

DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO

2025 CONFERENCE

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FRIDAY OCTOBER 17TH
SATURDAY OCTOBER 18TH

JOLLY ROGERS INN
PARRY SOUND

- Obtain valuable information from professionals
- Find practical solutions to the challenges of parenting
- Connect with other families in the Down syndrome community

REGISTRATION
OPENS MAY 25TH



Register at
www.dsao.ca



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Welcome!

Here are some exciting changes for this year's conference.

1) The venue has been moved to the Jolly Roger Inn which is located in Parry Sound (approximately a 150 minutes from Toronto). We have the entire resort for the conference. How exciting is that!!!! Families, whether they stay on the property or not, will be able to enjoy the many amenities the Jolly Roger Inn has to offer. The Jolly Roger has recently undergone renovations and they are excited to host our conference. The inn has 50 rooms, so book early.

2) The venue has a variety of amenities for you to enjoy and we have added family activities to the schedule to allow families opportunities to connect.

3) Friday night there will be a family dance. Outside there will be a bonfire and a social in the bar for adults both Friday and Saturday evenings. Saturday there will also be a movie showing.

4) Early Bird registration includes a t-shirt. A family registration option is also available. Registration gives access to all conference activities. Breakfast is included for everyone.

5) There is lots of space with large meeting rooms to present a full range of conference sessions, workshops and family activities.

DSAO, in partnership with locals associations across Ontario, is excited to present a conference with incredible learning opportunities and time to meet other families from across the province. See you soon! DSAO Conference Committee

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REGISTRATION DETAILS

Register at: www.DSAO.ca/conference/ starting May 25th

Individual Registration includes Friday evening light dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch buffet, movie snacks

- **EARLY BIRD includes t-shirt = \$150**
- **after July 2nd no t-shirt included = \$160**

Family Registration includes Friday evening light dinner for the family, Saturday breakfast and two lunch buffets, movie snacks

- **EARLY BIRD includes 2 t-shirts = \$240**
- **after July 2nd no t-shirts included = \$250**

Extra t-shirts can be purchased when registering

- **\$20 (youth) and \$25 (adult)**

Extra Saturday lunch buffet tickets can be purchased

- **Children under 5 are free**
- **\$30 Children 6-12**
- **\$45 Individuals 13+**

Room booking information will be provided in the confirmation email after conference registration is complete.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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Friday October 17th - Night Program

5:00pm – 7:00pm: Conference Registration (Main Lobby: By Seguin Hall)

6:00pm – 8:00pm: Conference Dance with DJ: Seguin Hall (Sandwiches and Drinks Served in Rose Dining Hall)

7:00pm – 11:00pm: Bonfire at large fire pit by the restaurant

9:00pm – 11:00pm: Parent Networking Social in the Bar/Restaurant

Saturday October 18th - Rose Dining Hall

7:00am – 9:00am- Breakfast Buffet included for all room occupants

11:30am – 1:00pm- Lunch Buffet (lunch ticket required)

Saturday October 18th - Seguin Hall

8:30am – 9:50am: Ice Breaker, Welcome, and Keynote Address: Adelle Purdham

10:00am- 11:00am: Dr. Ajeet Ghumman- Dentist (Dental Works 4 Kids)

11:10am – 12:00pm: Partners 4 Planning- Financial Literacy for Parents

12:00pm – 1:10pm: LUNCH BREAK (Lunch Buffet in the Rose Dining Hall)

1:10pm – 2:15pm: Icebreaker and Dr. Leah Bartlett- Paediatrician

2:30pm – 3:20pm: Partners 4 Planning- Planning to Have a Meaningful and Inspirational Life

3:30pm – 4:00pm: Paresh Mistry and Fran Marinic-Jaffer: EducAide: A DSAO Educational Framework for Parents

Saturday October 18th- Foley Room

7:45am – 8:15am- Family Yoga (Family Workshop)

8:45am- 9:45am- Infant and Child Family Networking Time and Free Play (Ages 0-6 and their parents)

10:00am-11:00am- School Aged Families Networking and Free Play (Ages 7-18 and their parents)

11:05am – 12:00pm- Art Workshop (Family Workshop)

1:15pm - 2:15pm- Families with Adult Children Networking Time (Ages 18+ and their parents)

2:30pm – 3:30pm- Music Therapy Workshop (Family Workshop)

3:30pm – 5:00pm- Game Time (Family activity)

Saturday October 18th- Night Program

6:00pm – 8:00pm Movie Screening- (Seguin Hall) -Drinks/Snacks Will Be Provided for Movie

7:00pm – 11:00pm: Bonfire at large fire pit by the restaurant

9:00pm – 11:00pm: Parent Networking Social: Bar/Restaurant

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PRESENTER BIOS

Adelle Purham

Adelle Purdham is an educator, parent disability advocate, and author of the memoir-in-essays *I Don't Do Disability And Other Lies I've Told Myself* (Dundurn Press, 2024), which was named a Fall 2024 'Most Anticipated' Memoir & Biography by Indigo and 49th Shelf. Her prose and poetry appear in literary journals, anthologies, magazines, newspapers and online. Adelle has an MFA in Creative Nonfiction and is a qualified French teacher. She currently works as a Sessional Part-time Faculty member at Trent University where she teaches creative writing in her hometown, Peterborough, Ontario.



Dr. Ajeet Ghumman

Dr. Ghumman completed specialized training in airway management, myofunctional therapy, and neuromuscular treatment. He brings his extensive knowledge directly to his patients in relation to enhanced facial aesthetics and total body health. Dr. Ghumman began by treating multifaceted complicated cases in Adults with enhanced aesthetic concerns, and those with severe temporomandibular joint disorders (TMD) and neuromuscular symptoms. Recognizing the difficulties many of these individuals have lived with, he helped to pioneer a multi-specialty approach to Early Preventative Treatment in Children and Teens. Dr. Ghumman has received several academic accolades and is a Fellow of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada and is an active member of the Ontario Association of Orthodontics, Canadian Association of Orthodontists, American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine and is also Certified by the Academy of Orofacial Myofunctional Therapy, and the institute of Neuromuscular Dentistry.



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Dr. Leah Bartlett MD FRCPC

Dr. Bartlett joined the Barrie Pediatric Associates in 2009. She completed her medical education at McMaster University and her pediatric residency at Queen's University. She has a special interest in patients with Down syndrome and follows them for developmental and medical screening and treatment. She is the medical director of the Complex Care Program in conjunction with the Hospital for Sick Children at RVH. She is a tireless advocate for her patients and is a staunch supporter of the Down Syndrome Community in the Simcoe Region.



Anna Bruno

Anna Bruno has worked in a variety of capacities supporting people living with disability to envision and live out their best lives for over 20 years. Anna is the Manager of Planning and Facilitation at Partners for Planning, is a host and member of the Planning & Facilitation Collaborative and is an educator, teaching Person-Directed Planning in the Developmental Services Worker program at Centennial College.



Jill Teeple

Jill Teeple is the Executive Director of Partners for Planning. Jill was formerly an Investment Advisor with BMO Nesbitt Burns in London where she specialized in financial planning for people with a disability and their families. Jill currently sits on Inclusion Canada's Board of Directors and is the former president of Community Living Ontario's Board of Directors. A strong advocate for people with a developmental disability, Jill was involved in the campaign to pass Bill C-22 (the Canadian Disability Benefit) along with advocating for changes to RDSP regulations in Ontario.



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ABOUT THE VENUE

JOLLY ROGER INN & RESORT

Nestled on the edge of a wilderness, Jolly Roger Inn & Resort is located in an area dotted with lakes and rivers, just minutes away from Georgian Bay's renowned 30,000 Islands, and north of Barrie. In nearby Parry Sound, you will find numerous restaurants, shopping, and attractions. There is always plenty to see and do around Parry Sound. In October, the changing leaves will be a main attraction!

At Jolly Roger Inn & Resort, you can take full advantage of numerous amenities and services, including:

JOLLY ROGER RESTAURANT & BAR ON-SITE WITH OUTDOOR PATIO

INDOOR & OUTDOOR POOL

SAUNA & GYM

MINI GOLF

SQUASH COURTS - TENNIS COURTS

BBQ- FIRE PITS- COURTYARD GARDEN

HIKING TRAILS

ATV RENTAL AND TRAILS

Directions:

The Jolly Rogers is located just south of Parry Sound. From Toronto, take highway 400 North for 200 km to exit 217. Follow Badger Road to Junior Drive to the Jolly Rogers. For those coming from the North, head south on HWY 69 to exit 217. It is 170 km from Sudbury.

Contact information:

1-705-241-8658

www.JollyRogerParrySound.com

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Room Pricing:

Only 50 rooms so register early

- standard queen=\$149 (11 rooms)
- deluxe queen= \$179 (7 rooms)
- standard king= \$199 (4 rooms)
- standard double= \$259 (24 rooms)
- queen suite= \$259 (3 rooms)
- deluxe king suite= \$269 (1 room)

Additional cots available at no charge
(limited quantity)

When rooms sell out, rooms in nearby hotels will be available at a discounted rate.



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