

Kelly Autism Program

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One of the goals that Circle of Support has for the participants in the Kelly Autism Program (KAP) is to get involved in social activities. Participants are encouraged to take part in activities offered through KAP and campus wide as well. The hopes are that participation in such events will assist the students in meeting peers with similarities and to forge new friendships. Additionally, this provides an outlet for the students to have



some down-time and take part in activities that they enjoy.



Each KAP advisor hosts a minimum of one social event each month. There is a link tree provided that shows all socials for the semester and allows students to register for those activities they are interested in. Socials are offered during the evening and weekend hours, providing ample opportunities for participation. Participants are encouraged to take part in a minimum of two socials per month.

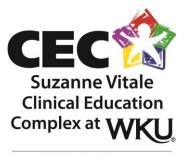
Some of the "favorite" socials that always seem to have high attendance include D&D, videogame night, Spencer's Coffee outing, and movie outings. A variety of other socials that are offered include craft nights, bowling, Air Jump Zone, cooking socials, and board game nights. Socials are also offered in the community, allowing students to experience



Bowling Green, that include hikes at local trails, eating out at restaurants, and visiting local attractions such as Lost Rive Cave, the Paint 'n Place, Skeleton's Lair and much more.



We also love to have social events to celebrate the holidays with our students. The Halloween party is always a big hit with food, activities and a costume contest. To celebrate Thanksgiving and



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Christmas, there is a Thanksmas event that all CEC participants and families can take part in. This event provides a great meal, activities, photo-ops and a talent show.

Finally, a mentor group, run by some of our finest KAP tutors is also hosted every Tuesday evening in the game room at DSU. The students hang out, play games and enjoy some good conversations with each other. Circle of Support/Kelly Autism Program is an extended family for our students, and we enjoy getting to share these activities and events with all our students.

