

*The Self-Advocacy Association of New York State
invites you to participate in our 20th Annual Conference!*

**Register by
October 8th.
Form Enclosed!**

**Breaking Barriers
Hopes and Dreams Stay Alive
Celebrate the ADA**

**Self-Advocacy Association of New York State
Annual Conference
October 28, 29, 30, 2010**

**Marriott Hotel
Albany, NY**

**Will there be a Halloween Theme?
Of Course!**

See Conference Highlights on Page 3.

Want to help self-advocates attend the conference? See the back page
for info on contributing to our Conference Souvenir Journal...

**Thursday - Saturday,
October 28, 29, 30, 2010
Albany Marriott Hotel
189 Wolf Road,
Albany, NY 12205
(518) 458-8444**



500 Balltown Road, Schenectady, NY 12304
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▶ Email: sanys@sanys.org ▶ www.sanys.org

Check out our website
www.sanys.org for updates!

CONFERENCE AGENDA



Thursday, October 28th

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|  | Registration | 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm |
|  | SPROUT Film Festival | 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm |
|  | Dinner & Awards | 6:00 pm |
|  | Keynote Presentation | 7:00 pm |
|  | Potential Unlimited | 9:00 pm - 11:00 pm |

Friday, October 29th

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|  | Registration | 9:00 am - 6:00 pm |
|  | Breakfast | 8:00 am - 9:00 am |
|  | Focus Groups | 9:30 am - 11:15 am |
|  | Lunch & Keynote Presentation | 11:45am -1:45 pm |
|  | Workshops & Session I SPROUT Film Festival | 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm |
|  | Workshop & Session II SPROUT Film Festival | 3:45 pm - 5:00 pm |
|  | Banquet | 6:00 pm - 7:45 pm |
|  | Awards Ceremony | 7:45 pm - 9:00 pm |
|  | Music & Dancing with DJ Smooth | 9:00 pm - Midnight |

Saturday, October 30th

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|  | Regional Breakfast | 8:00 am - 9:00 am |
|  | ADA Celebration | 9:30 am - 11:00 am |

Times subject to change

Award Nominations

Let us know which self-advocate, group, advisor, direct support professional, or organization you think is the most deserving of an award. Please take some time to fill out and send in the awards nomination form on page 7. Call us at (518) 382-1454 if you need extra copies.



SPROUT Film Festival

Thursday, October 28th,
2:00 pm-4:00 pm
Friday, October 29th, 9:30 am to
11:15 am and 2:15 pm to 5 pm



ADA Celebration with Speakers and March on Wolf Road- Saturday, October 30th, 9:30 - 11:00am



Awards Ceremonies

Thursday, October 28th
Friday, October 29th



Entertainment

Thursday: 9:00 pm dancing
to the tunes of Potential
Unlimited!



Friday: Costume Party and Dancing with DJ Smooth at 9:00 pm

Prizes for Best Costume

We have lots more activities
planned. Watch the SANYS web
site for updates--www.sanys.org.



CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS!

We are still finalizing the conference program but here are some highlights of what we've planned.

The SANYS Board choose some important themes for this year's conference-**Breaking Barriers, Hopes and Dreams Stay Alive. Celebrate the ADA.** You will see these themes throughout the workshops, keynote presentations and other activities at the conference.

SPROUT FILM FESTIVAL

We are very excited this year to host a mini **Sprout Film Festival** during our conference. You will get to see many great short films by and about people with developmental disabilities. For more information check out their website at <http://www.gosprou.org/film/>

Speaking of Films.....

There will be a special showing of SANYS new video, **We Have Choices** on Thursday night, October 28th.

ADA Celebration

This year people with disabilities are celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, ADA. On Saturday morning we will have a march out to Wolf Road to celebrate the ADA, followed by a gathering in the main ballroom of the hotel to hear some guest speakers talk about how the ADA has helped people live full lives in their communities and what more we need to do in the coming years.

Speaking of Celebration.....

We will celebrate the name change! Office of People with Developmental Disabilities **OPWDD!** We did it!!!!

WORKSHOPS & FOCUS GROUPS



As always, we will have a wide variety of workshops and focus groups so we can learn and share our experiences with self-advocacy.

Here's a partial list of workshops and focus groups under consideration. If you would like to be part of a panel for any of these presentations, please give us a call at 518-382-1454.

- ▶ **Back to Grassroots - Self-Advocacy 101**
- ▶ **Employment First**
- ▶ **Telling our Stories**
- ▶ **Get Ready to Vote**
- ▶ **Supporting Direct Support Professionals**
- ▶ **Office of People with Developmental Disabilities**
- ▶ **From Group Homes to Community**
- ▶ **Disability History**
- ▶ **Money Management for Self-Advocates**
- ▶ **All you need to know about Benefits**
- ▶ **Voting Workshop**
- ▶ **Speaking with your legislator**
- ▶ **Relationships and sexuality**
- ▶ **Included Community Service**
- ▶ **Lots more!!!**

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For information on ad sizes and rates, visit www.sanys.org or contact Karen Eplite at 518-382-1454

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Hotel Accommodations

You will make your own arrangements for reservations and payment of your hotel room directly with the hotel.

Conference room rates are as follows:

\$133 per room, per night. Up to four guests can share a room and the costs. If you would like a cot in the room there will be an additional charge of \$25 per cot, per night.



In order to receive these special room rates be sure to tell the Marriott that you are attending the Self-Advocacy Conference.

These rates do not include tax. If you are sponsored by an agency, be sure the Marriott has a tax exempt form from your organization.

Marriott Hotel (518) 458-8444

Other hotels:

Best Western, Wolf Road (518) 458-1000

Holiday Inn, Wolf Road (518) 458-7264

Hampton Inn, Wolf Road (518) 438-2822

Holiday Inn, Western Avenue (518) 438-0001

Homewood Suites, Wolf Road (518) 438-4300

Accessible Rooms

Accessible rooms are very limited. The Marriott has 19 fully-accessible rooms including 4 roll-in shower rooms. It also has some other rooms with grab bars.



If you need an accessible room: 1) reserve a room at the Marriott, then 2) call SA directly at (518) 382-1454 and tell us your specific accessibility needs for an accessible room. This

will help ensure that everyone gets what they need!

SA has reserved the block of accessible rooms and we will distribute them based on need, as we have in past conferences. We found this to be a fair way of ensuring that everyone gets a room that meets their needs. There will be accessible rooms at other hotels. Their numbers are listed above for your reference.

PARA-TRANSIT SERVICES OFFERED

For people that need para-transit services to get to the conference, and to and from their hotels while at the conference, CDTA is offering visitors passes. If you know anyone who would need this service, please call Maryellen Casey Usis at (518) 437-8378 to apply. If you have any other questions please call Shameka Andrews at 518-320-6621.

Funds For Support Staff:

We will not have the \$50 Scholarship this year. We will use the money raised through the souvenir journal to provide a limited amount of funding to help support staff to attend. This funding will be available to those who live on their own and who have limited support from organizations.

Funds for support staff will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, so please do not delay! For more information please call the SA office at 518-382-1454.

Please make sure you send in your registration for the conference as well as requesting a room at the Marriott-these are two separate processes. If you have a hotel room and are not registered for the conference you will be unable to attend.

REGISTRATION OPTIONS

Due to budget challenges we recognize that not as many people may be able to attend our conference this year but we are still confident that many people will come. We had close to 800 last year. But this year, to make sure as many people can come as possible, our board has decided that we will go back to our past year registration process and allow partial registrations.

See registration details below!

FULL REGISTRATION

FULL CONFERENCE:

Take in the whole conference experience of learning, good food, and meeting new people. This includes registration for all conference activities and meals for all three days.

\$175

PARTIAL REGISTRATION

THURSDAY ONLY

This plan includes registration, Thursday's banquet & entertainment:

\$ 80

FRIDAY ONLY (LUNCH & DINNER)

Please select from the following options:

ALL DAY FRIDAY

\$120

FRIDAY UNTIL 5PM (No Banquet /Lunch Only)

\$ 90

**YOU WILL RECEIVE A
POSTCARD TO CONFIRM
YOUR REGISTRATION.**

*Remember to Register
by October 8th.
Space Is Limited!*

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORMS & PAYMENT

Remember -

Conference registration forms may be **mailed to:**



Self-Advocacy Association
of NYS, Inc.
500 Balltown Road
Schenectady, NY 12304

Or **faxed to:** (518) 382-1594
(Please call to confirm fax.)

Make your check or money order payable to: **"SANYS" or "Self-Advocacy Association of NYS, Inc."**

Payment must be received **prior** to conference to secure your full conference registration. **Staff and aides must also pay and register.** If you need help paying these expenses, see page 4 for info about assistance from SANYS. Please notify us of any name or other changes to registrations. Refunds will be given up to October 22, 2010. A \$25 cancellation fee will be charged.

Purchase orders will be accepted, however, all the registrants names must appear on the purchase order and full payment must be made. No refunds will be made for those who register but do not attend.

Refunds will not be given for cancellations made after October 22, 2010.

CONFERENCE HOTLINE



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or email us at:
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AWARDS NOMINATION FORM



In the space provided below, please write the name of the person or organization you would like to nominate. Then, check the category of the award you think they should receive and write a detailed account of why you believe they should receive it. Include any outstanding achievements, especially in the past year. Don't forget to put your name and phone number at the bottom of the form in case we need to contact you with any questions we might have.

Please return this form to:
Self-Advocacy Association of New York State, Inc.
500 Balltown Road
Schenectady, NY 12304

If you have any questions, please call us at (518) 382-1454.

I nominate.....for (check one):

- Self-Advocate of the Year Local Self-Advocacy Group of the Year Media Award
- Advisor of the Year Agency of the Year Direct Support Professional

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My name:.....

My phone #:.....

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