

Zaniez Announces Weekly Family Fun Nights and Family Support Groups for Autism Spectrum Families at Revolutionary Farm Trade School Focused on Enriching Families

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Zaniez (autistic farm trade school), a beacon of support and inclusion for autism spectrum families, is thrilled to announce the launch of its Weekly Family Fun Nights and Family Support Groups, planned to begin in January 2026 with the launch of Zaniez Farm Trade School located in Wittmann, Arizona. This groundbreaking initiative is designed to provide a worry-free, joyful environment where autistic families can come together, connect, and create lasting memories without the fear of judgment or disruption. Zaniez believes every child, parent and family deserves a chance to thrive, filled with joy, opportunity, and hope. Our mission is to transform lives, which is why Zaniez has launched a \$500,000 fundraising campaign to open Zaniez in January 2026. Visit Zaniez website at ZaniezKids.com to learn more about Zaniez Weekly Family Fun Nights and Zaniez Family Support Groups.

Understanding the challenges many autism spectrum families face in finding inclusive and welcoming spaces for family activities, Zaniez is opening its heart—and its doors—to offer a safe haven for fun, learning, and connection. Every week, families will have access to all the classrooms at the Zaniez Farm Trade School, including Art, Music, Cooking, Science, Woodworking, Gardening, Husbandry, and Sports/Games. In addition to these engaging activities, families can enjoy hayrides, bonfires, and "sit-in" movies, creating a vibrant, stress-free environment tailored to the unique needs of autism spectrum families.

"The camaraderie aspect of Zaniez Family Support Groups sharing and supporting one another in a fun, friendly environment makes my heart sing with joy. The community at large will finally get a strong support system that families and parents can tap into locally or online. Zaniez Family Support Group sessions will either stream LIVE through RUMBLE (audio only) and/or provide recordings of the sessions to be accessed leisurely anytime a parent or family is in need," said Dana Shafman, Zaniez Founder. "Too many families feel isolated, staying home because navigating public spaces can be overwhelming. At Zaniez, we're committed to breaking down those barriers by providing a dedicated space where autism spectrum families can relax, have fun, and connect with others who understand their journey. Our Zaniez Family Fun Nights are about creating moments of joy and building a supportive community."

Zaniez Farm Trade School will serve as a nurturing hub where families can explore their creativity, learn new skills, and bond over shared experiences. From "sit-in movies" and "pour and paint" to exploring our many classrooms and opportunities such as milking goats, planting trees, family cooking, playing games, wood shopping, riding horses, hayrides and s'mores nights; every activity is designed to be



inclusive and accommodating, ensuring that every family member feels valued and supported. The cookouts, bonfires and hayrides will add a touch of rustic charm, while "sit-in movies" and "pour and paint" offer a cozy, low-pressure way to unwind together knowing your kids are happy without worry.

Zaniez is honored to foster a sense of belonging and provide a weekly respite for autism spectrum families, who often face challenges assimilating into traditional social settings and as a result, feel isolated and alone. By creating opportunities for families to come together, have fun, and find support from others in the Zaniez community and beyond, Zaniez Weekly Family Fun Nights and Family Support Groups aim to be a beacon of hope and joy. Zaniez will be fun for the entire family, including elders.

To bring this vision to life, Zaniez is actively working to raise \$500,000 to launch the revolutionary trade school in January 2026. Zaniez invites community members, businesses, and philanthropists to join in this mission to empower autism spectrum families through inclusive, worry-free education, support and fun. For more information about Zaniez, the Weekly Family Fun Nights and Family Support Groups, or how to contribute to the fundraising campaign, please visit ZaniezKids.com. Join the Revolution!!!

About Zaniez Farm Trade School

Zaniez is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) innovative farm trade school in Wittmann, Arizona dedicated to empowering individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and enriching the lives of autism spectrum families through farm-based vocational training, life skills education and weekly family fun nights and family support groups. With phased openings planned to begin in January 2026, Zaniez aims to serve children (3-12), teens (13-18), and adults (19+) in Arizona, fostering independence and rewarding careers. Focused on holistic development, Zaniez empowers individuals on the spectrum to thrive in adulthood with practical skills and community integration while also providing a fun, safe and welcoming place for autism spectrum families.

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