



**TREETOP
TALK**



Anna Shaw
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Tips for a Safe and Fun Halloween



Tips for a safe and fun Halloween for everyone

Halloween can be a fun time but can also be a stressful time. We have put together some tips and tricks to make your Halloween safer and hopefully more comfortable for all your little ghouls and goblins.

Choose your costumes wisely. Make sure the costume is sensory-friendly. Choose comfortable costumes that are easy to put on and take off. Also, be sure that they are not too tight and that they are easy to move around in.

Do your homework ahead of time. Plan the route and become familiar with the neighborhood in which you plan to trick or treat. Try on costumes ahead of time and practice walking in and wearing them for a length of time. If there are any scratchy, uncomfortable parts, you can fix those ahead of time. Discuss what to expect with your child, and even do some role play by saying “trick or treat” and “thank you.”

Pack a bag with essentials to take with you. Bring snacks, water, and anything that might make the evening more comfortable. Medicines and communication devices that might be needed, band-aids, and chapstick might all be things to make the night more comfortable.

Make sure your child can be visible at night. Choose light-colored clothing and put reflective tape on costumes to ensure your child can be seen as it gets darker. Carrying glow sticks and flashlights is another great way to be visible.

Consider putting your child in a stroller or wagon to keep them nearby. You could even make it part of their costume, such as a carriage or other accessory that may go with the costume. You could also do this with anything your child uses to assist them.

If your child is not interested in trick or treating, staying home to give out candy can be fun, too! Remember, if you stay home to give out candy, trick or treating may look different for everyone. Some children may be nonverbal and not say “trick or treat” or “thank you.” Some children may not be wearing costumes due to sensory differences. The child who grabs a handful of candy might have fine motor difficulties. Try handing out candy to them instead if this is a concern. Everyone’s Halloween and trick or treating experience will look different, but we are all just looking to have fun!



8th Annual NORTH GEORGIA AUTISM CONFERENCE

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FRIDAY, OCT 27, 2023 | DALTON, GA

Dalton Convention Center

2211 Tony Ingle Parkway

Dalton, GA 30720

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM | Doors open at 7:30 AM

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Rodney Kellum



Father, author and
inspirational speaker

Stephanie O. Hubach



Mother, research fellow in
disability ministry, author of *Same Lake
Different Boat* & *Parenting and Disabilities*

REGISTRATION

SAVE ON EARLY RATES UNTIL OCT 16 — \$60

Registration after Oct 16 — \$75

Student Registration — \$40

Group Rate (3 or more) — \$50

CEUs available for an additional — \$50*

*must purchase registration ticket in addition to CEU ticket

Breakfast & Lunch Included—Vendors Welcome

Certificate of Attendance available by request

Registration Deadline | Monday, October 23

The 8th Annual Autism Conference is intended for parents/caregivers, educators, healthcare professionals, young adults on the autism spectrum, self-advocates, and other interested individuals. If you would like to attend this event and need assistance with interpretation services and/or auxiliary aids, please indicate when registering.



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Register at HamiltonHealth.com/autismconference

Questions? Contact Lindsey Coker at lcoker@hhcs.org or 706.226.8913.

Parent Support Group



The Parent Support Group, hosted by Anna Shaw Children's Institute, meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:00 am.

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- SNACKS ARE PROVIDED IN OUR MEETING ROOM.



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GRUPO DE APOYO PARA PADRES LATINOS

Todos los padres, abuelos, guardianes, y otros miembros de la familia de niños con necesidades especiales están invitados a tomar parte en un grupo de apoyo para padres, dirigido por los padres.

Anna Shaw Children's Institute se apega a las guías de seguridad y recomendaciones de distanciamiento social de la CDC.

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**PRIMER JUEVES
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9:00 - 10:00 am

Para mas información póngase
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