locations or dates for the stay.
5. **Give a \$100 deposit, dated 30 days before the beginning of the stay.** This deposit will be requested upon the official registration to the project. It will be returned after the vacation stay. However, it will be withheld by the Fondation de l'autisme, should there be fees because of a cancellation by the persons registered or if expenses occurred following equipment breakage or other damages. If cancellation fees are higher than the amount of the deposit, the difference will be charged to the persons involved.
6. **Pay for all fees other than accommodation during their vacation stay.** If the participants choose to stay in a hotel and other fees (minibar, long distance calls, restaurant, movie rentals, non-respect of the premises, etc.) might be added, they will have to submit a valid credit card number.

You will find all the details regarding the amounts that can be given according to the type of accommodation chosen (hotel, chalet, camp, camping, etc.) as well as the official registration form, once you have been selected by Autisme Montréal, on the Fondation de l'autisme Website at:

<http://www.fondationautisme.com/programme-famille-et-compagnie-en-vacances>.

For more information on the project, please contact Marie-Claude Barbier, Community Worker, by phone at 514-524-6114, ext. 3162 or by email at mclbarbier@autisme-montreal.com.

